



NOTICE OF RACE

Cowes, Isle of Wight Saturday 23rd – 30th July 2016

(all times are in local time)

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club with the support of the Royal Yacht Squadron www.commodorescup.rorc.org

"The intensity of an event of this duration, with so many races and such a variety of races without a discard - it is full on, just what you want to sail. It is the highlight of our programme every two years."

Anthony O'Leary, Antix, Team Ireland





INTRODUCTION

The Brewin Dolphin Commodores' Cup 2016 is an international regatta for national teams racing under the IRC (Endorsed) rating rule (but not under team racing rules). The event will be held between Saturday 23 and Saturday 30 July 2016 at Cowes, Isle of Wight. The event is held within UK waters biennially.

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"The regatta is superb - the level is second to none. You can see why it is billed as the 'premier amateur yacht racing regatta'. Everyone has performed exceptionally; it has just been fantastic fun and a nice atmosphere as well."

Jamie McGarry, Eala of Rhu, Team Scotland





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1.1 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Date (2016) - all times in BST				
Monday 20 June	Challenges shall be lodged by the National Authority on the official form, see NoR 1.4.1 Challenges.			
Thursday 30 June	Race entry shall be completed, see NoR 1.4.2 Entry			
	A Provisional Crewlist shall be submitted to the RORC, see NoR 1.7.1 Provisional Crewlists.			
Thursday 14 July	Final Crewlist in respect of each boat shall be provided no later than 1700 hrs, see NoR 1.7.2 Final Crewlist.			
	Rating Deadline: Valid IRC Endorsed certificates shall be lodged with the RORC, see NoR 1.6.1.2 Rating Deadline.			
Friday 22 July	Early Registration opens at 1200. Cowes Yacht Haven opens for competitor berthing.			
Saturday 23 July	Registration - all boats must be in Cowes Yacht Haven from 0900. Briefing for skippers and navigators. Opening Party, RORC Clubhouse, Cowes.			
Sunday 24 July – Saturday 30 July	Racing will consist of 10 Solent Inshore Races, a Long Offshore Race and a Race Around the Isle of Wight.			
Saturday 26 July	Prizegiving, RORC Clubhouse, Cowes.			

Note: full details of the race and social programmes will be available before the regatta.

Denotes significant change from 2014 Brewin Dolphin Commodores' Cup

1.2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.2.1 English Law

This Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by the acceptance of a boat's entry in any race or event governed by this Notice of Race, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Any dispute which cannot be resolved under Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

1.2.2 Racing Rules of Sailing

The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). RRS Appendix D, Team Racing Rules will not apply. (http://www.sailing.org/documents/racing-rules.php)

1.2.3 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

Some changes to RRS are listed in this Notice of Race. Further changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.2.4 IRC Rules Parts A, B, and C shall apply

For the purposes of the IRC Rules the regatta is run on consecutive days.

Replacement sails may be permitted during the regatta in exceptional circumstances with the permission of the Race Committee. A replacement sail will only be permitted if it is of similar cloth weight, area and design.

1.2.5 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)

The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations and RORC Prescriptions.

When details of Special Regulations cannot be met the Committee may accept an alternative.

1.2.6 International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea

The rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between the times of local sunset and sunrise, except when changed in Sailing Instructions, and shall be replaced with the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea).

1.2.7 Pollution

RRS 55 is deleted. However competitors are reminded that the dumping of rubbish at sea is prohibited by law. Attention is drawn to the ISAF Code of Environmentally Friendly Behaviour (http://www.sailing.org/about/environment/index.php)

1.2.8 Notice of Race

This Notice of Race and any amendments to the Notice of Race.

1.2.9 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued to boats that have met all of the entry requirements.

NOTE: Succeeding items in the above list shall take precedence.

1.3 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

1.4 CHALLENGES AND ENTRY

1.4.1 Challenges

Challenges (which need not identify the boats) shall be lodged by the National Authority on the official form (available from RORC).

RORC shall have the discretion to accept a Challenge or Challenges from two or three National Authorities in combination, with the intention that any such team is representative of an identifiable region (e.g. Scandinavia) and each boat in any such team shall be required to meet the requirements of Nationality by reference to one of the nations comprising the team.

