



ROYAL SOUTHERN
— YACHT CLUB —



Notice of Race

Inter-Service Match Racing Championships

3rd – 4th September 2026

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2. The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3. [NP] Boats shall comply with Southampton & Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable. In particular, notice is drawn to ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No 6 of 2025 which can be found [here](#).
- 1.4. [NP] The Moving Prohibited Zone (MPZ), as detailed in above mentioned Notice to Mariners is designated as an obstruction.
- 1.5. Competitors should note that the OA implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 1.6. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be made available before the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Noticeboard will be on the event webpage: <https://scm.royal-southern.co.uk/event/inter-service-match-racing-championships-1>

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. Each Service is invited to enter two teams of four persons per boat (8 persons per Service) by contacting sailingmanager@rnsa.org.uk.
- 4.2. The entry deadline is 2359 on 31st August 2026.
- 4.3. The entry fees will be paid by RNSA who will recoup the costs from the ASA and RAFSA.

5. DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1. See NoR Attachment X (published as a separate document).

6. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1. Teams shall consist of members of the Service that they are representing and be in possession of a MOD Form 90 (Service ID card).

7. EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.2. The course will be a windward-leeward as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3. The racing area will be in Southampton Water, or the Central Solent.
- 7.4. The event will consist of 2 round robins as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

8. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

8.1. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday 3rd September 2026	Registration	0800 – 0900
	Competitors' Briefing	0900
	Practice	1000 – 1100
	First start	1100
Friday 4th September 2026	Competitors' Briefing	0900
	First start	1030
	Last permissible start	1400
	Prize Giving	ASAP after racing

9. NOT USED

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1. [NP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2. [NP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the Organising Authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.
- 10.3. [NP] This event is representative sport and service personnel should use service transport or claim travel for the use of a private vehicle iaw single Service sport travel policy. All personnel are considered 'on duty' for the period of the event and are to uphold the highest standards of behaviour throughout the championship both afloat and ashore.
- 10.4. [NP] MOD Form 90 (Service ID card) will be required by all individuals to gain access to military establishments (HMS Excellent or HMNB Portsmouth). Vehicle passes will need to be obtained to access the sites, and teams/individuals will need to allow additional time to get through the gate.

11. SUPPORT PERSONS

- 11.1. Support Person Vessels shall register with the Race Committee by the entry deadline (NoR 4.2), shall remain more than 100m outside the race area while boats are racing unless permitted by the Race Committee, and shall comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials.

12. NOT USED

13. DATA PROTECTION

- 13.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing 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 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.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1. RRS 3 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. They are equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer 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 be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks, regulations and/or bye-laws specific to sailing on the Solent including, but not limited to, to MPZ referred to in NoR 1;
- h. They are responsible for ensuring that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that any safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew

15. PRIZES

15.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

15.2. The Winning Team shall receive the Coningham Cup.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1. For further information, please contact:

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