

# 2022



## Notice of Race - 2022 Double Handed Series

- The Double Handed Solent Series (Solent Series) is comprised of five races: Spring Solent Double (2 races), West Princessa Double and Autumn Solent Double (2 races).
- The Double Handed Passage Series (Passage Series) is comprised of five races: Weymouth Double (two races), Cherbourg Double, Island Double and Poole Bar Double.
- The Double Handed Main Series (Main Series) is comprised of all ten races of the Solent Series and Passage Series combined.
- Collectively these Series are known as the **Double Handed Series**.

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Southampton Yacht Club (RSYC)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2. Changes to RRS are notified in this Notice of Race (NoR) and in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.3. For all classes, and in accordance with IRC Rule 15 for IRC classes, the use of self-steering equipment is permitted.
- 1.4. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) apply - available from [www.sailing.org/specialregs](http://www.sailing.org/specialregs)
  - 1.4.1. For the Spring Solent, Poole Bar, West Princessa , Autumn Solent and Island Doubles: boats shall comply with OSR Category 4.
  - 1.4.2. For the Weymouth Double boats shall comply with OSR Category 3 (life raft is recommended)
  - 1.4.3. For the Cherbourg Double boats shall comply with OSR Category 3 with life raft
  - 1.4.4. The OA may amend these requirements for classic yachts and one designs – requests must be made and determined in writing.
- 1.5. In the event of conflict between this NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall apply.

### 2. RYA CHARTER

- 2.1. RSYC organises its races in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and competitors are expected to conform to it. The RYA Racing Charter and its application can be found on the RYA Racing Charter web page and at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

### 3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. SIs will normally be published and available for download from the Official Notice Board (ONB) (4.1) at least 7 days before the first race of each series or event.

### 4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. Race documents, online entry forms, online self-measurement forms and online declaration forms are all accessible from the Official Notice Board (ONB) on the RSYC website ([www.rsy.org.uk/onb](http://www.rsy.org.uk/onb)).
- 4.2. A working VHF radio with channels 16, 6,8,12, 67, 72, 77, M1(37A) and M2(P4) shall be carried and be kept on listening watch on the race VHF channel as specified in the SIs for the duration of each race.
- 4.3. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio.
- 4.4. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

### 5. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Online entries are welcome from RSYC members and non-members and accepted until the date of the race.
- 5.2. Two persons, both named on the Entry Form, shall be on board. For OSR Category 3 events both shall be 18 years or over on 1st January 2022.
- 5.3. Boats under 20ft LOA are not eligible. Boats under 25ft LOA are not eligible for OSR Category 3 events. Boats over 2.5 metres draught are not eligible for the Spring and Autumn Solent Double races. The OA may waive these requirements - requests must be made and determined in writing.
- 5.4. Classes are provided for IRC and Club rated monohulls, subject to sufficient entries.

## 6. ENTRY FEES (non-members only)

Event	Races	Entry Fee
Double Handed Series	10	£280
Solent Series	5	£180
Passage Series	5	£180
Spring Solent Double	2	£80
Autumn Solent Double	2	£80
Weymouth Double	2	£80
Cherbourg Double	1	£60
Island Double	1	£60
Poole Bar Double	1	£60
West Princessa Double	1	£60

If all or part of an event is cancelled, fees are not refundable except at the discretion of the OA and if the cancellation is due to circumstances under the OA's direct control.

6.1. An entry is not complete until the fee has been paid.

## 7. ADVERTISING

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising if specified in the SIs.

7.2. The OA reserves the right to use any photographic material of boats and crews (including videos with sound) connected with any of the events described in this NoR for the purposes of reporting on and publicising these and future events in any of its own or other print or online publications.

## 8. SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Day	First Warning
09 April	Spring Solent Double (2 races)	Saturday	10:00
28 May	Weymouth Double Leg 1 (out)	Saturday	09:00
29 May	Weymouth Double Leg 2 (back)	Sunday	10:00
18 June	West Princessa Double	Saturday	09:30
09 July	Cherbourg Double	Saturday	07:00
20 August	Island Double	Saturday	07:45
24 September	Poole Bar Double	Saturday	10:00
15 October	Autumn Solent Double (2 races)	Saturday	10:00

## 9. RATINGS & IDENTIFICATION

9.1. Boats must have a valid rating for the class entered, except that boats may race if a rating has been applied for but not received. They will be given a rating of 9.999 until their certificate has been received.

9.2. Boats with an IRC rating must compete in an IRC class if one is provided.

9.2.1. Boats with both fully-crewed and shorthanded IRC certificates must use their shorthanded certificate, in accordance with IRC Rule 8.2.1.

9.2.2. Changes in IRC rating must be notified to the RC promptly. Increases in rating will take effect from the date on the certificate, reductions from the date of notification.

9.2.3. The Race Committee (RC) may require any boat racing under IRC to obtain an endorsed certificate.

9.2.4. At the discretion of the RC an IRC rated boat may be permitted to race in the class above that for which she is eligible using a TCC not less than the bottom rated boat in that class

9.3. Boats without an IRC rating will race in a Club class. Before racing, these boats must submit an online self-measurement form to obtain a Club rating. Any changes to the boat or equipment since the last self-measurement form was submitted must be notified promptly to the RC. Changes in rating will take effect as soon as notified.

- 9.4. On change of ownership during a series, a new entry form and self-measurement form or rating certificate must be submitted. The previous owner's scores will not count for the new owner and vice versa.

## 10. COURSES and STARTING AREA

- 10.1. The Spring and Autumn Solent Doubles are round-the-cans races; the format will be determined by the Race Officer in the light of conditions on the day. All other races are passage style races. Marks may be added at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 10.2. The starting area for all races except the Weymouth Double Leg 2 (back) is expected to be in the Central Solent, but may be elsewhere as announced on VHF radio. The starting area for the Weymouth Double Leg 2 will be in the vicinity of Weymouth and will be announced by VHF.
- 10.3. Courses will be as described in the SIs.

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. A boat that is scored DNS, OCS, UFD, BFD, DNF, RET, DSQ or DNE shall be awarded points equivalent to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus 5. A boat scored DNC shall be awarded the higher of 50 points or points equivalent to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus 5. This changes RRS A9.
- 11.2. One race is required to constitute a Series.
- 11.3. For each Series a boat's Series score will be the total of her scores excluding her discards as follows:  
Solent and Passage Series: (Races/Discards) 5/2, 4/1, 1-3/0  
Main Series: (Races/Discards) 9-10/2, 7-8/1, 1-6/0

## 12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. RRS 3 states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

## 13. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

- 13.1. Trophies are awarded to the overall winners in each Class in each Series. In addition a trophy is awarded to the winner of each individual race for each class with 3 or more finishers in that class.
- 13.2. Trophies will be presented at the prize giving luncheon in the Gins Clubhouse at 1230 on Saturday 19 November 2022. Other prizes may be awarded.

## 14. INSURANCE

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of *£3 million pounds sterling* per incident or the equivalent.

## 15. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1. Further information can be obtained from the Sailing Secretary, RSYC  
Tel: 023 8022 3352. email: [sailing@rsyc.org.uk](mailto:sailing@rsyc.org.uk) or from the website: [www.rsyc.org.uk](http://www.rsyc.org.uk)