



THE LITTLE BRITAIN CHALLENGE CUP
12th- 13th SEPTEMBER 2025
COWES

ORGANISING AUTHORITY:
ISLAND SAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES and REGULATIONS

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS) with Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
- 1.2 IRC Rules Parts A, B & C will apply.
- 1.3 Island Sailing Club Rating System Rules for Cruiser Class yachts.
- 1.4 Class rules for those boats entered in a one-design class or sailing under a standard one-design rating.
- 1.5 The byelaws and general directions for the Port of Southampton, Portsmouth Harbour and Cowes Harbour.
- 1.6 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2024-2025 for inshore races (Appendix B) which can be found on the World Sailing website at www.sailing.org
- 1.7 Where there is a discrepancy between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may advertise in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code) unless their class rules further restrict the advertising that may be carried.
- 2.2 All boats shall display sponsor flags if provided at registration by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The following restrictions will apply:
 - (a) Boats entering the IRC class shall have a valid IRC Certificate (from RORC Rating Office) with a TCC greater than 0.850 and be no more than 20 metres LOA.
 - (b) Boats entering the Prometheus 41.0 class shall be part of the Prometheus 41.0 charter fleet owned and managed by Prometheus UK. They shall comply with the Department of Trade Code of Practice for Charter Boats Category 2 and such other current regulations stipulated by Prometheus UK Ltd.
 - (c) Boats entering the ISCRS Cruiser class shall only be cruising or racing ballasted mono hull keel boats and

have valid ISCRS rating, applications for which will be via the ISC office.

- (d) Boats entered for the ISCRS Class shall have a minimum waterline length of 5m, a minimum displacement of 770kg and a Safety and Stability Screening (SSS) minimum base value of 8 or International Standard 12217-2 Design Category C. They should not hold a valid IRC rating, although some suitable non-performance boats which hold valid IRC or IRC Single Event Ratings may be allowed to race within the ISCRS Class with prior written permission from the Organising Authority.
- (e) Boats entering the Sports boat class shall have a valid IRC Certificate (from RORC Rating Office).
- 3.2 Prometheus 41.0 boats shall not be eligible to race in one of the IRC Racing or Cruiser Class without the prior written consent of the Organising Authority.
- 3.3 For the avoidance of doubt, neither spinnakers nor cruising chutes are permitted to be used by boats in the ISCRS Cruiser Class.

4. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- 4.1 All entries shall be via the official entry form available online and shall be submitted to the LBCC Office by 17:00 on Friday 18th July 2024. For entries after this date, please contact the Regatta Office at ISC. All boats requiring an IRC rating must have a valid (2025) IRC certificate by this time.
- 4.2 The Organising Authority may impose a limitation on the total number of boats, depending on the entries received.
- 4.3 If a written cancellation is received at the LBCC Office before 17:00 on Friday 18th July 2024, the whole fee less the deposit will be refunded. Cancellation and refunds after this date will only be made in exceptional circumstances.
- 4.4 In the event of any race (or races) being abandoned, entry fees will not be refunded.
- 4.5 Registration will open at the Island Sailing Club on Thursday 11th September from 16:00 – 20:00 and continue from 08:00 – 10:00 on Friday 12th September in Cowes Yacht Haven on Queen Galadriel. All entrants must register prior to the start of the first race on Friday 12th September to receive their Race Chart and sponsors' pack.
- 4.6 All boats must register a Mobile Phone from a UK Service Provider by the close of entries date for receiving course and other race information.
- 4.7 In exceptional circumstances, boats unable to register at the Regatta Race Office in Cowes prior to the start of the first race on Friday 12th September may apply to receive their Sailing Instructions, Race Chart and Bow Stickers / sponsors' flags by post and register after completing the Friday's racing. This request must be received at the LBCC Office by 12:00 on Friday 15th August.

5. CREW CLASSIFICATION

- 5.1 The Organising Authority defers to the LBCC Organisation in all matters relating to crew classification.
- 5.2 IRC Rule 22.4 will not apply. Other than as described below, there will be no restriction on crew number or weight for boats sailing under IRC except as required for boats rated as one-designs.
- 5.3 **Crew List**
 - (a) Each entrant shall supply an accurate crew list for each race, including the name of the skipper and/or helm to

the Organising Authority, by 09:00 on Friday 12th September 2024. This shall be on the official form provided online at www.littlebritain.co.uk. A paper copy will also be available from the Regatta Race Office.

- (b) Changes to the crew list may be made at the Regatta Race Office up to two hours before the actual start of each race.

5.4 Failure to comply with NoR 5.3 may result in a boat receiving a 3% time penalty for any race that is sailed without an accurate crew list having been submitted.

5.5 Competitors are reminded that their crew list should be up to date and accurate and that a jury boat may come alongside at the finish to check. The Race Committee may photograph helms while racing.

5.6 Eligible Crew Members

- (a) Except as permitted in this NoR all crew members shall be bona-fide employees within the construction industry or their spouses, or their immediate children sailing with their parents or shall be retired employees who used to work full-time within the industry. For the purposes of this rule:

(b) "Bona-fide" is defined as having a regular and full time occupation or studying a course directly linked to the construction industry.

(c) "Regular and full time occupation" is defined as working for an eligible construction related company for a continuous period of at least three months prior to the event.

