EAST COWES SAILING CLUB

THURSDAY EVENING RACES
29 April to 10 October 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The Organising Authority shall be East Cowes Sailing Club.

1.2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024.*

1.3 No national prescriptions will apply.

1.4 The Byelaws/General Directions for the Port of Southampton, Portsmouth Harbour and Cowes Harbour will apply.

1.5 Racing Rule 26 will be changed as follows: "Races shall be started by using sound signals. Sound signals may be broadcast on VHF radio in accordance with timings given in Racing Rule 26. Flags will not be used to start races. - Flag signals will be replaced by radio broadcast information and/or instructions".

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all Cowes-based keelboats between 5.5m and 14m length overall and with a PY handicap not greater than 1300.

2.2 Handicaps based on the Portsmouth Yardstick will be applied based on information in the submitted Race Entry form. In the interests of fair racing ECSC reserves the right to adjust handicaps based on a boat's performance as agreed by the Race Committee.

2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the ECSC Racing Entry and Covid Compliance Statement form available for download from the ECSC website, and paying the entry fee as detailed in Paragraph 4 below.

2.4 Competitors are required to have completed the entry form, together with a handicap form prior to competing.

2.5 Boats will be entered in classes as follows:.

Class 1 – Spinnaker Class, for boats racing with a spinnaker as defined in World Sailing's Equipment Rules of Sailing G.1.3. This includes Cruising Chutes, Asymmetrics, and Gennakers.

Class 2 – for boats not racing with spinnakers as defined above.

2.6 Boats cannot change classes during a series. They may change class for different series by notifying the Sailing Committee.

2.7 The following items of safety equipment must, as a minimum, be carried by all competing boats:

a. A VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channel M1 (37A)
b. An anchor suitable for the size of vessel and a minimum of 20 metres of warp.
c. A personal floatation aid for each person on board.
d. A life buoy or other man overboard recovery device.
e. Navigation lights appropriate to the size of vessel.

3. COVID PROTECTION

3.1 All competitors are required to abide by current COVID-19 legislation and Government guidance as well as club COVID-19 measures, including not attending the event if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

4 FEES

4.1 Race fees shall be £5 per race or £40 for all series, that is, all Thursday and Weekend Races including the Sunday Brunch Series**.**

5 SCHEDULE

DATE	***SERIES/RACE***
29th April	Warming Salvo Race
6th May	Early Summer Evening Race 1
13th May	Early Summer Evening Race 2
15th May	Marlowe Cup Race
20th May	Early Summer Evening Race 3
27th May	Early Summer Evening Race 4
3rd June	Early Summer Evening Race 5
10th June	Mid Summer Evening Race 1
12th June	Yarmouth Passage Race
17th June	Mid Summer Evening Race 2
24th June	Mid Summer Evening Race 3
1st July	Mid Summer Evening Race 4
8th July	Mid Summer Evening Race 5
15th July	Late Summer Evening Race 1
22nd July	Late Summer Evening Race 2
29th July	Late Summer Evening Race 3
12th August	Late Summer Evening Race 4
19th August	Late Summer Evening Race 5
28th August	ECSC Regatta
5th September	Sunday Brunch 1
12th September	Sunday Brunch 2
19nd September	Sunday Brunch 3
26th September	Sunday Brunch 4
3rd October	Sunday Brunch 5
10th October	Final Sunday Brunch 6

5.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the Thursday Evening Races will be 6.30 pm.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the East Cowes Sailing Club Website not later than 22 April 2021

7 VENUE

All races will take place in the Central Solent from a starting line in the vicinity of The Shrape, opposite the East Cowes Sailing Club Race Box on the East Cowes Esplanade.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Courses will be selected from the ECSC Course Card available on the website. Each course is indicated by a single letter. Courses may be combined for the purposes of a race e.g. Course BD means Course B with vessels continuing the race with Course D. Courses may be sailed multiple times. Course ZZ indicates that the course will be passed by radio, nominating individual race marks.

8.2. Classes 1 and 2 may have separate courses or the same course as decided by the Principal Race Officer following consideration of the number of entries and environmental conditions.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION

9.1 All boats shall carry an operational marine VHF radio equipped with Channels 16; 12; 37A; 69 and 72.

9,2. Race information may be passed on the ECSC Sailing WhatsApp Group. To join this group either indicate on the Race Entry Form or send an e-mail request including a mobile phone number to: sailing@eastcowessc.co.uk

9.3. Should a boat in accordance with Racing Rule 20 require room to tack or respond to such a demand, use may be made of VHF radio Channel 37A to hail in accordance with Racing Rule 20.4(b).

10. SCORING.

10.1 Each Series shall consist of 5 races scheduled. Not less than 2 races completed shall constitute that series. Series scores will be in accordance with Racing Rule A2.

10.2. Racing Rule A5.3 will apply changing Racing Rule A5.2 for boats DNS; DNF; RTD or DSQ.

10.3. Results will be compiled using the Halsail on-line scoring system and may be viewed at https://www.eastcowessc.co.uk/sailing/racing/

11. PRIZES

11.1 Cups and Trophies will be awarded at the ECSC Annual Prize Giving.

12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 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, a patrol boat if available, and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically 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;

13 INSURANCE

13.1 All yachts must carry insurance protection for third party and passenger liability of not less than £3,000,000.

14 PRIVACY STATEMENT

14.1 ECSC will always comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) when dealing with your personal data. Further details on the GDPR can be found at the website for the Information Commissioner (www.ico.gov.uk). For the purposes of the GDPR, ECSC will be the "controller" of all personal data we hold about you.