



ROYAL SOUTHERN

— YACHT CLUB —

The Passage Races 2021

NOTICE OF SERIES

The Series is made up of the following events:

- The Hamble Cup: to/from Lymington (24-25 April)
- Poole & Back (21-22 August)
- Hamble Scramble: to/from Yarmouth (25-26 September)

The Series will be run in accordance with Government and RYA Guidelines relating to the COVID-19 pandemic applicable at the time of each regatta. Additional Crew restrictions and social distancing rules may be in place.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble.
- 1.2 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS) and the [RYA Racing Charter](#) will apply.
- 1.3 Boats shall comply with Southampton & Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable. In particular, notice is drawn to [ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No 09 of 2021](#).
- 1.4 In case of a Stationary Committee Vessel start, RRS 26 is changed so that all visual and sound signals will be replaced with VHF communications.
- 1.5 By taking part in racing, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19, and for complying with the COVID-19 procedures of the Royal Southern Yacht Club (RSrNYC). The most recent RYA guidance can be found at <https://www.rya.org.uk/knowledge-advice/current-affairs/Pages/coronavirus-covid-19.aspx>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions for each event will be published by the Wednesday preceding the event.

3 SAFETY and COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board will be the event-specific Whatsapp Group.
- 3.2 Yachts shall comply at least with [ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races](#) and sports boats and day boats shall comply with the [Royal Southern Sports Boat and Day Boat Safety Regulations 2020](#).
- 3.3 VHF radio: All boats shall carry functioning VHF radio capable of receiving all usual marine channels, including M1 (37).
- 3.4 All race communications will be made on VHF Channel 37 and other useful communications will be made using the event Whatsapp group. The Race Organiser will use the callsign: Southern One.

- 3.5 Where possible, any changes in Sailing Instructions will be posted for two hours before the advertised starting time of the leg on the event Whatsapp group, and will be announced on the VHF radio.

4 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 4.1 Racing is open to boats of all classes, and all boats will race in one class under the **VPRS** handicap system.
- 4.2 Boats shall hold a valid current VPRS Rating Certificate which is available for £20 from Ruth Kelly. Email: ruth@vprs.org
- 4.3 Entries are made using the event-specific online entry form:
- [The Hamble Cup](#)
 - [Poole & Back](#)
 - [Hamble Scramble](#)
- 4.4 It would be helpful if entries could be received before 1200 on the day preceding the event.
- 4.5 **Entry fees are £25 per boat**, per event, and will take the form of a **donation to Hamble Lifeboat**.

5 COVID-19

- 5.1 The skipper must be confident that crew members of different households are able to maintain social distancing as recommended by current government guidance **AT ALL TIMES**, including while preparing the boat, proceeding to the start, the race itself, returning from the finish and packing up the boat.
- 5.2 We have been asked to be extra cautious to further reduce the risk of involving the rescue services. The following points have been added in that context:
- 5.2.1 There will be no general or individual recalls. Yachts deemed OCS will incur a 5 minute time penalty

6 SCHEDULE of RACES, RACE AREA and COURSE

- 6.1 Courses will be round the cans, and will be announced in the Sailing Instructions, Whatsapp group and over VHF on the day of racing.
- 6.2 The marks to be used are as described in the 2021 Royal Southern YC Solent Mark Codes, at www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing, or as described in the SIs.

7 PENALTIES and SCORING

- 7.1 Competitors deemed by the OA to have behaved in a particularly unsportsmanlike manner may be disqualified from the series without a hearing.
- 7.2 There will not be a protest committee at the event. Boats infringing a rule should do a 360 degree turn on the water.
- 7.3 Each boat that enters a race will also be entered into the overall Passage Series, which will consist of all races completed in the above events.
- 7.4 A boat's overall series score shall be calculated from the total of all races.

8 PRIZES

- 8.1 The presentation of the main prizes and trophy will take place at the annual prize-giving dinner on 30th October 2021.

9 RISK STATEMENT

- 9.1 Rule 3 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." 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:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats (if any) and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover (if any) is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- (h) They 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 the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and
- (i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

Any inspection of a boat by the race organiser does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this paragraph.

10 PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information that owners, charterers, competitors and others provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate their participation in the event. If they have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If they are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Their personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

11 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES and LIKENESSES

By taking part in the event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and sponsors, 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.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For any further information please contact Matthew Richardson on 07802 796502 or ChairSailing@royal-southern.co.uk or the Royal Southern Sailing Office on 02380 450302 or sailing@royal-southern.co.uk.