



NOTICE OF RACE

POOLE CRUISER WINTER SERIES 2017



Organised jointly by Parkstone and Poole Yacht Clubs.

Parkstone Yacht Club and Poole Yacht Club will be joint Organising Authorities for cruiser racing during the 2017 Winter Cruiser Series.

Parkstone Yacht Club will run racing largely in Poole Bay, (the **Bay Series**), Poole Yacht Club will organise racing largely within Poole Harbour (the **Harbour Series**).

Separate Sailing Instructions will be issued by Parkstone Yacht Club for the Bay Series, and by Poole Yacht Club for the Harbour Series.

Racing will take place every Sunday morning from **1st October 2017 (Harbour Series), 8th October (Bay Series) to 10th December 2017** inclusive, except on 12th November 2017 when there will be a Charity Pursuit Race held in the Harbour, which will not count towards any series scores.

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020), RYA prescriptions, and the rules of each class or handicap system.

Racing is open to members of all RYA recognised yacht and sailing clubs.

Bay Series:

There will be two races per day for cruisers rated under both IRC and VPRS, (and J24s).

The Warning Signal for the first race will be at **0940**, with the start in Brownsea Roads. This race will finish in the Bay, with a second race following on, starting in the Bay. It is intended that competitors will be back ashore before 1330.

Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A

Class structures will be advised.

The Bay Series will be scored as two mini-series of 12 and 8 races; the first mini-series will finish on 5th November 2016. The second mini-series will start on 19th November 2017. In the first mini-series there will be one discard if 6 or more races are sailed, and two discards if 8 or more races are sailed. In the second mini-series there will be one discard if 6 or more races are sailed.

Each race also counts towards the overall 20 race Bay series, with 1 discard if 10 races are sailed, 2 discards if 14 are sailed, and 3 discards if 16 or more are sailed.

For cruisers each race will be dual scored under both IRC and VPRS handicap systems. Parallel series for IRC and VPRS will be scored. Boats with a rating under only one system will be scored in the relevant series. Boats with ratings under both systems will be scored in both series.

Prizes: For both IRC and VPRS systems, (and J24s) first prizes will be awarded for each mini-series and the overall series. Other prizes may be awarded depending on number of entries.

Harbour Series:

There will be one race per day.

Races will be for VPRS yachts, and R19s.

The Warning Signal for the first race will be at **1030** with the start off the Poole Yacht Club line.

The Harbour series will be scored as a series of 10 races with 1 discard if 3 races are sailed, 2 discards if 7 races are sailed and 3 discards if 10 races are sailed.

Series prize giving:

The series prizegiving will be after racing on 10th December 2017, at 1400 at Poole Yacht Club.

Insurance:

All entries will have valid insurance to participate in the racing of not less than £2,000,000.

Certificates:

All yachts must have a current IRC /VPRS certificate, which must be available for inspection online.

Advertising:

Will be as per ISAF rules.

Entry fees.

Bay Series: **£48.00** per boat.

Harbour Series: **£35.40** per boat, for those who have not paid a Poole Yacht Club Race fee.

RISK STATEMENT

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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in this event, each participant agrees and acknowledges that:

1. 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 such events.
2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
3. They accept responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
4. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extreme weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather and that their safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
5. The provision of race management teams, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances, particularly in extreme weather conditions. Further, in the event that any assistance is rendered to a competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the competitor, and/or the boat and its equipment is accepted either by the club or the crew of such patrol craft.
7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks, regulations and/or bye-laws specific to sailing or racing in Poole Harbour and Poole Bay including:
 - a. Tidal conditions in Poole Harbour, which are complex with areas of shallow water common as well as very fast tidal flows in parts of the harbour.
 - b. The area is used by a wide variety of craft, including large commercial vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, a chain ferry in the harbour entrance and, at times, high volumes of leisure boat traffic. The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG) 1972, applies to all these craft including racing yachts.
 - c. The Yacht Racing Criteria issued by Poole Harbour Commissioners, (<http://www.phc.co.uk/downloads/latest/Yacht-Racing-Criteria-2016.pdf>) which place requirements on all those involved in yacht racing in Poole.
8. Parkstone and Poole Yacht Clubs strongly recommend that all sailors wear personal buoyancy whilst on the water, as failure to do so significantly increases the risks inherent in sailing. Personal buoyancy should comply with RYA Prescription to RRS 40.

FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM:-

PARKSTONE YACHT CLUB
PEARCE AVENUE
PARKSTONE, POOLE
DORSET BH14 8EH
Tel No: 01202 743610

POOLE YACHT CLUB
NEW HARBOUR ROAD WEST
HAMWORTHY, POOLE
DORSET BH15 4AQ
Tel No: 01202 672687



THE POOLE CRUISER WINTER SERIES 2017

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1st October (Harbour Series), 8th October (Bay Series) – 10th December 2017

ENTRY FORM

PLEASE ENTER BOAT NAME: SAIL NO:

OWNERS NAME:

ADDRESS:

..... POSTCODE:.....

CLUB: CLASS:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DAY TIME TELEPHONE NO: MOBILE NO:

BAY SERIES HARBOUR SERIES (delete as appropriate) RATING IF KNOWN:.....

IRC/VPRS: VPRS

ENCLOSE COPY OF CERTIFICATE

J/24PLEASE TICK

Parkstone Yacht Club Entry fee **£48.00** enclosed Cheques should be made payable to PARKSTONE YACHT CLUB for the BAY SERIES and returned by **30th SEPTEMBER 2017.**

Poole Yacht Club Entry Fee **£35.50** enclosed Cheques made payable to POOLE YACHT CLUB for the HARBOUR SERIES.

The entry of the above boat is conditional on acceptance of the following by the owner/competitor racing the yacht:

1. The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in any race. Moreover, every owner / competitor warrants the suitability of his / her yacht for the race or races.

The provision of safety equipment and boats by Parkstone or Poole Yacht Clubs is neither a guarantee that assistance can be rendered to any competitor in need, nor an acceptance of any responsibility for the rescue of competitors. Further, in the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the competitor and/or the boat and its equipment is accepted by either the Club or the crew of such rescue craft.

At all times the aforementioned boat will comply with all Class Rules including buoyancy and safety provisions.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM 18 YEARS OR MORE IN AGE AND I WILL NOT PERMIT ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS TO HAVE COMMAND OF THE BOAT.

I hereby confirm that whilst racing the above boat will be insured against Third Party Liability to a minimum of £2,000,000.

2. To be completed for all entries.

I understand that if the boat is in the charge of any person other than the undersigned, it is the responsibility of the undersigned to bring to the attention of the person in charge of the boat, the provisions of this entry form.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY CONTAINED WITHIN THE NOTICE OF RACE AND ATTACHED HERETO AND ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES CONTAINED THEREIN.

SIGNED

NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALSDATE

PLEASE LIST ALL Non-member Crew below (for licensing purposes):

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THIS FORM IS TO BE RETURNED ON OR BEFORE 30th SEPTEMBER 2017 TO:

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