



## Pre-Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

### 1. RULES

- a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*
- b. The National Authority (RYA) prescriptions will apply.
- c. Competitors shall note that the RORC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found on the RYA website.
- d. IRC rules 2025 parts A, B and C shall apply.
- e. IRC Rule 22.4.2 Crew Number/Weight is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate except that; when the crew consists of either - at least two (2) females, at least two (2) 25 years old or under or at least one (1) female and one (1) 25 years old or under then the crew limit is certificate number plus one (1). There is no weight limit."
- f. For the Inshore Races: World Sailing Inshore Regulations; Appendix B inshore racing will apply.
- g. For the Inshore Races: For the purposes of IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days, yet the sails carried on board need not remain the same for the duration of the event, but sails need to remain the same for each day. For the purpose of this rule the day begins when the boat leaves the harbour for the first time each day and ends when the boat returns to the harbour after racing.
- h. For the Offshore Races: World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 2 with RORC prescriptions will apply.
- i. For the Rolex Fastnet Race: World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 Applies. The RRS definition of "Start" is changed as follows: Start: A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the prestart side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either; (a) at or after her starting signal, or (b) during the last 60 seconds before her starting signal. When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and the starting penalty shall be 120 minutes added to her elapsed time. RRS 29.1 does not apply.
- j. Appendix WP of The Rules of Sailing.
- k. RRS 28.2 is amended to include: (d) pass between the marks or waypoints of a gate, pass or cross a line of latitude or longitude, as described in the course, from the direction of the previous mark.
- l. The event Notice of Race (issued July 2024)
- m. An International Jury will be appointed. Decisions made by the International Jury will not be subject to appeal under RRS 70.5

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the [www.sailracehq.com](http://www.sailracehq.com) entry portal before Tuesday 5th July 2025.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- Teams of two boats may enter representing a club or country.
- There will be no limitation on professional crew or crew nationality.
- There will be two classes with teams having one boat in each class.
- The classes are defined in the table below;

IRC CLASS	Min. TCC	Max. TCC	Min. LH (m)	Max. LH (m)
Admiral's Cup 1	1.335	1.464	13.41	17.20
Admiral's Cup 2	1.176	1.276	11.00	13.40

## 4. ENTRY FEES

- The entry fees will be detailed in the Notice of Race.
- Should the organising authority reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded, less a 10% administration charge.
- The Organising Authority may cancel the event and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

## 5. RATING CERTIFICATES

- Boats shall have an endorsed IRC certificate issued by an IRC Rating Authority no less than 14 days prior to the event.

## 6. REGISTRATION and MEASUREMENT

- Boats will be inspected, and sails measured prior to the event.
- The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

## 7. ADVERTISING

- [DP] Advertising is permitted in accordance with the Class Rule and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## 8. INTENDED SCHEDULE

Thursday 17 July	Registration   Measurement
Friday 18 July	Registration   Measurement
Saturday 19 July	Inshore Races 3 x W/L
Sunday 20 July	Inshore Races 1 x W/I 1 x Round The Cans (RTC)
Monday 21 July	Inshore Races 1 x W/L 1 x RTC
Tuesday 22 July	Spare Day
Wednesday 23 July	Short Offshore Race
Thursday 24 July	Short Offshore Race continues   Admiral's Cup Dinner
Friday 25 July	Lay Day
Saturday 26 July	Rolex Fastnet Race
Friday 01 August	Prizegiving

## 9. RACE AREA AND COURSES

The Race Area and courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions

## 10. SCORING

The low point system of Appendix A will apply, including the following changes.

Three races (including one offshore race) are required to constitute a series.  
There will be one discard for the inshore races, if five or more races are completed.  
The offshore races will be non – discardable.  
The short offshore will have a weighting of 1.3.  
The Rolex Fastnet Race will have a weighting of 2.

**11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

[DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. All boats shall be in the water from 18:00 BST on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 until the completion of the last race of the event, unless directed by the Race Committee for weighing/measurement purposes.

**12. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

[DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats whilst they are in the water.

**13. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & 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.

**14. PRIVACY STATEMENT**

The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis of processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

**15. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured, against all third-party claims.

**16. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 3 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 if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

**17. PRIZE GIVING AND TROPHIES**

- a. Prizes be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- b. It is anticipated that there will be prizes for fully amateur crews and boats helmed by their owner.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

All Competitors will be welcome at the RORC Cowes clubhouse during the event. A full social list will be issued with the NOR including crew parties and owners' dinner. For details of accommodation and dining facilities please contact the RORC clubhouse. Telephone: +44 1983 293581 Email: [eventsCowes@rorc.org](mailto:eventsCowes@rorc.org)

Additional social arrangement details will be communicated and published to competitors using the event WhatsApp group or event noticeboard.

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