

ABERSOCH KEEPER BOAT WEEK

NOTICE OF RACE

22nd - 26th August 2011

2011



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North West IRC Area Championship 2011

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1. ORGANISATION.

- 1.1 The Event is sailed under the burgee of South Caernarfonshire Yacht Club (SCYC) Abersoch, in the waters of Tremadoc Bay, Admiralty Chart 1971
- 1.2 Enquiries and entries should be addressed to:
Events Secretary, Abersoch Keelboat Week
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website: www.abersochkeelboatweek.org
- 1.3 The Organisers encompass the Abersoch Keelboat Week Organising Committee, the Race Committee and everyone co-opted by them to assist in the running of the races and the Event.

2. RULES.

- 2.1 The Event will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and IRC rules part 1, 2 & 3 (or 4), except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 RRS52 is amended for Gentleman's division to the extent that powered winches or other sail or rig handling equipment may be used by all boats.

3. ENTRIES & ELIGIBILITY.

- 3.1 Racing will be provided for IRC and PYS rated yachts. IRC will be divided into IRC 1, IRC2 and Sigma 33 divisions. PYS will be divided into Gentleman's No Spinnaker and Gentleman's Spinnaker divisions.
- 3.2 Class divisions will depend on entries received. Class starts may be offered to One Designs if 7 or more boats enter or at the discretion of the committee.
- 3.3 Any yacht of minimum length 18ft, having a PYS number below 1175 may enter the Gentleman's White Sail or Gentlemen's Spinnaker division provided she complies with the safety requirement as set out in NOR item 9.
- 3.4 Yachts shall belong to or be chartered to and be under the control of a member of a yacht club affiliated to the RYA or other equivalent national authority including the Armed Forces.
- 3.5 IRC entries **must** be accompanied by a photocopy of the boats valid rating certificate or its class certificate, duly signed and valid for the duration of the regatta. The Organising Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry, to reclassify or to disqualify any boat if its Measurement Certificate is not in order.
- 3.6 Boats entering the IRC class which have not held an IRC Certificate during the previous 5 years under the current ownership may be eligible for a discount on their IRC racing fees. To be eligible boats shall complete the IRC application form and submit it together with their payment when they enter the regatta – application forms can be downloaded from

the website: www.abersochkeelboatweek.org. Applications received less than 5 working days before the first race of the regatta will not be eligible.

- 3.7 In the Gentleman's No Spinnaker Division Foresails must be attached to the forestay meaning that Spinnakers, Cruising chutes, Bloopers and Gennikers will not be allowed.
- 3.8 Spinnakers, Cruising chutes, Bloopers and Gennikers will be allowed in the Gentleman's Spinnaker class.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

- 4.1 There will be racing for all classes each day from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th August 2011.
- 4.2 The type of racing may be chosen from Windward/Leeward, Triangle, 'Round the Cans' and Coastal Scenic courses.

5. SCORING SYSTEM.

- 5.1 There will be 8 races in all IRC classes
- 5.2 There will be 5 races in the Gentleman's White Sails and Gentleman's Spinnaker classes
- 5.3 3 races will constitute a series in all classes.
- 5.4 The low point scoring system described in Appendix A of the RRS will apply except that one discard is available once 5 races have been completed and 2 discards once 8 races have been completed.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 6.1 These will be available to each competitor on receipt of a completed entry form and entry fee. They will also be available at the Abersoch Keelboat Week Race Office on registration and also on the official Abersoch Keelboat Week Website.

7. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION.

- 7.1 All entries must be made on the attached entry form accompanied by the correct entry fee no later than Sunday 31st July 2011.

Late entries accompanied by a late entry fee will be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion until 16.30 hrs on Sunday 21st August 2011. Yachts may enter for the whole series or single days.

Entries for a single days racing may be accepted on that day up to 10.00 hrs.

- 7.2 Registration must be made at the Abersoch Keelboat Week Race Office on Sunday 21st August 2011. Race packs, sponsor's flags and/or bow decals when applicable will be issued at registration. This office will remain open from 15.00 hrs until 16.30 hrs and again for 30 minutes after the skippers' briefing which is at 17.00 hours.
- 7.3 Skippers Briefing will be on Sunday 21st August 2011 at SCYC, Abersoch at 17.00 hours.

