



SPECIAL NOTICE of RACE

**The Home Ports Regatta
Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August 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. Crews may enter as members of one household and one other person, as a double handed entry or as a family group plus a second family group, in any case with a maximum of 4 people on board. "Social distancing" guidelines of 2m shall be observed at all times. Closer contact of 1m "with mitigations" is considered to be unrealistic whilst racing and a cautious approach is to be adopted.

2. Self-sufficiency

You must carry all necessary 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 at least 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 in either:

- A: Family group crews (plus 1)
- B: Double handed crews

Competitors may elect to use a 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 prior to starting as this may alter.

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 “bottle” prizes will be awarded at the next formal (permitted) gathering of members. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each class start as well as to 1st/2nd/3rd placed, double handed entries, overall.

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. In accordance with the principal Notice of race, late entry fees will be payable.

6. LATE ENTRY

All entries must be received at least 8 days before the race start. After this time, late entry fees of an additional 25% will be charged. The absolute cut off time will be 17.00 hrs on the Wednesday preceding the race dates. 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 or the courses altered 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.

10. Standard Notice of Race, Section 4. Advertising

The NoR is changed for these races as follows:

Yachts shall comply with World Sailing, "Advertising Not Permitted", Regulations save that, as a special exception for the "not for points" races, School boats may race carrying advertising on their hull or sails as long as only their own enterprise is advertised and no other.

In all cases, they shall apply for this dispensation from the JOG Secretary in a timely manner before racing.