

# NOTICE OF RACE – v2 23 March 2025

## Minima Yacht Club: Club Racing 2025

1. Minima Yacht Club is the Organising Authority for Club Racing in 2025.
2. Club Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing published by World Sailing.
3. A programme giving the details of the series and each scheduled race, including dates and times, is attached to this Notice of Race. Any changes to this programme will be published on the Club website.
4. Where class prizes are awarded, these will be awarded for any class with at least three boats *qualifying* for a series (see NoR 13(b)).
5. Racing is open to all full club members sailing a non-foiling monohull dinghy. No asymmetric spinnaker or trapeze may be used.
6. The 'White Book' defines the series and events that will be run during the season, including the scoring arrangements for each series and the prizes that will be awarded.
7. Portsmouth Number ratings are attached to this Notice of Race. Any addition or change to these ratings will be published on the Club website.
8. A member intending to enter a boat for Club Racing shall complete an Annual Registration 2025 online no later than 24 hours before the published start time of the first race they intend to enter. Late entries, and entries on paper, may be accepted at the discretion of the Sailing Secretary.
9. Sailors intending to participate in a race in a Club boat shall submit a Club Boat Race Declaration to the Race Officer no later than 15 minutes before the published start time in the racing programme.
10. The Sailing Instructions change the following rules:
  - (a) RRS 28.1 (to allow a place to be awarded to a boat that does not complete the same number of laps as the leading boat);
  - (b) RRS 41 Outside Help (to allow help for less experienced sailors);
  - (c) RRS 45 Hauling out; making fast; anchoring (to allow boats to launch after the preparatory signal in Wednesday Evening races).
11. Sailors are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their equipment complies with their class rules. By entering a boat (other than a Club boat), sailors shall be deemed to be confirming that she conforms to class rules including with respect to buoyancy.
12. The Sailing Instructions will be published on the club website no later than 0900 on Sunday 23 March 2025.
13. Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A except that for any series scheduled over more than one week:
  - (a) the number of races that shall count in a series shall be 50% of the number of races sailed in the series, rounded down, plus 1;
  - (b) a boat *qualifies* for a series if she starts 20% of the total number of races sailed in the series, rounded down, plus 1;

- (c) a boat that did not come to the starting area for a race shall be scored points for that race for the finishing place one more than the greatest number of boats that came to the starting area in any single race of the series: this changes Rule A9.

- 14. Sailors allocated to club duties during a series may be awarded average points for the race(s) they are unable to participate in at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

## **15. Risk Statement**

- 15.1 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."

- 15.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) the provision of patrol 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 familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- (h) their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

## **16. Privacy Statement**

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing 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.

## **17. RYA Racing Charter**

Minima Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at [www.rya.org.uk/racingrules](http://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules).