



## Ramsgate Week Regatta

Sunday 6<sup>TH</sup> - Friday 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023



# Notice of Race

## Royal Temple Yacht Club

The organising authority for each day of racing will be  
The Royal Temple Yacht Club

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### **Notice of Race for IRC classes IRC East Coast Championship Cruiser and Classic classes**

Version 1.5

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Royal Harbour Marina terms and conditions and the Port of Ramsgate bye-laws 2011
- 1.2 IRC Classes shall comply with current IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C, but excluding IRC rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4
- 1.3 All Classes will comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B: Special Regulations for Inshore Racing and with the Royal Temple Yacht Club minimum safety equipment rules, attached as Appendix 1 to this Notice of Race
- 1.4 Mediation and Arbitration procedure to resolution of an alleged infringement of a rule of Part 2 will be available. Details will be included in the Sailing Instructions
- 1.5 By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force

#### **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Rights to use names and likenesses  
Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of or relating to the event
- 2.2 Sponsor's Logos  
If competitors are issued with material by the Organising Authority bearing a sponsor's logo or advertising, they shall display such material as instructed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats over 22ft in length able to satisfy the safety rules and shall be divided into the handicap classes outlined in 3.5 below
- 3.2 Eligible boats must enter by completing the official entry form available from the website [www.ramsgateweek.com](http://www.ramsgateweek.com)
- 3.3 **Regatta Entry Fees are detailed below: -**

**Early, early bird** - enter and pay in full by end of January 2023

- £50 a day
- £150 Wednesday to Friday
- £240 Five days – Sunday to Friday
- RTYC full members £200 for Six days – Sunday to Friday

**Early bird** – enter and pay in full by end of May 2023

- £60 a day
- £170 Wednesday to Friday
- £260 Five days – Sunday to Friday
- RTYC full members £220 for Six days – Sunday to Friday

**Entries** and payment received after 1st June 2023

- £70 a day
- £190 Wednesday to Friday
- £280 Five days – Sunday to Friday
- RTYC full members £260 for Six days – Sunday to Friday

Payment for entries should be made via bank transfer using the following credentials:

**Sort Code: 20-54-25**




**Account: 93438937**





**Please ensure that you identify the transaction using the “Name of the Yacht” being entered and or “Surname” of the person named on the entry form.**

Should you have any issues with bank transfer you may also contact the Regatta office and have payment taken over the phone.

You may also be required to sign a disclaimer at the registration in the RTYC Club house.

3.4 Entries are eligible to enter any of the following classes:

IRC		IRC 1	Open to boats holding a current IRC Certificate. It is intended to have 2 IRC classes and the “Rating Bands” for will be notified to competitors by an amendment to the Sailing Instructions displayed on the Club’s website prior to the first race. One Design, ½ and ¼ Ton Classes with 3 or more entries will have results extracted from their relevant IRC class to form a one design class.
		IRC 2	
Performance Cruiser Class – With Asymmetric & Code 0		Cruiser 4 Performance Cruisers	Performance Cruisers with a hull length between 6m and 18m will be eligible. This class is for genuine cruiser/cruiser-racer boats restricted to Asymmetric / Code 0 only. Boats considered to be performance racing boats are likely to be refused entry in this class and they should enter under IRC. The decision of RWK is final and not subject to appeal. RWK reserves the sole right to accept entries outside the size limits
		Cruiser 5	You may choose to enter in the more relaxed Cruiser division.

Cruiser Class – with Spinnakers.			Handicaps for classes 5, 6, & 7 will be allocated by reference to Handicap Systems for Cruisers and any other relevant information and may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of the class. All that is required is to provide to us with your entry the make model and model of your boat, a copy of any other handicaps issued and if necessary, measurement data. The "Rating Bands" for Classes 5&6 will be notified to competitors by an amendment to the Sailing Instructions and will be displayed on the Club's website prior to the first race.
		Cruiser 6	
Cruiser Class - Non-Spinnaker.		Cruiser 7	This is intended for the less serious racer without hi-tech sails and the use of spinnakers is prohibited.
Classic class		Classic 8	This is a class for all yachts over 24ft length on deck, built of wood or steel before 1975 or in GRP before 1965. A division for Spirit of Tradition yachts may be allocated for boats built after the above dates to designs that reflect the appearance and virtues of classic yachts. The Race Committee reserve the right to exclude any entry that does not, in their opinion, reflect the spirit of this class.

