



CHAMPAGNE TIME TRIAL

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FEEDER RACE TO JERSEY

FRIDAY 16th June 2017

HW ST PETER PORT: 11:35, 7.50m HW ST HELIER: 11:25, 8.8m

Organising Authority: Guernsey Yacht Club LBG ("GYC")

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* ("ISAF RRS").
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association will apply.
- 1.3 IRC Rules 2017 will apply.
- 1.4 ISAF RRS 35, 61.3, 62.2 have been changed. The changes appear in full in clauses 5 and 12.
- 1.5 There shall be a minimum of 2 starters to constitute the race.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the GYC.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to all boats which comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulation Category 4 (*see footnote 1*) and Dayboats, which comply with 3.1 below:
- 3.2 Dayboats (*a Dayboat is defined as a boat which cannot meet all the requirements of OSR Category 4 and is designated by a "D" on its IRC certificate*). Dayboats shall:-
 - a) comply with the safety requirements in their respective class rules,
AND
 - b) comply with IRC rule 24.3 (*see footnote 2*)
AND
 - c) carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on CH 16 and CH 37/M1, navigation lights, relevant chart(s) of the sailing area, a waterproof first aid kit, foghorn, radar reflector and an effective means to quickly disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the hull (*see footnote 1*).
- 3.3 Any yacht, other than a Dayboat, which cannot comply with OSR Category 4, may apply in writing to the GYC Sailing Committee for exemption from that part of OSR Category 4 with which she cannot comply.
- 3.4 All yachts, including Dayboats, shall carry a liferaft capable of carrying all the crew in safety, or positive buoyancy.
- 3.5 All safety equipment must be in date and/or serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions including, but not limited to, all liferafts, lifejackets and flares.
- 3.6 All boats must carry a working marine VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on CH16 and CH37/M1).

Footnotes for clarification:

- 1) "an effective means to quickly disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the hull" does not necessarily mean bolt cutters. For example - tools sufficient to quickly undo bottle screws will be sufficient.
- 2) Dayboat IRC rule 24.3.5 – "life jacket" may be substituted with "adequate personal flotation device".



4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 local time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Boats can start at any time between 00:01 and 23:59 on Friday 16th June 2017 and will take their own GPS start and finish times.

6 CLASS FLAGS

As this is a self-timed race, there are no Class flags.

7 HANDICAPS

A Channel Islands Handicap System ("CIHS") handicap will be allocated to each boat by the GYC Race Committee. The decision by the GYC Race Committee on handicaps shall be final. It is the responsibility of boat owners to bring to the notice of the Race Committee any alterations which may affect handicaps

8 THE COURSE

GYC Start Line
Lower Heads buoy to Port
Corbiere Lighthouse to Port
East Rock buoy to Port
SHYC Finish Line

9 MARKS

9.1 The marks shall be the fixed navigational marks specified in the courses described in Rule 8 of the Sailing Instructions.

10 THE START

10.1 There shall be no starting signals.

10.2 The starting line will be the GYC starting line which is an extension of a line indicated by triangles on the southeast corner of Castle Cornet, with the eastern end of the line marked by a yellow buoy approximately 200 metres east of the castle which must be left to starboard..

10.3 Competitors must record their own start time using GPS when they cross the start line under sail alone.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be the SHYC finish line located off and to the west of La Collette Marina jetty in the Small Roads to St Helier Harbour, crossed from north to south. The finishing line is defined by a transit formed by 2 conspicuous red/orange triangles located at the SHYC Start Hut on the rubble jetty, marking the eastern of the line. A red cylindrical buoy marks the outer limit of the finishing line but does not form part of the starting line transit

11.2 All skippers must take their own GPS finishing times and subsequently complete and return the attached race declaration to the GYC office on arrival in Guernsey before 18:00 on Saturday 17th June, 2017. A boat failing to comply may be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). The race committee reserves the right to accept late declarations at its sole discretion.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under ISAF RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the Protest Time Limit.

12.2 As provided in ISAF RRS 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken ISAF RRS 42.



13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1** The time limit for shall be 10:00 BST on Saturday 17th June 2017. Any boat failing to finish within the time limit will be scored as DNF. This changes ISAF RRS 35 and A4.1.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1** Protest forms will be available from the GYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit and all protests lodged must be accompanied by a £25 deposit that will be refunded unless the protest is found to be frivolous or vexatious.
- 14.2** The Protest Time Limit is 18:00 on Saturday 17th June. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress.
- 14.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings to which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Guernsey Yacht Club as soon as possible after the Protest Time Limit.
- 14.4** Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under ISAF RRS 61.1(b).

15 SCORING

- 15.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A to *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* will apply.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** Boats should maintain watch on VHF Channel 16 whilst racing.
- 16.2** A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee, or another competitor, as soon as possible.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and similar handheld devices.

18 PRIZES.

- 18.1** Prizes will be awarded at the Carey Olsen party on Saturday 17th June 2017.

19 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 this 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;
- (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, support boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of support boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to the venue drawn to their attention in any rules and/or information produced and to attend any race and/or safety briefings held for the event;
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and



- (i) Their boat is adequately insured with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.

Neither the establishment of these conditions, their use by the Organising Authority, nor the inspection of a boat under these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor.



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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that I was on board and in charge of the yacht whose details appear below, and that the race was sailed in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA Prescriptions, and the Sailing Instructions.

Yacht:		Sail No:		
GPS start time (BST)	hours	Minutes	seconds	
GPS Finishing Time (BST)	hours	Minutes	seconds	
Elapsed Time	hours	Minutes	seconds	
Skippers signature:				
Date:				

This declaration must be returned, preferably to the Guernsey Yacht Club on arrival or the St Helier Yacht Club by 18:00 BST on Saturday 17th June 2017.