



SIRCOA and SCRA SOLENT IRC SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP 2011



Notice of Series

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The seven participating clubs listed in paragraph 2 are the organising authorities for their respective events within the Series, which is administered on their behalf by the Solent IRC Owners' Association (SIRCOA) and Solent Cruising and Racing Association (SCRA).
- 1.2. Each club will issue a Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for its event.
- 1.3. **SIRCOA:** Email secretary@solentirc.org.uk, Website www.solentirc.org.uk.
- 1.4. **SCRA:** Regatta House, 18 Bath Road, Cowes, IOW, PO31 7QN. Telephone 01983 295744
Email admin@scra.org.uk, Website www.scra.org.uk

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLUBS

Saturday 14 May

IRC Day 1 - Clarkson Cup Regatta - Royal Southampton Yacht Club

Racing around the cans in the central Solent

Royal Southampton Yacht Club, 1 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO14 3QF

Email: racing@rsyc.org.uk

Website: www.rsyc.org.uk

Telephone 023 8022 3352

Saturday 18 June

IRC Day 2 - Royal Southern Yacht Club

Racing around the cans in the central Solent

The Royal Southern June weekend regatta continues on Sunday 19 June, although that second day is not part of the Solent Series. Enter for the Sunday directly through the Royal Southern.

Royal Southern Yacht Club, Rope Walk, Hamble, SO31 4HB

Email: sailing@royal-southern.co.uk

Website: www.royal-southern.co.uk

Telephone: 023 8045 0302

Saturday 23 July

IRC Day 3 - Portsmouth Sailing Club

Racing in the Eastern Solent with starts and finishes in the vicinity of Gilkicker

Portsmouth Sailing Club, The Old Consulate, 21 Bath Square, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2JL

Email: parhelion@portsmouthsc.co.uk

Website: www.portsmouthsc.co.uk

Telephone: 023 9282 0596

Saturday 20 August

IRC Day 4 - Royal Solent Yacht Club

Racing in the Western Solent

The Royal Solent regatta continues on Sunday 21 August, although that second day is not part of the Solent Series. Enter for the Sunday directly through the Royal Solent

Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0NS

Email: office@royalsolent.org

Website: www.royalsolent.org

Telephone: 01983 760256

Saturday 17 September

IRC Day 5 - the Nab Tower Race - Island Sailing Club

A passage race from Cowes to the Nab Tower and back, perhaps with some extra marks depending on wind direction

Island Sailing Club, 70 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7RE

Email: chris@islandsc.org.uk

Website: www.islandsc.org.uk

Telephone: 01983 296621

Sunday 18 September

IRC Day 6 for the Tiny Mitchell Trophy - Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

Racing around the cans in the central Solent, on the day after the Nab Tower race as above.

Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, The Parade, Castle Hill, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7QU

Email: coves@rcyc.co.uk

Website: www.rcyc.co.uk

Telephone: 01983 293581

Saturday 08 October

IRC Day 7 - Royal Yacht Squadron

Solent courses plus start/finish arrangements similar to Cowes Week, from the RYS line

Royal Yacht Squadron, The Castle, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7QT

Email: mail@rys.org.uk

Website: www.rys.org.uk

Telephone: 01983 292191

3. ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES

- 3.1. The IRC Solent Series Championship is open to boats with a valid IRC certificate and an IRC rating between 0.820 and 1.360.
- 3.2. The fleet will be split into 4 classes with the following rating bands:
 - Class 1 1.036 - 1.360
 - Class 2 1.000 - 1.035
 - Class 3 0.961 - 0.999
 - Class 4 0.820 - 0.960
- 3.3. At its sole discretion, SIRCOA may allocate a boat with a TCF close to a rating band break to the adjacent class in order to keep boats of the same design class together.
- 3.4. All boats taking part in the Series shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races. Although individual Club events may permit boats that do not comply in all respects to take part in those events, such boats will not be eligible for the Series.
- 3.5. Each club running a day of racing for the IRC Solent Series Championship reserves the right to amalgamate starts as required.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries may be made through SCRA, for the full series and for individual race days.
- 4.2. Entries through SCRA close on the Friday 8 days before the first race day entered, the entry fee is £35.00 for each day entered or £210 for the whole series.
- 4.3. Individual race days (including late entries) may also be entered directly through the organising Clubs. For details, including fees, contact the club concerned. Club contact details are in paragraph 2 above.

5. SCORING

- 5.1. Any eligible boat entering an IRC class with one of the participating clubs for a Series day will automatically be entered into the Series.
- 5.2. For the purposes of scoring for the Solent Series, RRS Appendix A will apply, modified as below. The Low Points system will be used to score individual races.
- 5.3. The Solent Series will consist of seven days of racing and each day may comprise one or more races.
- 5.4. For each race, a boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing, was disqualified or did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
- 5.5. If there is a single race on a day, a boat's score for the day will be her score in that race.
- 5.6. If there is more than one race in a day, a boat's score for the day will be her ranking for the day, determined by adding together her scores in all the day's races. Ties in daily scores will be broken using RRS A8.
- 5.7. A boat that was entered for a day but which came to the starting area for none of the races held that day shall receive a daily score of 100 points.
- 5.8. A boat's Solent Series score will be the total of her best five daily scores. If no races for her class are scored on two days, a boat's Solent Series score will be the total of her best four daily scores. If no races for her class are scored on more than two days, a boat's score will be the total of all her daily scores.
- 5.9. Solent Series ties will be broken using RRS A8 except that daily scores will be used instead of race scores.
- 5.10. To calculate an overall ranking for the IRC Solent Series Championship, the series scores for each class will be amalgamated. The overall ranking shall be calculated from the amalgamated scores as above except that in the case of a place tie, this will be broken in favour of the boat which has beaten the highest number of competitors on the water. Any remaining ties shall be broken in accordance with RRS A8.2.
- 5.11. If, during the Series, a boat changes her rating such that she changes class, previously scored points will not be transferred to her new class.

6. RESULTS, PRIZES AND PRIZEGIVING

- 6.1. Daily results will be produced by the club running the racing, which may award prizes or trophies for that day. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions for that day.
- 6.2. If necessary, for Solent Series scoring, SIRCOA will re-score the daily results in compliance with section 5.
- 6.3. SIRCOA will coordinate the Series results and display them on its website at www.solentirc.org.uk.
- 6.4. There will be overall Series trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class.
- 6.5. Other prizes may be awarded.
- 6.6. The IRC Solent Series Champion will be selected regardless of class, with scoring as described in paragraph 5 above, and will hold the overall trophy for the top boat in the Series.
- 6.7. The Series Prize giving will be held at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Cowes at 4pm on 29th October 2010.

7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Series, Notice of Race, SIs or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2 million per incident, unless individual organising clubs require a greater minimum.

Nothing done by the organisers will 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 racing and the event, and include SCRA, SIRCOA, the organising authorities, the race committees, committee boat(s), the race officers and others.

The boat is responsible to ensure that it 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 that the crew know how to use it.

Note to competitors

It is planned to organise social events after each event and at other times during the season. Details will be publicised on the SIRCOA website (www.solentirc.org.uk) and where appropriate will be circulated with the event Sailing Instructions.