



Parhelion Spring Series 2017 Saturday 18th March – 22nd April Notice of Series

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The organising authority is Portsmouth Sailing Club, The Old Consulate, 21 Bath Square, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2JL.
- 1.2 Telephone: 07732 79 07 74.
- 1.3 Correspondence should be, wherever possible, by email to sailing@portsmouthsc.co.uk

2. RULES

- 2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020) including RYA prescriptions, this Notice of Series and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 2.2 The Racing Rules of Sailing are available to download from World Sailing at www.sailing.org The RYA prescriptions are available from the RYA at www.rya.org.uk The Notice of Series, Sailing Instructions, Annexes, Appendices and Amendments and the Entry Form will be available from Portsmouth Sailing Club at www.portsmouthsc.co.uk.
- 2.3 Boats racing in IRC classes shall comply with ISAF Special Regulations Category 4 (Short races, close to shore in relatively warm or protected waters normally held in daylight.) available at www.sailing.org
- 2.4 IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.
- 2.5 All Boats competing shall carry an operational VHF Marine radio equipped with CH16, 6, 10, 11, 12, 67, 72, & M1 (37). For information QHM uses Ch 11 for traffic information.
- 2.6 Attention is drawn to the Portsmouth Queens Harbour Master Local Notices to Mariners available at <http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/local-notices>

3. ENTRY and FEES

- 3.1 Entry is open to boats holding a current IRC certificate, non-rated boats, day boats and classes with sufficient entries.
- 3.2 Entry fees are £15 per boat per race. The series entry fee is £150, discounted to £140 if paid prior to 10th March 2017 for non-PSC members or £120 for PSC members. Entry fees for day boats are £10 per day with a series entry fee of £45. There is no closing date for entries. Competitors may enter at any time.
- 3.3 Payment must accompany the entry form and both must be received prior to the race start.

4. SCHEDULE & TIMES

- 4.1 The series will consist of racing held on the following dates: 18th March, 25th March, 1st April, 8th April, and 22nd April. There will be 2 scheduled races per day.
- 4.2 The two races on the 1st April will be run as part of the series but will also together constitute the Parhelion Memorial Mini Series in memory of past supporters of the series.
- 4.3 The time of the warning signal for the start of the first race will be no earlier than 10:00 hrs each Saturday. Each race will be started from a Committee Boat and will be sailed around buoys in the Eastern Solent.

5. SCORING

- 5.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 5.2 The Series shall constitute a minimum of four races.
- 5.3 Discards shall apply in the following order:
 - 5.3.1 When ten races are sailed in a series, seven shall count.
 - 5.3.2 When eight or nine races are sailed in a series, six shall count.
 - 5.3.3 When six or seven races are sailed in a series, five shall count.
 - 5.3.4 When five races are sailed in a series, four shall count.
 - 5.3.5 When four or fewer races are sailed in a series, all shall count.

6. RATINGS

- 6.1 Boats will have their ratings determined by the information supplied on the Entry Form.
- 6.2 The organising committee may request more information from a entrant so that a fair rating can be determined.
- 6.3 It is the responsibility of the entrant to supply an accurate rating or relevant and accurate information for determination of ratings.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions and any amendments will be displayed on the Notice board in the Club lobby and they will also be posted on the Portsmouth Sailing Club website at www.portsmouthsc.co.uk at least 48 hours before the first race.
- 7.2 Amendments to the SI's may also be issued afloat by radio prior to the warning signal. Attention to any such amendments shall be drawn by the committee vessel displaying flag L.

8. RESULTS

- 8.1 Provisional results of each race will be posted on the electronic notice board in the Portsmouth Sailing Club lounge and on the website www.portsmouthsc.co.uk.

9. PRIZES AND PRIZE-GIVING

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded to the three highest placed finishers in each class.
- 9.2 Prizes will be awarded to the boat that is placed the highest during the Parhelion Memorial Mini Series.
- 9.3 The prize-giving will be held at Portsmouth Sailing Club following racing on the final day of the series, unless otherwise stated in the Sailing Instructions.

10. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 10.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Series or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 10.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she finds herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 10.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.
- 10.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers and the race support boats.
- 10.5 The provision of race support boats does not relieve a boat of her responsibilities.
- 10.6 Competitors notice is drawn to the Port Marine Safety Risk Assessment and the Portsmouth Sailing Club Emergency Standard Operating Procedures which will be published together with the Sailing Instructions on the website www.portsmouthsc.co.uk at least 48 hours before the first race.