Challenges shall be made on or before Monday 20th June 2016. Late Challenges may be accepted at the discretion of the RORC.

Each National Authority or combination of National Authorities may enter up to four teams.

1.4.2 Entry

Race entry shall be completed, which includes payment and the lodging of a provisional crewlist, with the RORC by 1200 on Thursday 23rd June 2016.

Entrants shall complete the contact and boat details sections of the RORC online entry system REMUS, if not already registered. Please note the RORC will enter the boats into the event itself. Once notified that they are entered, entrants should log in to REMUS and pay the entry fee promptly. The entry fee includes berthing in Cowes Yacht Haven.

1.4.3 Entry Fees

1.4.3.1 Entry fee per Team (3 boats)

The entry fee is £3,000.00 per Team. Unless otherwise instructed, the RORC will split this fee equally amongst the 3 boats that form the team.

1.4.3.2 Transfer of entry fees

In the event that a boat is being substituted, the entry fee will be transferred to the new boat.

1.4.3.3 Cancellations

Cancellations made on or before 14th July will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the entry fee. For cancellations after 14th July the entry fee cannot be refunded.

1.5 RESPONSIBILITY

1.5.1 The Person in Charge

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge

is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...."

1.5.2 The RORC

The RORC, its sponsors, and other organising clubs accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

1.5.3 Misconduct

The Person in Charge and crew will 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.

1.5.4 Starting and Continuing to Race

The Race Committee will 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 RRS Fundamental Rule 4 and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

1.5.5 Safety and Life Saving Equipment

Crew members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions."

See also Special Regulation 5.02.

1.6 ELIGIBILITY

1.6.1 Boat Eligibility

1.6.1.1 Rating: Boats with IRC ENDORSED rating of between 1.000 and 1.230

Teams shall be formed of 3 boats with IRC Endorsed certificates. One boat in each team shall have a TCC between 1.000 and 1.049 and a maximum of one boat in each team may have a TCC between 1.150 and 1.230 inclusive.

Boats rated under IRC for the use of moveable and/or variable ballast, for the purposes of increased stability, are not eligible.

1.6.1.2 Rating Deadline

Valid IRC Endorsed certificates shall be lodged with the RORC by

Thursday 14th July 2016. After this date changes will only be permitted with the express permission of the RORC Technical Director.

1.6.1.3 OSR Stability and Safety Indices

In accordance with OSR 3.04.3 the RORC uses minimum stability/ buoyancy indices. Either SSS or STIX and AVS indices are used depending on the series date of the boat and the category of the race.

Boats with series date of 2000 and later will be categorised under STIX only.

Boats with series date before 2000 may be categorised under either STIX or SSS.

Minimum Permitted Values

OSR Category	Category 3		
STIX minimum	23		
AVS minimum	130-0.005*m		
SSS minimum	15		
* Where m is the boat's Minimum Sailing Weight			

More information about Safety and Stability Indices can be found at http://www.ircrating.org/

1.6.1.4 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) and RORC Prescriptions

The event is Category 3 with Category 2 Liferaft and RORC Prescriptions. Liferafts shall be carried for all races.

Notes: Liferaft(s) shall be stowed in accordance with OSR 4.20.3 iv, except that the date shall be the series date; ie. Not below decks on boats with a series date of June 2001 and later.

1.6.1.5 OSR Compliance

Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge of the boat. However the RORC will endeavour to help Competitors to understand the OSR.

The Person in Charge shall, before registration for the regatta, complete an OSR Checklist (available on the REMUS Documents Page).

The complete 2016 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations with RORC Prescriptions are available to download from the RORC website – www.rorc.org when available.

1.6.2 Crew Eligibility

1.6.2.1 Crew Numbers

1.6.2.1.1 Maximum Crew Numbers

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. There is no weight limit."

1.6.2.1.2 Minimum Crew Numbers

The **minimum number of crew** is 75% (rounded up) of the IRC Certificate's Crew Number.

