

Royal Temple Yacht Club
Round The Goodwins Race
Sunday 26th July 2015
Ramsgate Week Regatta
Monday 27th Friday 31st July
2015



Notice of Race



**The organising authority for each day of racing will be
The Royal Temple Yacht Club**

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Notice of Race for IRC classes, Cruiser Handicap classes

Version 1.3

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 IRC Classes shall comply with IRC Rules 2015 Parts A, B and C, but excluding IRC rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4, and also comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations covering minimum equipment and accommodation Standards Category 4 (monohull) plus a means of propulsion other than the boat's sails and VHF Radio.
- 1.3 With the permission of the IRC Rating Authority Rule 8.2 is modified to include GBR boats holding Single Event Rating.
- 1.4 Cruiser Classes shall comply with Royal Temple Yacht Club minimum safety equipment rules, attached as Appendix to Notice of Race.
- 1.5 A mediation procedure for resolution of an alleged infringement of a rule of Part 2 will be available. Details will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Rights to use names and likenesses
Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.
- 2.2 Sponsor's Logos
If competitors are issued with material by the Organising Authority bearing a sponsor's logo or advertising they shall display such material as instructed.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats over 18ft in length divided into the following handicap classes:-
 - 3.1.1 Boats with a current IRC Certificate, or Single Event Rating (excluding boats with a Dayboat endorsement) and with a minimum SSS of 10.
There will be three IRC classes and the "Rating Bands" for all IRC Classes will be notified to each competitor by an amendment to the Sailing Instructions and will be displayed on the Club's website prior to the first race. One Design and ½ Ton Class with 3 or more entries will have results extracted from their relevant IRC class to form a one design class.
 - 3.1.2 **Class 4 Two Handed IRC Class. This class is scheduled for Round the Goodwins Race on Sunday 20th July. IRC Short Handed certificates will be accepted for this class. The provision of clause 3.1.1 will apply as appropriate.**
 - 3.1.3 **Class 5 Unrestricted cruiser class with spinnakers.** You can enter in the slightly more relaxed RTYC Cruiser division where a simple rating will be allocated to your boat by the Royal Temple Yacht Club. Note that for this option you will need to provide us with measurement details for your boat which may be downloaded at www.ramsgateweek.com .

If you have or had another handicap issued then please attach a copy, as all the information we need may be obtained from it.

Handicaps may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of this class. There may also be 2 divisions of this class subject to number of entries.

- 3.1.4 **Class 6 Fast cruiser class without spinnakers.** This is intended for the less serious racer with non-high tech sails and the use of spinnakers is prohibited. Boats competing in this Class may sail a longer course than Class 7 and will be issued an RTYC Handicap TCF figure by the Royal Temple Yacht Club.

Note that for this option you will need to provide us with measurement details for your boat which may be downloaded at www.ramsgateweek.com .

Handicaps may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of this class.

- 3.1.5 **Class 7 Slow cruiser class without spinnakers.** This is intended for the less serious racer with non-high tech sails and the use of spinnakers is prohibited. Boats competing in this Class may sail a shorter course than Classes 5 & 6 and will be issued an RTYC Handicap TCF figure by the Royal Temple Yacht Club.

Note that for this option you will need to provide us with measurement details for your boat which may be downloaded at www.ramsgateweek.com .

Handicaps may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of this class.

- 3.1.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing the official entry form available from either the address shown on the last page of the Notice of Race, or from the event website www.ramsgateweek.com and entry fees can be paid by credit or debit card directly with the RTYC Regatta office. Competitors entering via the on line form on the event web site will also be required to sign an entry form at the registration office.

- 3.1.7 **Entry Fees will be as follows:-**

Sunday – Round the Goodwins	£ 35.00
Monday – Friday per day	£ 45.00
Monday to Friday	£160.00
Sunday – Friday all races	£185.00

An “Early bird” discount of £25.00 on full week entry fee of £185.00 will be available for entrants paid in full prior to 31st May 2014.