8. RESPONSIBILITY AND INSURANCE.

- 8.1 THE SAFETY OF A YACHT AND ITS ENTIRE MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING INSURANCE, SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER/

SKIPPER. EVERY OWNER WARRANTS THE SUITABILITY OF HIS YACHT FOR THE SERIES. YACHTS SHALL CARRY INSURANCE PROTECTION FOR THIRD PARTY AND PASSENGER LIABILITY OF NOT LESS THAN £2,000,000.

- 8.2 THE ORGANISERS ACCEPT NO LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR LOSS, DAMAGE, DEATH OR PERSONAL INJURY OF ANY DESCRIPTION WHATSOEVER THAT MAY BE SUSTAINED BY BOATS, OWNERS, CREWS OR GUESTS TAKING PART IN THIS SERIES OF RACES USING JETTIES, RAMPS, MOORINGS, PARKING PREMISES OR ANY OTHER FACILITIES OR USING OR ACCEPTING ASSISTANCE FROM LAUNCHES OR BOATS BY THEM OR OTHERWISE, HOWEVER OCCASIONED - WHETHER BY NEGLIGENCE OF THEIR MEMBERS OR SERVANTS OR NOT.
- 8.3 i) A YACHT IS ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN SAFETY, WHETHER AFLOAT OR ASHORE, AND NOTHING, WHETHER IN THE NOTICE OF RACE OR SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR ANYWHERE ELSE, REDUCES THIS RESPONSIBILITY.
- ii) IT IS FOR THE YACHT TO DECIDE WHETHER IT IS FIT TO SAIL IN THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH IT WILL FIND ITSELF BY LAUNCHING OR GOING TO SEA, THE YACHT CONFIRMS THAT IT IS FIT FOR THOSE CONDITIONS AND THAT ITS CREW IS COMPETENT TO SAIL AND COMPETE IN THEM.

9. SAFETY.

- 9.1 All yachts in all classes shall have a suitable working engine, inboard or outboard, irrespective of class rules.
- 9.2 In the interest of safety all yachts must ensure that their anchor is NOT positioned forward of the stem.
- 9.3 IRC yachts shall comply with ORC safety regulations Category 4.
- 9.4 All yachts in the Gentleman's No Spinnaker and Gentleman's Spinnaker Class must comply with the following minimum requirement:
- i) Adequate sails for heavy weather.
 - ii) A pulpit, and complete guard rails around the boat.
 - iii) One Lifebuoy
 - iv) One lifejacket for each crew member.
 - v) Safety harness for each crew member.
 - vi) 3 red flares and 3 white flares.
 - vii) One bilge pump.
 - viii) One bucket.
 - ix) First aid kit with provision for burns.
 - x) Two fire extinguishers
 - xi) A sail number clearly visible at all times when under sail.
 - xii) Anchor and 15 fathoms warp or chain.
 - xiii) Marine compass.

10. SAIL NUMBERS.

- 10.1 Sail numbers **must** be carried in accordance with RRS Appendix G and where carried on a spinnaker or headsail must correspond with that carried on the

main sail.

11. ST TUDWALS ROADS' MOORINGS.

- 11.1 Swing moorings are available for all sizes of visiting boats. Requests for a mooring, stating requirements, should be submitted on the entry form no later than 17th July 2011. Moorings are limited in number, and will be allocated strictly on a 'first come, first served' basis.
- 11.2 A launch service between SCYC and St Tudwals Roads moorings will operate each day during Keelboat week. Late launches may be arranged with the bosun at SCYC,

12. BERTHS AT PWLLHELI.

- 12.1 Competitors should make private arrangements with Hafan Pwllheli for any marina service. Telephone: 01758 701219. VHF Channel 80.

13. PRIZES.

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded to each class. The number of prizes will depend on the number of entries.
- 13.2 Classes will compete for their own division trophy as well as for the overall trophies which include:
- The Kearns Trophy for the boat achieving best performance over the series, in the opinion of the Principal Race Officer.
- The Sarah Ridgway Trophy for the boat showing best endeavour over the series, in the opinion of the Principal Race Officer.
- The Hardcastle Trophy for the visiting boat whose skipper is not a member of SCYC and who has not won the Kearns Trophy in 2011 and which in the opinion of the Principal Race Officer has achieved the best performance overall.
- 13.3 Yachts entered for single days are not eligible to win overall class prizes. They are eligible to win day prizes.



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