**NOTICE OF RACE**

**NCA INVITATIONAL REGATTA**

**Sunday 23rd to**

**Friday 28th September 2018**

**The Solent**

**Racing organised by the Island Sailing Club, Cowes**

1. RULES
   1. The Regatta will be governed by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
   2. The Organising Authority is the Island Sailing Club. The Organising Committee is comprised of officers of the NCA.
2. ELIGIBILITY
   1. The Regatta is for NCA crews and, on an invitational basis at the discretion of the organising committee, to invite individual agencies working in the broad law enforcement community to enter a crew.
   2. The crew’s complement will predominantly consist of staff currently employed by or retired from the agency they represent. Each crew, including the skipper, will have a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 8, although this may be lifted at the Committee’s absolute discretion. All crew members must adhere to the rules and regulations of the sailing club/association of the agency they represent.
   3. Mixed crews are permitted providing all crew members comply with eligibility criteria 2.1 & 2.2
   4. As the number of boats available to charter is limited, entries will be allocated on a ‘first come, first served’ basis determined by payment of the charter deposit. The completed entry form and entry fee is to be completed by the 31st July 2018.
3. ENTRY
   1. The entry fee for the 2018 Regatta is £550 per crew. The entry fee will include race fees, social functions on Sunday, Monday and Thursday evenings (subject to sufficient entries) and prizes.
   2. The entry fee and payment must be received by 31st July 2018. Payment can either be:

* By cheque made out to ‘SSSC Sailing’ and sent to Ian Goodman, PO Box 8000, London SE11 5EN; or
* By bank transfer to ‘SSSC Sailing’, Account No: 72034697, Sort Code: 40-07-13. ref Reg(skippers name)
  1. The completed entry form should be either posted to Ian Goodman, PO Box 8000, London SE11 5EN or emailed to the regatta office on [ncaregatta@gmail.com](mailto:socaukbaregatta@gmail.com)

1. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
   1. The Sailing Instructions will be will be sent out by the regatta committee to the skippers of participating crews and will be available on the Island Sailing Club website [www.islandsc.org.uk/racingdocuments.aspx](http://www.islandsc.org.uk/racingdocuments.aspx) prior to the event.
2. RACING AREA
   1. Racing will be conducted in the Solent, extending west to the Needles and Christchurch Bay, and to the east to the Nab Tower and Hayling Bay. Competitors will ensure they carry accurate charts or other suitable navigation equipment for this area.
   2. All yachts shall berth at Cowes Yacht Haven from Monday evening to Friday morning. A group booking has been made and the cost included in the charter fee.
3. PROGRAMME
   1. The provisional regatta programme is attached as Annex A. This may be changed via consultation with skippers either before the event or at the skippers briefing on Monday 24th September.
   2. Registration and yacht allocation will take place at Fairview Sailing, Port Hamble from 17:00 on Sunday 23th September 2018.
   3. All racing will be dependent on weather and tide conditions at the time of the regatta. The organising committee and the Island Sailing Club reserve the right to reschedule, alter or cancel races should conditions dictate this to be appropriate.
4. CLASS
   1. This is a one design, single fleet regatta. All crews will compete in Beneteau 37s chartered from Fairview Sailing in Port Hamble. A number of yachts have been reserved by the regatta office for a fixed period at an agreed price of £1499.00, which includes fuel, berthing, and racing insurance. Wet weather gear is also available to hire from Fairview. Skippers are to contact Fairview Sailing directly and refer to the NCA Regatta when chartering their yacht.
5. **SCORING AND DISCARDS**
   1. Scoring will use the Low Points System as described in RRS Appendix A.
   2. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
   3. When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
   4. If 5 or more races are completed, each boat’s series score shall be the total of all its scores less its worst score.
   5. RRS 44.1 shall apply.
6. COMMUNICATION
   1. Prior to the regatta, information will be emailed to competitors via the skipper’s registered email address.
   2. During the regatta, Notices to Competitors will be displayed on the Official Notice Board inside the Lower Marquee of the Island Sailing Club, and on the Island Sailing Club’s website: www.islandsc.org.uk/racingdocuments.aspx
   3. During racing, and for course information, communication with competitors will be made on VHF Channel 37A (M). Prior to the starting signals, course information will be communicated by mobile text message to one UK mobile phone number per boat, provided on the entry form.
7. PRIZES
   1. Prizes shall be awarded for first, second and third placed crews. Further prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the committee.
8. RYA CHARTER
   1. Competitors should note that the Island Sailing Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that, when entering, competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020) or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)
9. ISLAND SAILING CLUB FACILITIES
   1. The Committee and Members of the Island Sailing Club hope that skippers, crews and families of competing yachts will consider themselves temporary members of the ISC for the duration of the event and make full use of the Club’s facilities.
10. RISK STATEMENT
    1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, and are reminded of RSS Rule 4: Decision to Race.
    2. 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:
11. 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;
12. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
13. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
14. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
15. 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;
16. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
17. 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; and

h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 sterling against third party claims. This may be provided under individual charter agreements with Fairview Sailing.

* 1. The organising committee, the organising agencies and their Boards, the Island Sailing Club and Fairview Sailing Ltd are providing this series only on the understanding that the committee, the agencies, the Club, and Fairview Sailing Ltd and their representatives bear no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience to yachts, equipment or persons howsoever arising directly or indirectly from the rules, policies, courses or ruling during the Regatta and its related activities. The skippers of participating yachts must ensure that their crew are made aware of these conditions.

ANNEX A: PROVISIONAL REGATTA PROGRAMME (may be subject to change)

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| DATE | DETAILS | WARNING SIGNAL | HIGH WATER PORTSMOUTH  (BST) |
| Sunday  23rd Sept | Welcome, registration and yacht allocation | 17:00 | 0230 4.6m  1455 4.6m |
| Social: hot buffet at Port Hamble | 19:00 |
| Monday  24th Sept | Practice session |  | 0309 4.5m  1430 4.5m |
| Practice race | 15:00 |
| Skipper’s briefing | 17:00 |
| Social: curry at ISC | 19:00 |
| Tuesday  25th Sept | RACE 1 – Inshore race | 10:00 | 0345 4.3m  1603 4.3m |
| RACE 2 – Inshore race | ASAP after finish of Race 1 |
| RACE 3 – Inshore race | ASAP after finish of Race 2 |
| Wednesday  26th Sept | RACE 4 – Inshore race | 10:00 | 0423 4.1m  1642 4.1m |
| RACE 5 – Inshore race | ASAP after finish of Race 4 |
| RACE 6 – Inshore race | ASAP after finish of Race 5 |
| Thursday  27th Sept | RACE 7 – Inshore race | 10.00 | 0508 3.9m  1730 3.9m |
| RACE 8 – Inshore race | ASAP after finish of Race 7 |
| RACE 9 – Inshore race | ASAP after finish of Race 8 |
| Social: Prize-giving dinner at ISC | 19:30 |
| Friday  28th Sept | Passage back to Hamble |  | 0606 3.7m  1831 3.7m |