1.6.2.2 Sailor Classification

The following classification requirements will apply (see RRS 79). See NoR 1.12.3 regarding penalties for crew infringements.

1.6.2.2.1 Nationality

At least 50% (rounded up e.g. a crew of 9=5) of the crew of each boat on board in any race shall comprise individuals who are Nationals of the country of the relevant team or individuals who have since 1st July 2015 had their principle residence in that country or individuals who were born in that country. Proof of Nationality, residence or birth place may be required.

1.6.2.2.2 Crew Limitations

The ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code shall apply. Details of the ISAF Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the ISAF website: http://www.sailing.org/sailors/

The crew of each three boat team shall include no more than 6 Group 3 Sailors. These Group 3 Sailors may sail on any boat or boats in the three boat team however crews cannot change after the Final Crewlist has been submitted except as stated in NoR 1.7.2

All other crew shall hold a valid Group 1 classification

Any Sailor without a valid classification will be deemed to be Group 3. Sailors requiring a classification should apply, in plenty of time, on the ISAF website: http://www.sailing.org/sailors/

Full crew lists, to include; boat name, full name, Nationality, Sailor ID, Sailor Group and Sailor Status will be posted online at www. commodorescup.rorc.org

Classification protests may be submitted to the RORC Race Office from Monday 18th July 2016. The Classification Protest Time Limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is 1800hrs on Sunday 24th July 2016.

A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks.

The Person in Charge of each boat is strongly advised to check carefully the classification of each crew member.



1.6.2.2.3 Limitation on Steering

A Group 3 Sailor shall not steer for any inshore race. A Group 3 Sailor shall not steer a boat when starting either the Race Around the Isle of Wight or the Long Offshore Race and shall not steer for the first hour of either race.

Notes for Owners

Owners considering chartering their boats and being aboard while the boat is racing should study the SCC and the Frequently Asked Questions carefully, see http://www.sailing.org/classification/index.php

Under the ISAF Sailor Classification Code there are circumstances where an owner who charters his boat and sails on it while racing may not be a Group 3 Sailor. However if he steers his boat while racing when the boat is chartered then he becomes Group 3.

1.7 CREWLISTS

1.7.1 Provisional Crewlists

A Provisional Crewlist shall be submitted to the RORC no later than 30th June 2016. A Provisional Crewlist shall be completed through the RORC Crew management system (RCMS). It shall identify anticipated crew including their Nationality, Sailor ID and ISAF classification status.

1.7.2 Final Crewlist

A Final Crewlist in respect of each boat shall be provided no later than 1700 on Thursday 14th July 2016, including all the details above, as well as Emergency Contact details.

All listed crew members shall sail all races.

However, in exceptional circumstances and upon written request to the Race Committee only, changes to the crew may be accepted as follows provided that all other eligibility criteria are met:

Before the start of the first race, late substitutions may be accepted; proof of the exceptional circumstances may be required by the Race Committee.

After the start of the first race, only when a listed crew member is unable to continue in the event, the Race Committee may authorise a substitute or other adjustment.

Crewlists will be displayed on the Brewin Dolphin Commodores' Cup website www.commodorescup.rorc.org as soon as possible after receipt.

1.8 **REGISTRATION**

Owners or their representatives shall register promptly on Saturday 23 July 2016 at the RORC Office, 82 High Street, Cowes. The office will





open at 0900. Boats shall be present in Cowes Yacht Haven from 0900 on Saturday 23 July 2016. Early registration opens at 1200 on Friday 22 July 2016.

1.8.1 Inspection & Official Seals

1.8.1.1 Measurement and Inspection Checks

Measurement and Inspection checks will be conducted from 0900 on Saturday 23 July in Cowes Yacht Haven. Boats shall be ready for inspection at 0900 on Saturday 23 July with lifelines tensioned and liferafts stowed in accordance with Offshore Special Regulations. Early measurement and inspection checks will be available for fully registered boats from 1200 Friday 22 July 2016.

1.8.1.2 Random Inspections

Inspections will also be carried out at random throughout the regatta. Inspectors may check sails, Offshore Special Regulations, and may check/measure rated dimensions. Infringements found during the regatta will be protested by the Race Committee.

