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2018 SEVENSTAR ROUND BRITAIN AND IRELAND RACE PRE NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL OCEAN RACING CLUB

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

THE ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST 2018

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
- 1.2 RRS part 2 will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) between the times of local sunset and sunrise.
- 1.3 RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing, available on <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racingrules/Pages/the-rules.aspx> and on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.4 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 1 with RORC Prescriptions and a satellite phone (voice and data).
- 1.5 The rules and regulations of appropriate Class rules; IRC Rules Parts A, B & C; and MOCRA Rules.
- 1.6 The Notice of Race.
- 1.7 The Sailing Instructions.

Note: The Sailing Instructions will take precedence over the Notice of Race

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The race will be open to IRC, IRC Two-Handed, Multihulls and recognised One Design / Open Classes (e.g. IMOCA 60, Class 40, Volvo 65) that have:
 - 3.1.1 Either an IRC Certificate with a rating greater than 0.850, a MOCRA certificate with a rating greater than 1.100 or a Class Certificate;
 - 3.1.2 A STIX of at least 32 for boats with a series date of 1995 and later;
 - 3.1.3 A minimum SSS of 35 with a minimum AVS of $130-0.002*m$ where m is the Minimum Sailing Weight.
 - 3.1.4 No boat may be over 30.5 metres (100 feet) and Multihulls must be over 9.15m (30 feet).

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4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Competitors shall enter the Race using Sailgate, the online entry system.
- 4.2 Entries will open at 1200 on 8th January 2018.

5 EXPERIENCE QUALIFICATION

- 5.1 The minimum experience requirement is 500 nautical miles of RORC offshore racing on the boat entered into the race, completed by a minimum of 50% of the crew (but not less than 2) including the Person in Charge, and within 18 months of the start of the Race. This must include 2 races of over 150 nautical miles.
- 5.2 When it is not possible to access RORC races, or in exceptional circumstances, an alternative method for qualification may be agreed by the RORC.

6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 The start and finish are at the line of the Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes
- 6.2 The course is around Britain and Ireland (and all outlying islands except Rockall) to Starboard.
- 6.3 The course distance is approximately 1805 nautical miles.

7 RISK STATEMENT

- 7.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, the attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to fundamental rule 4 'the responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone'
- 7.2 Sailing is by 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 omission.
 - 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - f) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.

8 INSURANCE

- 8.1 Boats and individuals shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.

9 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 9.1 The Notice of Race will be published in January 2018
- 9.2 For further information, please contact:
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