5.7 The LBCC Organisation shall be the sole deciding body as to what constitutes an eligible crewmember under NoR 5.6. Entrants who believe that another boat is in contravention of the eligibility rules may submit a protest in the normal way. An entrant intending to submit a protest may first request in writing to the Regatta Race Office a sight of the crew list of the boat(s) in question.

5.8 Non-Construction Industry Representatives and Prometheus Skippers

Boats may include non-construction industry crew members subject to the following restrictions:

- Boats of less than 11.5 metres LOA may include one non-construction industry representative among the crew.
- Boats with an LOA between 11.5 and 13.0 metres may include two non-construction industry representatives among the crew.
- Boats with an LOA greater than 13.0 metres LOA may include three non-construction industry representatives among the crew.
- Boats of any length with a TCC of 1.300 or higher may include up to four non-construction industry representatives among the crew.
- Non-construction industry "owner's representatives" shall not steer while the yacht is under racing rules except for short periods of time in order to avoid damage, danger or immediate emergency.
- Prometheus 41.0 skippers employed and provided by Prometheus UK shall count as non-construction industry crew members for the purposes of NoR 5.6.

5.9 Exceptions

- (a) Notwithstanding the above rules, the LBCC Organisation may allow more non-construction industry crew members to participate if, through genuinely unforeseen circumstances, one or more

nominated crew members become unavailable at short notice.

- (b) Crew members, (whether construction industry or otherwise) who are World Sailing (ISAF) Category 3 sailors shall declare so on the crew list at registration.

- (c) If a skipper believes that due to the extreme/complex nature of his yacht that it would be unsafe to sail within the crew classification restrictions of this NoR he may seek prior written permission from the LBCC Organisation in which case these eligibility rules may be relaxed.

6. FEES

See regatta website www.littlebritain.co.uk for more details.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The planned schedule of races is as follows (*all times are British Summer Time, HWP = High Water Portsmouth*):

Date	Race	Time of First Warning Signal
Fri 12th Sept HWP 02:49 - 4.72m 15:25 - 4.72m	Race 1 Race 2	10:55 ASAP after Race 1
Sat 13th Sept HWP 03:41 - 4.54m 16:18 - 4.51m	Race 3 Race 4 Race 5	09:25 ASAP after Race 3 ASAP after Race 4

- 7.2 Depending on weather conditions, the Race Committee may modify the schedule or location of the starting line to enable races to be sailed. The process of communicating any modifications will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

8. CLASSES

- 8.1 The Regatta is open to the following boats and classes:

- Boats using IRC Ratings with spinnakers. (IRC Racing Classes)
- Boats using ISCRS Ratings without spinnakers. (ISCRS Cruiser Class)
- Prometheus 41.0 (racing level)
- Sports boats using IRC Ratings. (Sports Boat Class)

- 8.2 The Organising Authority intend to sub-divide and publish entries in the IRC Racing & Cruising Classes after entries close as follows:

- Up to four Racing Classes (IRC Racing Classes)
- Up to four Cruiser Classes. (ISCRS Cruiser Classes)
- One Sports Boat Class (IRC Sports Boat Class)

- 8.3 The Organising Authority may:

- Combine the start of one class with another.
- Subdivide any class.
- Provide separate results and award prizes to one design and/or specific types of boat racing within the IRC classes, subject to a sufficient number of entries being received.

- 8.4 No boat may change class after starting her first race.

- 8.5 It is a boat's responsibility to check that she has entered the correct class.
- 8.6 All boats shall, while racing, display a class identification flag on their permanent backstay which shall be at least 400mm in the fly.

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Ratings for UK IRC rated boats will be taken from the listings available online from the UK RORC Ratings Office.
- 9.2 Boats whose rating may have changed shall alert the ISC office of the fact as soon as possible.
- 9.3 Boats racing in the ISCRS class shall apply for a rating from ISC. No certificate will be issued.
- 9.4 No alteration in a boat's rating will be permitted after Thursday 12th September 2024, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct an error made by a rating office or the Organising Authority.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Sailing Instructions, programme of events and regatta information will be available on the official website at www.littlebritain.co.uk in August. A combined Programme and Sailing Instructions booklet will be emailed to all entrants in August and posted on the website at the same time.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 Unless described otherwise in the Sailing Instructions, racing will start and finish from a committee boat line in the central Solent. Courses will be set in the Solent area and approaches and will use fixed navigation buoys, fixed racing marks and inflatable buoys and allocated two-character identifying buoy codes.
- 11.2 All boats may finish their last race of each day on the ISC's shoreline.

12. SCORING AND PRIZES

- 12.1 An overall points series will be run for each class using the scores from Races 1-5. One race will constitute a series. When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 12.2 A boat entered into the Cruiser Class will not be eligible for the Little Britain Challenge Cup. There will be an Overall Cruiser Class trophy awarded.
- 12.3 Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the prizegiving ceremony during the regatta weekend at Island Sailing Club.

13. BERTHING

Berthing for valid entries has been reserved in Cowes Yacht Haven Marina from 14:00 Thursday 11th September to 12:00 Sunday 14th September.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

All boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving and making transmissions to the Race Committee. Channels to be used for the regatta will be published with the Sailing Instructions.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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 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) 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 and other officials and volunteers 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; and

- 15.2 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.

16. INSURANCE

All entrants shall be covered by a minimum Third Party Liability indemnity of £3 million and declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the event.