1.8.1.3 Official Seals

The RORC reserves the right to apply official seals on certain items on each boat before racing. Sealed items shall remain sealed for the duration of the regatta. When a seal is broken the boat shall immediately fly an orange streamer (supplied by the RORC) and report the circumstances in writing to the International Jury.

1.8.2 Measurement Protests

(See RRS 64.3)

Measurement protests which require that the protested boat be hauled out for re-measurement shall be accompanied by a cash deposit of £1500 toward the cost of the haul out and re-measurement. Measurement protests which require other measurement work shall be accompanied by a cash deposit of £300 towards the cost of re-measurement.

Protests from competitors regarding measurement will not be accepted after the time limit for lodging protests for Race 2. This changes RRS 60.1.

Protests against measurement shall be accompanied by a clear and specific complaint which the International Jury shall examine. Re-measurement will be carried out only on the direction of the International Jury after they have satisfied themselves that there is adequate reason.

Upon re-measurement, if the certificate is invalidated by IRC rule 9.7 (except that IRC 9.7 is amended to read "more than 0.002" instead of "more than 0.005") then a new certificate shall be applied to all races thereafter and the boat shall receive a 50% place penalty in any race in the series in which her rating was incorrect.

Upon re-measurement, if the certificate is found to be valid in accordance with IRC rule 9.6 (except that IRC 9.6 is amended to read "more than 0.002" instead of "more than 0.005") then the original certificate shall be considered valid for the races already sailed. An amended certificate will be issued for all races still to be sailed.

Upon re-measurement, if the TCC is found to be less than the certificated figure the original certificate shall remain in force for the series.

1.8.3 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available approximately 14 days before the event.

1.8.4 Battle Flags, Decals

When registering, each boat may receive battle flags or bow decals, if lost they shall be replaced. They may be obtained at the regatta office.

Decals shall be fixed at the bow on both sides and shall be visible during the entire event. Battle flags shall be displayed whilst not racing or in transit to or from racing.

1.9 COMMUNICATION

1.9.1 VHF Radio

VHF may be used for radio recalls, courses to be sailed and race information.

1.9.2 Media Broadcasting

There is no restriction on broadcasting from a boat to the media during racing provided that RRS 41 is always observed.

1.9.3 On Board Cameras

The RORC reserves the right to place a camera on board each boat for media purposes.

1.10 COURSES

The marks and courses will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

1.11 INSHORE GPS LOGGER AND OFFSHORE TRACKING

It will be mandatory for boats to carry an Inshore GPS Logger, and an Offshore Tracker unit during the regatta. The units are standalone and will be supplied by the RORC. The entry fee includes tracking. A signature against a deposit of $\mathfrak{L}700$ for the Offshore Tracker and $\mathfrak{L}200$ for the Inshore GPS Logger will be required in case either unit is lost or damaged.

1.12 PENALTIES

Where no other penalty is provided for, the International Jury may waive any penalty, or award a lesser penalty than disqualification, when it decides that a boat has infringed a rule, other than a rule of Part 2, and the infringement has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race (changes RRS 64.1 (a)).

1.12.1 Penalties for Inshore Races

For inshore races only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that for rule infringements outside the Zone the penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty.

If the boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

1.12.2 Penalties for the Long Offshore Race and the Race Around the Isle of Wight

When scoring penalties apply, the penalty shall be 120 seconds added to the boat's elapsed time.

A boat that takes a penalty shall act in accordance with RRS 44.3 (a) & (b) (Scoring Penalty).

A boat scoring OCS shall receive points equivalent to a fifty per cent place penalty (rounding 0.5 upward) on the boat's finishing position in that race (changes RRS A4.2).

1.12.3 Penalty for Crew Infringements

When a boat is found to have raced in the Brewin Dolphin Commodores' Cup with a crew member on board to which she was not entitled under the NoR, the boat shall be disqualified from every race in which the infringement occurred and the Race Committee may also request action by the International Jury under RRS 69.

1.12.4 International Jury

Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS70.5.