- 3.5 The Race Committee may, at their discretion, allocate divisions of any class according to the handicap rating
- 3.6 Additional classes may be added by the Race Committee at their discretion
- 3.7 Starts may have to be shared with other classes
- 3.8 Each entrant (owner/skipper) is expected to hold a hard copy document containing emergency contact details for all crew members for the duration of the regatta

#### 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration will take place in the RTYC from 1200 hours on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August. All boats must register prior to competing in their first race. Registration office will open daily from Sunday to Friday at 08.00 for registration and competitor information purposes
- 4.2 Racing is scheduled as follows: - **Warning Signals & Classes to be confirmed in the Sailing Instructions before the start of the event.**

Date	Classes	First Warning Signal	Races
Sunday 6 August	IRC 1,2	0955	Round the Goodwins
	Cruisers 4,5,6	0945	
Monday 7 August	IRC 1, 2	1045	IRC Regatta Series 1
	Cruisers 4,5, 6, 7 & 8	1055	Cruiser Regatta Series 1
Tuesday 8 August	IRC 1, 2	1045	IRC Regatta Series 2
	Cruisers 4,5, 6, 7 & 8	1055	Cruiser Regatta Series 2
Wednesday 9 August	IRC 1, 2	1045	IRC Regatta Series 3 IRC Championship Series 1
	Cruisers 4,5, 6, 7 & 8	1055	Cruiser Regatta Series 3
Thursday 10 August QE2 Cup Day	IRC 1, 2	1045 Race 2 asap	IRC Regatta Series 4 & 5 IRC Championship Series 2 & 3

	Cruisers 4,5, 6, 7 & 8	1055	Cruiser Regatta Series 4
Friday 11 August Gold Cup Day	IRC 1, 2	0945	IRC Regatta Series 6 IRC Championship Series 4
	Cruisers 4,5, 6,7 & 8	0955	Cruiser Regatta Series 5

**Note:** On Friday 11 August, Classes 4, 5 and 6 may be scheduled to sail the same course as IRC Classes. (Warning Signal on Friday at 09.45h).

## 5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 The Race Committee may inspect any boat or her equipment, sails and rating certificate before, during or after the races
- 5.2 One design classes shall comply with their own class rules, except for crew/weight limitations
- 5.3 No rating changes will be accepted following registration, except because of a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors
- 5.4 Class identification flags must be flown on the backstay of each boat whilst racing
- 5.5 Bow numbers will be provided for the boats

## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the official web site [www.ramsgateweek.com](http://www.ramsgateweek.com).  
A list of current entries may also be available on the web site

## 7. COURSES

Each race will start from the RTYC Club starting line and will be sailed around buoys in the English Channel waters between East Margate and South Foreland. It is the intention, of the Race Officers, all courses will be given via VHF 72 or 77 and via **Whats App Groups**.

## 8. SCORING

- 8.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply
- 8.2 Series will be scored as follows:
  - IRC Regatta Series – 5 races Monday to Friday
  - IRC Regional Championship – 4 races Wednesday to Friday
  - Cruiser and Classic Series – 5 Races Monday to Friday
  - Classes will be scored separately for each series
- a. Discards will be as follows: -
  - When fewer than 4 races have been completed in a series a boat's score will be the total of her races scored
  - When 4 to 6 races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
- 8.4 All Times will be corrected to the nearest second to determine finishing place and with .5 seconds rounded up
- 8.5 Results will be displayed via the website

## 9. BERTHING

- 9.1 It is intended that all competitor's yachts will berth on pontoons in the all-tide marina adjacent to the Harbour Western Arm as directed by the Dockmaster. If the Berthing Master is not present, please call on VHF Channel 80. Berths for yachts racing only part of the week may be available in the inner Harbour Marina
- 9.2 Lifting of boats will be organised through the Harbour Authority. Berthing charges must be paid directly to the Harbour Authority on arrival in Ramsgate. Competitors who have entered for the

full week will be entitled to a discount in berthing charges. Berthing charges are payable directly to the Harbour not RTYC

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**10. RADIO COMMUNICATION** 10.1 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

10.2 The following VHF channels will be used by the regatta: -

Port Control	Channel 14
Dock Office	Channel 14
Berthing Officer	Channel 80
Temple Race Hut	Channel 72 (Club Start Line)
Offshore One	Channel 77 (Committee Boat if applicable)

