



**Royal Naval Sailing Association**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**Holt Cup - RN Inter-Region Team Racing Championships**  
**RNSC, HMS EXCELLENT, 17-18 Feb 18**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

The event will be held at the RNSC, HMS Excellent over the weekend 17-18 Feb 18. The event is for two boat teams and will be sailed in matched Bosuns supplied by the RNSC. Each boat shall be sailed by 2 people.

**2 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The organising authority is the Royal Naval Sailing Association.

**3 RULES**

- 3.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 3.2 Races will not be umpired.
- 3.3 The Sailing Instructions will be made available prior to the event and at the briefing on the first day.
- 3.4 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.

**4 ENTRIES**

- 4.1 The event is open to all RN/RM personnel, reservists and URNU cadets.
- 4.2 Entries are invited from all RN sport regions (RN East, RN West, RN North, FAA and RM) plus individual teams e.g. URNU, BRNC etc. Each region may enter up to 2 teams. Individuals wishing to participate are to contact their regional selector listed below. Those regions without a selector are to contact the event co-ordinator directly.
- 4.3 The closing date for receipt of Entry Forms is Wed 7 Feb 18. After this date, further entries will be by invitation only, up to a maximum number deemed by the organising authority. Entry costs £10 per team, payable in cash on Sat 17 Feb 18.

**5 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 The format of the event will be detailed at the event briefing, however, it is intended to race a 2 league round robin format followed by a semi-final and final. The organising authority retains the right to change the format at any time.
- 5.2 Registration will take place from 0830 on Sat 17 Feb 18 at RNSC.
- 5.3 There will be a briefing at 0840.
- 5.4 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 on Sat 17 Feb 18.
- 5.5 Information regarding the overall plan for the event including timings are available on the RNSA Website.

**6 BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING**

Adequate personal flotation devices and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. Limited loan clothing will be available at the event, competitors are recommended to bring their own clothing if available. The racing will take place out in the harbour where it can get extremely cold and therefore competitors should ensure they have enough layers to keep warm while racing and also when waiting for the next change-over.

## 7 RISK STATEMENT

7.1 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) They are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

7.2 Service personnel are considered 'on duty' during the event iaw BRd 51 Vol 4 0802.

## 8 PRIZES

These will be awarded for the winning team and if there are sufficient entries also for runner up.

## 9 TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

9.1 As an RN-only event, Duty Travel is not authorised. Individual units may pay for travel from their own Travel & Subsistence Budgets but approval should be sought first. Competitors should share transport where possible to reduce to overall cost to the crown. Teams are responsible for making their own way between accommodation and RNSC.

9.2 Accommodation for 24 sailors has been booked in the Sports Lottery Accommodation at HMS TEMERAIRE (right next to Gunwharf!). This accommodation is free but may only be used by members of the Sports Lottery. Team Captains are confirm via the Entry Form that all team members who wish to use the Accom are members of Sports Lottery.

9.3 Please note that **food is not provided** at any point during the event – arrangements are as follows:

Breakfast - facilities are limited in the Sports Accom (no cooking facilities but there is a microwave, fridge, cutlery, crockery etc).

Lunch - Bring/purchase lunch en route to RNSC. Bag Meals will not be available.

Evening Meal - on Friday will be in Gunwharf (team captains/individual groups to book independently for 1930 or later) and Saturday will be at the RNSA Annual Dinner at the Hornet Services Sailing Club, Gosport - email Jon Glass on moorings@rnsa.org.uk to book tickets (£25 per head).

## 10 CONTACTS

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