1.13 SCORING

1.13.1 Race Results

Corrected Time = Elapsed Time X TCC (the IRC Time Correction Factor)

Weighting: points will be multiplied by the points factor applying to the race. For Solent Inshore Races 1-9 the points factor will be 1.0, the final Solent Inshore Race weighting is 2.0, the factor for the Race Around the Isle of Wight is 1.5 and the Long Offshore Race factor is 2.5.

BFD, DSQ, DNE and DGM shall receive points for one place worse than DNF (changes RRS A4.2).



1.13.2 Series Scores

At least 4 races, including either the Long Offshore Race or the Round the Isle of Wight Race, must be completed to constitute a series.

A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

A team's series score will be the total of the individual series scores of the boats representing the team.

1.13.3 Series Ties

A tie in overall points will be broken by the points gained in the Long Offshore Race, or if that fails, the Race Around the Isle of Wight. If a tie still remains the International Jury shall determine the outcome (changes RRS A8).

1.14 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the Race Committee, whose decision is final.

1.14.1 Trophies

Commodores' Cup		
(generously made available to the RORC by the Island Sailing Club)	The trophy will be awarded to the team with the best points score.	
Kindberg Cup	The trophy will be awarded to the team with the best combined performance in	
(given by the Offshore Racing Congress in memory of Ernst Kindberg)	the Long Offshore Race and the Race Around the Isle of Wight.	
Seahorse Trophy	The trophy will be awarded to the team with the best combined performance in	
(given by Seahorse Magazine)	the inshore races.	
Edward Heath Trophy	The trophy will be awarded to the best team from a European country or territory,	
	excluding GBR.	
Twee Gezusters Trophy	The trophy will be awarded to the best individual boat with at least two women on	
(presented to the RORC by Hans Zuiderbaan)	board during every race.	
Dave Johnson Memorial Trophy	The trephy will be awarded to the heat CPD team in the event	
(presented to the RORC by Nautor of Finland)	The trophy will be awarded to the best GBR team in the event.	
Gamboa Cup	The cup will be awarded to the boat with the best individual points score.	
(given by Ander de Arambalza in memory of José de Gamboa)		

Trophies are lent to the winners until recalled by the RORC.

When conditions for trophies are not fulfilled, the Race Committee may at its discretion decide trophies on other criteria.

1.14.2 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for each race. Prizes become the property of the winners

1.15 BERTHING

Boats may attend at Cowes Yacht Haven from 1200 Friday 22 July and shall attend from 0900 Saturday 23 July until Saturday 30 July 2016 and all other times during the regatta when not racing or in transit for racing. This requirement may be waived only by written request to the Race Committee, whose decision is final.

Berthing fees (1200 Friday 22 July - 1200 Sunday 31 July inclusive) for competing boats at Cowes Yacht Haven are included in the Race Entry Fees. Berthing outside these dates and for tenders, including RIBs, dinghies, powerboats shall be pre-booked and paid direct with Cowes Yacht Haven. Due to space constraints, craft arriving without booking may not be accommodated.

1.16 RACE ENTRY DECLARATION

The Person in Charge for each race shall agree to the terms of the declaration below using REMUS the online entry system. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept a signed printed declaration.

Race Entry Form Declaration to be signed by every Person in Charge

To the best of my knowledge the information I have given is accurate. I understand that boat racing can be dangerous. I agree that the RORC, organising clubs, sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. I have paid particular attention to and agree to be bound by Special Regulation 1.02 and I have read and understand and where appropriate agree to be bound by NoR - Responsibility. Before

racing I will effect adequate and suitable insurance. Before racing I will ensure that my crew is aware of:

- · the undertaking in this Declaration
- the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance
- their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions). See also RORC Prescription to the Special Regulations 5.01.5

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, this Notice of Race, ISAF Offshore Special Regulations and other applicable rules. The boat will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine or propeller, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races on my boat contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by ISAF, or a National Authority or the RORC.

I understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained on the Club's computer to be used for all aspects of race organisation.

1.17 INSURANCE

Boats shall effect adequate and suitable insurance before racing.

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