## 11. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

11.1 Class Prizes will be awarded for all races

11.2 Trophies will be awarded as follows: -

Round the Goodwins Race overall winner – Noot Cup.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August will be QE11 Cup Day for all classes

Friday 11 August will be Gold Cup Day for all classes

Class winners and Overall, of the IRC Championship series in Classes 1, 2

Class winners and Overall, of the Ramsgate Week IRC Series in Classes 1, 2

Class winners of Class 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 in Ramsgate Week Series and there will be Trophy races on various days throughout the week

'IRC Champion Salver' for IRC Classes will be awarded to the boat that achieves the best result by taking all scores from completed regatta series races, Monday to Friday. If a tie is not eliminated by Application of Appendix A8 the tie will be broken by taking into consideration the number of boats competing in each class or division

11.3 Prize Giving will provisionally take place as follows,

Area and Times will be advised during the event.

Thursday 10 August: Race winners for all classes from Monday to Thursday.

Friday 11 August: The Ramsgate Week trophies

## 12. Risk and Responsibility Statement

12.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

12.2 Royal Temple Yacht Club accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to skipper or crew or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property

12.3 The skipper and crew shall be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the person in charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification

12.4 The race committee shall make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race

12.5 No boat shall be accepted as an entry unless the skipper of the boat has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in the entry form

12.6 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 12.6.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event
- 12.6.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore
- 12.6.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions
- 12.6.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
- 12.6.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities
- 12.6.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- 12.6.7 Vessels setting to sea for offshore and coastal races are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew
- 12.7 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race

**13. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with sufficient insurance cover to meet all or any claims and with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (GBP) in respect of third party claims

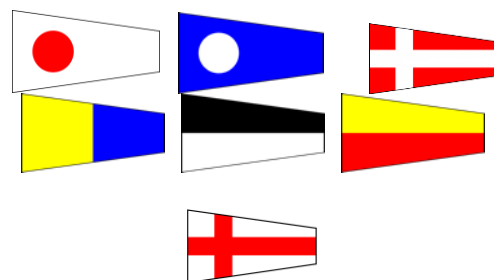
**14. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

- 14.1 Admiralty Charts – 1828, 1607 or 1183 (South Thames Estuary or Thames Estuary). 1827 may also be useful (Approaches to Ramsgate), but it is not essential
- 14.2 The approach to Ramsgate for commercial traffic is from the east via a well-marked deep-water channel. This is used by large ferries and fast craft, and small craft are advised to keep well clear of such vessels and to proceed via the recommended yacht track to the South of the buoyed channel when approaching or leaving Ramsgate. All yachts should maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14
- 14.3 A small craft holding area is in operation to the north of No. 3 buoy and to the south of the southern breakwater. Outer Harbour – Yachts must motor directly through the turning circle area when entering and leaving the Harbour
- 14.4 The gate to the inner marina is open for approximately two hours either side of high water. By day a red and yellow flag and by night a single green light is displayed above the Dock Office to indicate that the dock gate is open

**15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information contact:  
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**Class racing for the following classes:**



## APPENDIX 1

### ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

#### Minimum Safety Equipment Rules for all Classes

1. **Buoyancy**  
Boats shall either be self-righting from 60 degrees or have enough reserve buoyancy to support the boat and crew for at least 30 minutes following a capsized. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.
2. **Flares**  
Boats shall carry, in a waterproof pack, at least two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares.
3. **Fire Extinguisher**  
Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.
4. **Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard**
  - 4.1 Boats **without** lifelines or with lifelines which do not meet current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (Section3), shall have personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40. Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crew members at all times whilst racing.
  - 4.2 Boats **with** lifelines will comply with current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (Section3), shall carry personal buoyancy or lifejackets for each crew member. Boats shall also carry a rescue quito or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line and at least one lifebuoy or life sling.
5. **First Aid**  
Boats shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
6. **Anchor**  
Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.
7. **Compass**  
Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld is acceptable.
8. **Equipment**  
All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.
9. **Propulsion**  
A means of propulsion, other than the boat's sails, is to be provided.
10. **Communication**  
Fixed or handheld VHF must be carried at all times capable of transmitting and receiving Channels 16, 14, 72, 77.