



**SPECIAL NOTICE of RACE  
August/September 2020**

**1. STATEMENT OF RISK**

**This Notice of Race should be read in conjunction with the standard NoR published on the JOG website.**

All racing will be held in compliance with the guidelines set out by Public Health England and the RYA and may be subject to, last minute, change. COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the COVID procedures.

The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).

Please open and read the contents of the latest RYA document.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/RYA%20Sailing%20%26%20Racing%20in%20Mixed%20Households.pdf>

**2. Self-sufficiency**

You must carry all equipment to be self-sufficient as required. The means of hand washing and sanitising on board should be adequate for everyone. Life jackets shall be worn at all times, including pre and post race, from leaving until returning to dock to reduce personal risk and the risk of emergency call out.

JOG will be designating one boat from each class to act as a safety boat such that, in the event of a non life threatening emergency, there will be a JOG boat available to reduce the risk of engaging the emergency services where this is prudent.

**3. RATING BANDS and ENTRY**

Boats may race with:

A: Crews as permitted under current JOG prescriptions, currently 2/3rds of IRC certificate crew numbers, rounded down where applicable, or a maximum of 6, whichever is the least. These are **maximum** numbers and it is the obligation of each skipper to assess the risks of mixed household crews and apply such measures as may best suit individual circumstances.

B: Double handed crews

Competitors in either group above may elect to use the normal IRC rating or the “non spinnaker” rating on their certificate. This privilege will be available until 09:00 on the day of each race and may be different each day.

**Your initial choice of spinnaker/non-spinnaker rating must be selected** at the point of entering the race so that the appropriate rating can be extracted from your certificate. The automated system has been updated to allow subsequent change.

**As a result of your selection, the automated rating and your class may change. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check their start time on the JOG website immediately prior to starting.**

It is intended to utilise 3 class bands, as published in the principal JOG NoR, but actual banding may also be adjusted and published by 17.00 hrs on the day prior to each start, if this is required to balance the numbers and maintain safety.

#### **4. PRIZES & PRIZEGIVING**

These “special” races will not count for JOG points and will not be part of a series. There will be no trophies or annual awards but voucher prizes will be awarded which can be used for purchases from the JOG Shop or used towards race entry fee payments. Awards to 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each class start as well as to 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> placed, double handed entries, overall will be made.

#### **5. ENTRY FEES**

All member entrants will be required to pay an on-line entry fee of £25, irrespective of handicap or class of entry at the point of entering the race. Non-members will be required to pay £50

#### **6. LATE ENTRY**

All entries must be made by 17.00 hrs on the Wednesday preceding the race date. No late entries will be entertained for safety and handicapping reasons after this time.

#### **7. WEATHER**

With due regard to the potential involvement of emergency services, at

the Race Officer's discretion, racing may be cancelled if forecast winds are above 25 knots.

**8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.**

In the event of any discrepancy, the SI's will prevail.

**9. GENERAL WARNINGS**

Bearing in mind the unusual circumstances, entrants are requested to be especially considerate of other competitors and be mindful of the public perception of sporting activity and the practical safety issues arising from the Covid 19 pandemic.

Competitors are advised to use personal travel in arriving and departing from their boat wherever possible.

Any person exhibiting symptoms of Covid 19, or who suspects that they may be at high risk of infection, through contact or particular vulnerability are specifically requested not to sail.