- 3.4 Entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee as set out above.
- 3.5 The Race Committee may, at their discretion, allocate divisions of any class according to the handicap rating.
- 3.6 Additional classes may be added by the Race Committee at their discretion.
- 3.7 Starts may have to be shared with other classes.



4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration will take place at the Harbour Office on the quayside next to the entrance to the western marina from 1200 hours on Saturday 25th July. All boats must register prior to competing in their first race. Registration office will open daily from Sunday to Friday at 08.00 for registration and competitor information purposes.
- 4.2 Racing is scheduled as follows:-

Date	Classes	First Warning Signal	Races
Sunday 26 July	IRC 1, 2, 3 & 4 Cruisers 5 & 6	1000 0950	Round the Goodwins
Monday 27 July	IRC 1, 2 & 3 Cruisers 5, 6 & 7	1055 1055	Regatta Series 1
Tuesday 28 July	IRC 1, 2 & 3 Cruisers 5, 6 & 7	1055 1055	Regatta Series 2
Wednesday 29 July	IRC 1, 2 & 3 Cruisers 5, 6 & 7	1055 1055	Regatta Series 3
Thursday 30 July	IRC 1, 2 & 3 Cruisers 5, 6 & 7	1055 1055	Regatta Series 4 & 5 QEII Cup Regatta Series 4
Friday 31 July	IRC 1, 2 & 3 Cruisers 5, 6 & 7	0955 1055	Regatta Series 6 Gold Cup Regatta Series 5

Note: On Friday 31 July Classes 5 and 6 may be scheduled to sail the same course as IRC Classes. (Warning Signal on Friday at 0950).

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 The Race Committee may inspect any boat or her equipment, sails and rating certificate before, during or after the races.
- 5.2 One design classes shall comply with their own class rules, except for crew/weight limitations.
- 5.3 No rating changes will be accepted following registration, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.
- 5.4 Class identification flags must be flown on the backstay of each boat whilst racing.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the official web site www.ramsgateweek.com and in hard copy at registration. A list of current entries may also be available on the web site.

7. COURSES

Each race will start from a Committee Boat or the RTYC Club starting line and will be sailed around buoys in the English Channel waters between East Margate and South Foreland.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 8.2 Series will be scored as follows:

Round the Goodwins – Class and overall scores.
IRC Regatta Series – 6 races Monday to Friday
IRC International Regatta Series – 4 races Wednesday to Friday
Cruiser Series – 5 Races Monday to Friday
Classes will be scored separately for each series.

8.3 Discards will be as follows:-

When fewer than 4 races have been completed in a series a boat's score will be the total of her races scores.

When 4 to 7 races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.4 All Times will be corrected to the nearest second to determine finishing place and with .5 seconds rounded up.

9. BERTHING

9.1 It is intended that all competitor's yachts will berth on pontoons in the all-tide marina adjacent to the Harbour Western Arm as directed by the Dockmaster. If the Berthing Master is not present, please call on VHF Channel 80. Berths for yachts racing only part of the week may be available in the inner Harbour Marina.

9.2 Lifting of boats will be organised through the Harbour Authority. Berthing charges must be paid directly to the Harbour Authority on arrival in Ramsgate. Competitors who have entered for the full week will be entitled to a 30% reduction in berthing charges. Berthing charges are payable directly to the Harbour not RTYC.

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10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

10.2 The following VHF channels will be used by the regatta:-

Port Control	Channel 14
Dock Office	Channel 14
Berthing Officer	Channel 80
Temple Race Hut	Channel 72 (Club Start Line)
Offshore One	Channel 77 (Committee Boat)

11. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

11.1 Class Prizes will be awarded for all races.

11.2 Trophies will be awarded as follows:-

Round the Goodwins Race overall winner – Noot Cup.

Overall winner of the QE11 Cup (Classes 1, 2 & 3 on Thursday 30th August)

Overall winner of the Gold Cup (on Friday 31st August)

Class winners of all Classes in the Noot Cup, QE11 Cup & Gold Cup

Class winners of the IRC International Regatta series in Classes 1, 2 & 3

Class winners of the Ramsgate Week IRC Series in Classes 1, 2 & 3

Class winners of Class 5, 6 & 7 in Ramsgate Week Series and there will be Trophy races on various days throughout the week.

