



Solent Owners
Association

SIRCOA and SCRA SOLENT REGION CHAMPIONSHIP 2018



IRC Solent Region and SCRA Cruiser Championships 2018 – Notice of Series

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The four participating clubs listed in paragraph 2 are the organising authorities for their respective events within the Championship 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
- 1.5. IRC Rating Office www.ircrating.org

2. HOST CLUBS

2.1 Saturday and Sunday 12th and 13th May

IRC and CC Event 1 - Royal Southern Yacht Club Regatta, incorporating the SIRCOA Solent Region Championship..

Racing in the central Solent. Saturday evening social.

The May Regatta on Sunday 13th, that day is also part of the IRC Solent Region Championship. Entry for the event is directly through the Royal Southern Y C.

Royal Southern Yacht Club, Rope Walk, Hamble, S031 4HB.

Email: sailing@royal-southern.co.uk

Website: www.royal-southern.co.uk

Telephone: 023 8045 0302.

2.2 Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th June 24th

IRC and CC Event 2 - Portsmouth Regatta

Racing in the Eastern Solent. Social event on Saturday evening.

Royal Naval Club and Royal Albert YC,

17 Pembroke Road, Portsmouth. PO1 2NT

Email: commodore@rnc-rayc.co.uk

Website: <http://www.portsmouthregatta.org>

Telephone: 07833 226999

2.3 Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd July

IRC and CC Event 3 - Taittinger Regatta - Royal Solent Yacht Club.

Racing in the Western Solent. Socials on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Taittinger Regatta continues on Sunday 22nd July, the day is also part of the IRC Solent Region Championship. Enter the event directly through the Royal Solent.

Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 ONS.

Email: office@royalsolent.org

Website: www.royalsolent.org

Telephone: 01983 760256.

2.4 Saturday 29th September

IRC and CC Event 4 – Nab Tower Race. Island Sailing Club

Racing around the Nab Tower

Entry through the Island Sailing Club.

Island Sailing Club, 70 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight,
PO31 7RE. Email: chris@islandsc.org.uk

Website: <http://www.islandsc.org.uk/iscinshore.aspx>

Telephone: 01983 296621.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES

- 3.1. The IRC Solent Region Championship is open to boats with a valid 2018 IRC certificate and an IRC TCC between 0.820 and 1.360.
- 3.2 The SCRA Cruiser Championship is open to boats that do not hold current IRC certificates.
- 3.3. The IRC fleets will be divided into 4 classes. Rating bands will be announced on the SIRCOA website prior to the first event in the series. Results may be extracted to award prizes to 4 classes depending on the number of entries in each group.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5. All boats taking part in the Championships shall comply with World Sailing 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 Championship.
- 3.6 There will be a Cruiser Class start at each event. The handicap system employed by the host Club will be used.
- 3.7. Each club running a day of racing for the IRC Solent Region Championship reserves the right to amalgamate starts as required.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries must be made on-line via each host Club's individual website, and the entry fees paid direct to the host Club. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the host club.

5. SCORING

- 5.1. Any eligible boat entering an IRC class, or Cruiser Class with one of the participating clubs for a Series day will automatically be entered into the respective Championship.
- 5.2. For the purposes of scoring for the Solent Region and Cruiser Class Championships RRS Appendix A will apply, modified as below.
- 5.3. The Championships will each consist of three weekend events and one Saturday event with seven days of racing and each day may comprise one or more races, except the ISC event.
- 5.4. Whilst individual race results may be discarded according to the NOR for each event the results from all four events will count toward the Overall Championships. (No event is discardable)
- 5.5. A boat entered in a Championship but which did not come to the starting area for any of the races in an event shall receive a score of 50 points for that event.
- 5.6 To calculate an overall ranking for the IRC Solent Region Championship and the SCRA Cruiser 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 paragraph 5.8.
- 5.7 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 the Championship scoring, SIRCOA will re-score the daily results in compliance with section 5.
- 6.3. SIRCOA will coordinate the Championship 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 Region Champion and SCRA Cruiser 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 Championship.
- 6.7. The IRC Solent Region, and Cruiser Class Championships Prize giving will be held at the Island Sailing Club on 28th October at 1600.

7. 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 to race 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extreme 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; and
- g) Their boat is adequately insured, with at least £2Million for each incident, against third party claims.

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Series.

Note to competitors

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

