

MAY ISLAND RACE (FIG - Div 1)

30th MAY 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association will apply.

1.3 The following racing rules will be changed;

Part 4 Preamble; Flag Y may be displayed from the shore based mast in which case wearing life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy will be required at all times afloat.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.

1.4 HANDICAPS;

Keelboats: As per the Forth Yacht Clubs Association Handicap List. Any boat without a FYCA Handicap will be allocated a temporary handicap by the Race Committee.

Boats entering under a "Restricted Sail (white sail)" classification must conform with the FIG rules set out below. This amends RFYC Sailing Instructions - White Sail Allowance rules.

FIG Restricted Sail Rules:

1. For FYCA FIG races, a yacht may request to use a Restricted set of Sails (RS - defined as no spinnaker or cruising chute, and no additional headsails than used to windward to be set at any time). This provision is intended for yachts not equipped with a spinnaker, and for crews considered by the Race Committee to be 'less experienced', 'less capable' or 'short handed', the latter defined as less than 60% of the yacht's full crew. The RS provision will not be granted if, due to the course or weather conditions, no yachts are able to fly spinnakers.

2. To request the RS provision, a yacht must contact the Race Committee on VHF channel 37, justifying the request, on the race day at least 15 minutes before its class warning signal is displayed. To be valid, the Race Committee must have confirmed their agreement before its class warning signal. It is at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee whether to accept an RS request or not on any particular day.

3. A yacht permitted to use the RS provision shall display a white pennant or flag on the backstay or other prominent position, from its class warning signal until it finishes.

4. A yacht permitted to use the RS provision shall receive a +4% handicap adjustment. All results, both in full and RS configuration, shall be considered in calculating overall FIG series positions.

1.5 SAFETY REGULATIONS;

All boats must comply with FYCA Safety Regulations Category 4.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising may be displayed in accordance with ISAF Code 20.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all yachts irrespective of their participation in the FYCA FIG Series.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it to the Sailing Secretary, Royal Forth Yacht Club, Middle Pier, Granton Harbour, Granton, Edinburgh, EH5 1HF.

3.3 Non-Granton based yachts are offered pontoon berthing at club rates. Dredging undedrtaken last winter will provide about 1.7m at LW.

4 FEES

There is no entry fee for the race.

5 SCHEDULE of RACE

5.1 Date – Saturday 30th May 2015

Race, warning signal 09:55 hours.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions are available on the RFYC website: www.rfyc.org

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7 RACING AREA

7.1 Admiralty Chart Ref 734, 735 and Imray Chart Ref C27 cover the race area.

8 THE COURSE

Start off Granton, May Island to port and finishing at Anstruther.

9 PRIZE

The winner on handicap will be awarded the RFYC Beacon Trophy.

10 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:

**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;
They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;**

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

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;

The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

11 INSURANCE

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

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact;

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ENTRY FORM

YACHT NAME / SAIL NUMBER	
HULL COLOUR	
FYCA HANDICAP	
WHITE SAIL HCP REQUIRED	Tick Box <input type="checkbox"/>
OWNER'S NAME	
ADDRESS inclu POSTCODE:	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
YACHT CLUB	

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular I have read Sections 1, 10 and 11 of the Notice of Race and confirm that I agree to its provisions and that my boat will conform to its requirements throughout the event.

Cheques should be made payable to RFYC.

Signed: _____

Date: _____