



Notice of Race

2017 J/70 Class Open European Championship and 2017 J/70 Corinthian Class European Championship

Saturday 3rd – Friday 9th June 2017

Hosted by the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Southern Yacht Club (RSrNYC) in conjunction with the UK J/70 Class Association.

All times are British Summer Time (BST).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- a. The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020*.
- b. The following National Authority (RYA) prescriptions will apply to rules 3, 5, 67, 86.3 and 88.2.
- c. Boats shall comply with the J/70 Class Rules, including I-3 and I-4.
- d. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

- a. Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 and the J/70 Class Rules.
- b. Boats may also be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]
- c. Bow numbers will be supplied and affixed to each boat. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- a. The Championship is open to the members of J/70 Class as defined by the J/70 Class Rule.
- b. Corinthian Teams - The entire crew, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof of a valid World Sailing Group 1 classification at the time of registration (J/70 Class Rule I-4).
- c. Entries will only be accepted via the event website: <http://www.royal-southern.co.uk/>
- d. The closing date for entries is 23:59 on Friday 12th May 2017.
- e. When entries or entry fees are received after the closing date they may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

4. FEES

- a. The entry fee per boat with 4 crew members will be GB £450 for entries received before 23:59 hrs on 30th March 2017.
- b. Late entries received after 30th March 2017 but before 23:59 Friday 12th May will be charged at GB £500.
- c. Entries, if accepted, received later than the closing date of Friday 12th May will be charged GB£550.
- d. Competitor badges for a 5th crew member will be priced at GB £50.
- e. Entry fees will not be refunded after entry closing date.
- f. The entry fee includes:
 - i. Cranage for launching and lifting the boat
 - ii. Berth in Prince Philip Yacht Haven during the event
 - iii. Trailer storage and car parking during the event
 - iv. Welcome party tickets for each crew member
 - v. Prize Giving cocktail party tickets for each crew member



5. REGISTRATION

All boats shall complete registration before racing, including providing the following:

- a. a completed boat measurement/inspections form
- b. a completed sail measurements form
- c. a completed crew declaration form
- d. Proof of insurance cover as per NOR 18.

6. SCHEDULE AND FORMAT OF RACING

The intended schedule is as follows:

| Date: | Event: |
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| Saturday 3 rd June | Equipment inspections 09:00 – 17:30 Registration 09:00 – 18:00 |
| Sunday 4 th June | Equipment inspections 09:00 – 17:30 Registration 09:00 – 18:00 |
| Monday 5 th June HW Portsmouth 09:27 4.0m | Equipment inspections 09:00 – 17:30 Registration 09:00 – 18:00 Practice Race 13:00 warning signal Competitors Briefing and Welcome Party 19:00 |
| Tuesday 6 th June HW Portsmouth 10:16 4.1m | Racing: First warning signal 10:55 Dockside refreshments after racing |
| Wednesday 7 th June HW Portsmouth 11:01 4.2m | Racing: First warning signal 10:55 Dockside refreshments after racing |
| Thursday 8 th June HW Portsmouth 11:45 4.3m | Racing: First warning signal 10:55 Dockside refreshments after racing Crew Dinner – details to be confirmed |
| Friday 9 th June HW Portsmouth 12:27 4.4m | Racing: First warning signal 10:55 Dockside refreshments after racing Evening: Prize Giving Cocktail Party 18:00 |

- a. It is intended to complete up to 11 races.
- b. If the number of entries exceeds 70 boats the OA may decide to run a qualifying series and then final series. The fleet will be split into daily assignments and raced on two race course areas.
- c. It is intended that there will be no more than three races a day, however, additional races may be sailed on any day in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. Further details of the schedule will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- d. No warning signal will be displayed after 15:30 on Friday 9th June unless there is a postponement or one or more general recalls during a start sequence.

7. BOAT MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTIONS

- a. Competitors will be allocated a date and time for boat inspections and sail measurement. All boats shall be made available accompanied by two owner's representatives during their scheduled boat inspection and sail measurement allocations.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the RSrNYC event page website by Monday 29th May 2017.



9. RACE AREA

The racing area will be in the Central Solent.



10. THE COURSES

The courses will be windward / leeward using laid inflatable marks with a target time of 60 minutes for each race. Further details will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. Decisions of the International Jury (IJ) will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

12. SCORING

- a. Five (5) races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- b. Eleven (11) races are scheduled.
- c. When six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- a. Coach and support boats must be registered during registration times with the OA prior to acting as a coach or support boat. The registration fee per boat is £60 and shall be paid at time of registration. [DP]
- b. All registered coach and support boats shall carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channels and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so. [DP]
- c. Coach and support boats shall display identifying flags, issued by the OA, and adhere to the J/70 class rule I.3. [DP]
- d. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions. [DP]

14. BERTHING, HAULING OUT AND DIVING

- a. Boats shall be kept in their assigned berth during the championship at the RSrNYC Prince Philip Yacht Haven from 17:30 on Monday 5th June until the completion of the final race. [DP]
- b. Boats shall not be hauled out during this time, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the IJ. [DP]
- c. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competitor's boats between 17:30 on Monday 5th June until the completion of the final race. [DP]

15. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats. [DP]



- b. Trackers or other electronic equipment may be provided by the OA and shall be used in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

16. PRIZE GIVING AND TROPHIES

- a. The event main prize giving will be held on Friday 9th June after racing.
b. The J/70 Class Open European Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
c. A Perpetual Trophy for the J/70 Corinthian Class European Championship will be awarded to the top Corinthian Team (Class Rule I.4).
d. A Trophy will be awarded to the top women skipper.
e. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the OA, 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.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or equivalent.

19. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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. 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.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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