

Royal Naval Sailing Association (Portsmouth)

Thursday Evening Dinghy Handicap Series

The James Cup

6 Jun – 25 Jul 19

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions



Race Officer

Lt Matt Irwin

Notice of Race

1. Introduction

The event will be held at the RN Sailing Centre (RNSC), HMS EXCELLENT on the following dates: 6 Jun, 13 Jun, 4 Jul, 11 Jul & 25 Jul 19. Any dinghy with a PY handicap number is eligible to enter including privately owned boats and RNSA owned craft at RNSC.

2. Organising Authority

The organising authority is the Royal Naval Sailing Association (Portsmouth).

3. Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

4. Entries

Entries will be accepted at any point throughout the series. An entry fee will not be charged however **all competitors including crew must join RNSA** no later than the final race (25 Jul) to be included in the series.

5. Booking of RNSA owned craft

Due to the withdrawal of MoD funding for dinghy sailing, RNSC now charters dinghies from RNSA. The available boats are listed below and **must be booked** via matthew.irwin740@mod.gov.uk.

4x Hartley 15s (Double hander with symmetric or asymmetric spinnaker)

1x Topaz Magno (Double hander with asymmetric spinnaker)

6x Fusions (Single hander, 2 of which have Asymmetric spinnaker)

Boats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis by emailing the above address. Competitors may turn up without booking but boat availability is not guaranteed.

6. Event format

The intention is to run two short handicap races lasting 20-30 minutes on each evening. The organising authority retains the right to change the format at any time. Timings are as follows:

1630 Rig boats
1700 Race Brief
1715 Launch
1730 First warning signal
1900 Racing complete
O/C RNSC Bar open

7. Buoyancy and clothing

Adequate personal flotation devices and suitable clothing shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. Limited loan clothing will be available from RNSC, so competitors are advised to bring their own clothing.

8. Risk Statement

Service personnel are considered 'on duty' during the event iaw BRd 51 Vol 4 0802. Rule 4 of the RRS 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/volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

9. Prizes

The James Cup will be awarded to the overall winner at the RNSA(P) AGM, provisionally scheduled for Wed 27 Nov 19.

10. Logistics

As a RNSA branch event, Duty Travel is not authorised.

Sailing Instructions

Part 1 – General Instructions

1. Venue

The event will be held at the Royal Navy Sailing Centre (RNSC), Portsmouth. All racing will take place within Portsmouth Harbour. Changing facilities are available at RNSC; please note that there is no secure storage for valuables. Loan clothing is available from the centre but competitors are encouraged to bring their own sailing clothing if available.

Parking is available in HMS EXCELLENT, but competitors are to ensure that the area around the RNSC remains clear for access.

2. Race schedule

Races are scheduled for the following Thursday evenings:

Race	Date
1	6 Jun
2	13 Jun
3	4 Jul
4	11 Jul
5	25 Jul

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Part 2 – Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The right of appeal is denied in accordance with rule 70.5(a). When boats are provided by the Organising Authority they shall be deemed to conform to their class rules. When class rules change rule 42, such changes shall not apply. Neither umpires nor observers will be used.

2. Entries

Entries will be accepted each evening at any time prior to the Race Brief. **All competitors including crew must join RNSA** no later than the final race in the series (25 Jul) to be included in the series.

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3. Notices to competitors/Changing to SIs

These will be given verbally to competitors by the Race Officer at the Race Brief.

4. Boats

Competitors may use their own boat or a RNSA owned craft from RNSC. In the latter case, craft **must be booked** via matthew.irwin740@mod.gov.uk to guarantee availability.

5. Race format

The intention is to run two PY handicap races per evening lasting 20-30 minutes each. The format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way as solely determined by the race officer taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors.

6. Course and time limits

The start line, finish line, course marks and number of rounds will be detailed at the Race Brief. The race committee may move marks of the course at any time. Rule 33 will not apply.

7. The Start

Races will be started by using the following signals.

Minutes before starting signal	Sound	Visual signals	Means
3	Three	3 battens	Warning
2	Two	2 battens	Preparatory
1	One	1 batten	One-minute
0	One	No battens	Starting

Attention may be drawn to an imminent warning signal by a series of short sound signals. If boats start prematurely, the race committee will hail the sail numbers of the relevant boats.

8. Scoring

Scoring will be the Low Point System iaw A4.1 (one point for 1st, 2 points for 2nd etc.). Discards will be awarded as follows:

No. of Races Sailed	No. of Discards
10	4
9	3
8	2
7	1
6 or fewer	0

The series winner will be the helm (or helm and crew) with the lowest number of points. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided iaw Rule A8.

9. Penalty turns

Penalty turns are to be conducted iaw RRS (2 complete turns comprising one tack and one gybe each) except for touching a mark of the course (1 complete turn comprising one tack and one gybe).

10. Protests

Protests and requests for redress that have not been decided afloat shall be notified to the race office within 10 minutes after the relevant incident or, if the incident is afloat, within 10 minutes after coming ashore.

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