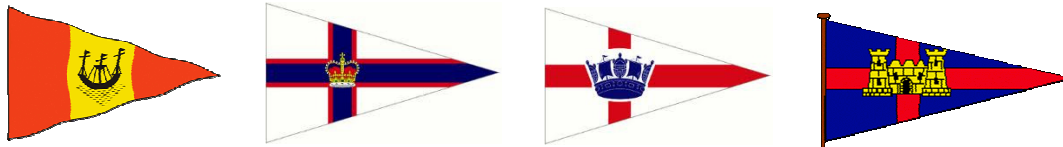


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1 Organisation and Governance

- 1.1 The Yacht Clubs of Weymouth (YCW) is the Organising Authority (OA) with the Regatta based at Weymouth Sailing Club.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013/16. In the case of conflict the Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall prevail, [alters rule 63.7].
- 1.3 The Bye Laws of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and those of Portland Harbour Authority shall also apply.
- 1.4 YCW has adopted the RYA Racing Charter as defined in the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing booklet 2013/16.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to any member of an RYA affiliated Club.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at www.weymouthregatta.co.uk and paying the required fee by Friday 9th August 2013. Entries after this date will be deemed as late entries.
- 3.3 Late entries, together with the required fee, will be accepted up to and including Friday 16th August 2013 at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.4 A signed parent/guardian declaration form (available on the website) is required for any crew under the age of 18 on the 13th August

4 Classes

- 4.1 The division of classes and handicap range is as follows:

Class	Handicap range
IRC 1	TCC 0.990 & above
IRC 2	TCC 0.940 – 0.989
IRC 3	TCC 0.939 & below
PY 1	YCW PYN 1020 & below
PY 2	YCW PYN 1021 & above
PY 3 Non-Spinnaker	YCW PYN
National Squib	One Design
National Impala	One Design

- 4.2 The PY 3 Non-Spinnaker class is for boats racing without any form of spinnaker or loose-luffed foresail; it is intended for boats set up for cruising rather than racing and is not intended for boats who normally race fully crewed or boats choosing not to use a spinnaker due to prevailing conditions.

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- 4.3 IRC Classes: Each boat shall provide its certificate number on the online entry form.
- PY Classes: Current YCW handicaps will be used for the PY classes and the Non Spinnaker Class. Any competitors whose boat does not have a current YCW number are required to submit full details of the boat with the entry no later than 48 hours before the first race to enable the OA to allocate a handicap.
- 4.4 Amendments to classes: The OA reserves the right to combine classes, create new classes, or change the handicap range of a class. Appropriate changes will be made to the Sailing Instructions in such circumstances. A boat may be placed in a different class to that entered. If combined with PY1 or PY2, PY 3 boats' handicaps may be adjusted if deemed appropriate by the OA. Competitors will be notified accordingly.

5 Fees

- 5.1 The entry fees are as follows:-

Class	Per Day	Complete Regatta
All boats except Squibs and Impala	£25 (£30 late entry)	5 days - £60 (£90 late entry)
National Squib	£20 (£25 late entry)	5 days - £55 (£80 late entry)
National Impala	£30 (£35 Late entry)	3 days - £125 (£160 late entry) Includes crantage and moorings for Friday and Saturday nights

6 Schedule

- 6.1 The earliest time for the first warning signal is 18:40 hrs on Wednesday and Thursday evening, 11:55 hrs on Friday and 10:25 hrs Saturday and Sunday. The National Impalas earliest time for the first warning signal will be 09:55 on Saturday and Sunday.

Class	Wed 14 th August	Thur 15 th August	Fri 16 th August	Sat 17 th August	Sun 18 th August
All IRC classes	1 evening race	1 evening race	1 race	Up to 2 races	1 race
PY 1 & PY 2	1 evening race	1 evening race	1 race	Up to 2 races	1 race
PY 3 Non-Spinnaker	1 evening race	1 evening race	1 race	Up to 2 races	1 race
National Squib	1 evening race	1 evening race	1 race	Up to 2 races	Up to 2 races
National Impala			1 race	Up to 3 races	Up to 2 races

- 6.2 When two or more races are held there may be a short break between races, depending on weather conditions and time constraints. There will not normally be time for boats to return to shore.

7 Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be sent by email to each competitor. Late entrants may collect them from the entry point at Weymouth Sailing Club.

8 Race Areas and Courses

- 8.1 All Classes will be set courses predominately in Weymouth Bay
- 8.2 Except for the Squib class, all courses will be signaled using VHF Radio channel to be determined.

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9 Safety Standards. Mandatory & recommended equipment

9.1 Mandatory and recommended equipment

Class	Mandatory standard	Strongly recommended
IRC and PY Classes	ISAF Category 5. The following items shall be carried in addition to Cat 5 Part B: 2 red flares, 2 orange smoke, marine VHF radio, fog horn and a chart of Weymouth Bay.	ISAF Category 4
National Squib	Relevant class safety requirements plus a compass and chartlet of Weymouth Bay.	One red flare, one orange smoke, VHF radio and foghorn
National Impala & Sportsboats	Relevant class safety requirements plus a compass, VHF radio and chartlet of Weymouth Bay	One red flare, one orange smoke, & foghorn

9.2 All boats shall carry an adequate personal flotation device for each member of the crew. For competitors under 18 these shall be worn at all times whilst afloat.

9.3 Boats, equipment and sails may be subject to measurement and safety equipment checks at any time during the Regatta at the discretion of the OA.

9.4 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically 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.

9.5 Inspections

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Sailing Instructions.



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10 Trophies and Prizes

- 10.1 Daily prizes will be awarded at the social event after racing is finished each day.
- 10.2 Overall prizes and/or trophies will be awarded to each class. Additional prizes may be awarded on a daily basis.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A will apply. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 Haul-out Restrictions

- 12.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the OA.

13 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

- 13.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

14 Radio Communication

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, or following an OA request, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 Disclaimer of Liability

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS 4 (Decision to Race). The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta.

16 Insurance

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or equivalent.

17 Honorary Membership

- 17.1 Honorary Membership is extended to all competitors by the Royal Dorset Yacht Club, Weymouth Sailing Club, Castle Cove Sailing Club and the Royal Naval Sailing Association (Portland Branch) during the Regatta.

18 Further Information

Email info@weymouthregatta.co.uk or visit www.weymouthregatta.co.uk

Castle Cove Sailing Club	01305 783708
Royal Dorset Yacht Club	01305 786258
Weymouth Sailing Club	01305 785481

Weymouth Harbour Master	01305 838423
Weymouth Marina	01305 767576 / Ch 80
Portland Marina	08454 302012 / Ch 80