11.3 Prize Giving will take place as follows: - Times to be advised nearer the event

Sunday 26th July 2015 : Round the Goodwins.

Thursday 30th July 2015 : Race winners for all classes from Monday to Thursday.

Friday 31st July 2015 at 18.00hrs approx. The Ramsgate Week trophies will be awarded. .

12. Risk and Responsibility Statement

- 12.1 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.”
- 12.2 Royal Temple Yacht Club accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to skipper or crew or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.
- 12.3 The skipper and crew shall be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat’s crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the person in charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.
- 12.4 The race committee shall make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.
- 12.5 No boat shall be accepted as an entry unless the skipper of the boat has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in the entry form.
- 12.6 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:
 - 12.6.1 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;
 - 12.6.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 12.6.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 12.6.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
 - 12.6.5 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;
 - 12.6.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - 12.6.7 Vessels setting to sea for offshore and coastal races 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 safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- 12.7 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 Race.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with sufficient insurance cover to meet all or any claims and with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 (GBP) in respect of third party claims.

14. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- 14.1 Admiralty Charts – 1828, 1607 or 1183 (South Thames Estuary or Thames Estuary). 1827 may also be useful (Approaches to Ramsgate), but it is not essential. Laminated Check Charts may be included in the race pack issued at registration. A waypoint list will be available in the race pack and displayed on the clubs website prior to the first race.
- 14.2 The approach to Ramsgate for commercial traffic is from the east via a well-marked deep-water channel. This is used by large ferries and fast craft, and small craft are advised to keep well clear of such vessels and to proceed via the recommended yacht track to the South of the buoyed channel when approaching or leaving Ramsgate. All yachts should maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14.
- 14.3 A small craft holding area is in operation to the north of No. 3 buoy and to the south of the southern breakwater. Outer Harbour – Yachts must motor directly through the turning circle area when entering and leaving the Harbour.

14.4 The gate to the inner marina is open for approximately two hours either side of high water. By day a red and yellow flag and by night a single green light is displayed above the Dock Office to indicate that the dock gate is open.

15. ACCOMMODATION IN RAMSGATE WEEK

Similar to all larger regattas there is a limit to the amount of hotel and B&B accommodation that the town of Ramsgate can provide. Competitors and their families are advised to book early using the guide on the web site www.ramsgateweek.com. Assistance with accommodation is available via Judy Pearson contactable via email judy.pearson2@btinternet.com

16. BARS AND CATERING

Afternoon après sail and entertainment every evening within the Clubhouse. Ramsgate town is now full of restaurants catering for all tastes; this also includes five excellent restaurants underneath the club house.

The RTYC clubhouse offers a restaurant service at very reasonable prices for breakfast and each evening. The Clubhouse bars are open until 01.00 every morning.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Class racing for the following classes:



APPENDIX 1

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

Minimum Safety Equipment Rules for Cruisers

1. **Buoyancy**
Boats shall either be self-righting from 60 degrees or have enough reserve buoyancy to support the boat and crew for at least 30 minutes following a capsized. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.
2. **Flares**
Boats shall carry, in a waterproof pack, at least two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares.
3. **Fire Extinguisher**
Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.
4. **Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard**
 - 4.1 Boats **without** lifelines or with lifelines which do not meet ISAF Offshore Special regulations Category 4 shall have personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40. Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crew members at all times whilst racing.
 - 4.2 Boats **with** lifelines which meet ISAF Offshore Special regulations Category 4 shall carry personal buoyancy or lifejackets for each crew member. Boats shall also carry a rescue quoit or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line and at least one lifebuoy or life sling.
5. **First Aid**
Boats shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
6. **Anchor**
Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.
7. **Compass**
Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld is acceptable.
8. **Equipment**
All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.
9. **Propulsion**
A means of propulsion, other than the boat's sails, is to be provided.
10. **Communication**
Fixed or handheld VHF must be carried at all times capable of transmitting and receiving Channels 16, 14, 72, 77.

