



IOS Race 2021 - Notice of Race

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Event: IOS Round the Island Race
Date: 5 September 2021
Place: IOS Sailing Club, Marine Parade, Sheerness, Kent
ME12 2BE
Organising Authority: IOS Sailing Club

1 Waiver of liability

- 1.1 **IOSSC is providing this race only on the understanding that nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of helms and crews for their own safety and welfare; nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of a boat taking part in the race. The term organisers includes everyone helping to run the race and the event, and includes the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats, beachmasters and any volunteers assisting with the event.**
- 1.2 **The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be entirely the responsibility of the helm racing the boat. Nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.** In particular, helms shall: (a) accept full responsibility for their crews and for the seaworthiness and safe navigation of their boats and shall use their own judgment whether to start, continue or retire from the race in the existing or forecast conditions (see RRS 4 Decision to Race); (b) draw the attention of their crews to the risks of racing and to this Waiver of Liability before the start of the race.
- 1.3 Every boat should be capable of completing the course in whatever conditions are encountered. Particular note should be made of the possibility of being reliant upon your own resources for a protracted period, even returning after dark or in fog.
- 1.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the helm of his/her responsibilities.
- 1.5 All craft *must* have third party liability insurance (min. £2,000,000).

2 The rules

Racing will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions and/or by the relevant class rules.

3 Conditions of entry and eligibility

- 3.1 The race is open to all dinghies, catamarans and sailboards, but any dinghy or catamaran without a Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) number should contact the club before the day of the race to arrange a provisional number.
- 3.2 Helms must be 16 or over unless brief written evidence of competence/experience is submitted to, and approved by IOSSC beforehand.
- 3.3 The organising authority reserves the right to reject any entry without stating a reason.
- 3.4 ***How to enter:***
The 2021 event is to be pre-entry only by completing the relevant forms on the SailRacer website (www.sailracer.co.uk) and payment to SailRacer of the associated entry fee by 22nd August 2021 at the latest.
- 3.5 Entry limit: the 2021 event has been restricted to a total of 50 entries via the SailRacer website, allocated on a first come/first served basis.
- 3.6 In the event of the race being cancelled, the organising authority *may entirely at its discretion* offer either a 50% refund of the entry fee *and/or a discount* to the following year's race.
- 3.7 Competitors must carry a GPS tracker provided by SailRacer.

4 Fees

£45 per craft

5 Advertising

A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

6 Safety

- 6.1 Adequate personal buoyancy for all crew members shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40.
- 6.2 Safety boats will give priority to the safety of competitors over preventing damage to boats or equipment.
- 6.3 All competitors shall sign on by posting their personal safety tag in the "I have started" slot of the tally box before going afloat, and shall post their safety tag in the "I have finished" slot of the tally box immediately after finishing. Boats that have retired must post their safety tag in the "I have retired" slot of the tally box.

7 Registration

Registration will take place in the main hall of the club from 8am. All competitors must register.

8 Event Schedule

Competitors shall register with the Race Office at IOSSC from 0800 on Sunday. The warning signal for the first start on Sunday will be

at 09.55, with further staggered starts as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9 The Course

The course will be a clockwise circumnavigation of the Isle Of Sheppey starting and finishing through a line off IOSSC.

10 The Start

- 10.1 The first start for sailing craft will be at 10.00 hrs, followed by 10.30, 11.00, and 11.30 as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

11 Island Race Time Limit

Competitors must complete the course by 19.30 to be included in the final results.

12 Penalty System

Penalties shall be in accordance with RRS 44 excluding 44.3

13 Scoring

The current RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme will be used to score the event for dinghies and cats. Cats will also be scored on SCHRS. Sailboards will be scored on elapsed time only.

14 Declaration

- 14.1 All competitors shall make their declaration by correctly returning their allocated tally disc as instructed in the sailing instructions within 30 minutes of finishing, or within 30 minutes of coming ashore after retiring from a race before finishing.
- 14.2 Competitors who go ashore other than at the sailing club shall immediately telephone the race committee on **01795 663052** to report this.

15 Prizes

- 15.1 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall on PY
1st over the finish line
1st Sailboard on elapsed time
1st Multihull on SCHRS
1st Singlehander
1st Female helm
1st Under 16 helm
1st Monohull from each start on PY
1st IOSSC member over the line
1st IOSSC member on PY
All finishers: a circumnavigation certificate signed by the Commodore
- 15.2 The organising authority hopes to award prizes by 20.00 hrs at the latest on the day, but reserves the right to allocate prizes after the

event if necessary, due to the ongoing Covid situation.

15.3 Additional prizes may be awarded as part of the Allen Endurance Series.

16 Covid arrangements

Any Covid specific arrangements in force for the event will be posted in advance on the event website (iossc.org.uk).