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# 2018 NOTICE OF RACE

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Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble



SUPPORTED BY:



<b>1. Organising Authority</b>	<p>The Organising Authority is the Royal Southern Yacht Club Sailing Secretary, Rope Walk, Hamble, SO31 4HB Ph: +44 (0)23 8045 0302 Email: sailing@royal-southern.co.uk</p> <p><b>Enquiries and correspondence should be addressed to:</b> Debbie Weldon, X-Yachts (GB) Ltd., 2 Huntsman Road, Hamble Point Marina, Southampton, SO31 4NB Ph: +44 (0)23 8045 3377 Email: dw@x-yachtsgb.com</p>
<b>2. Dates</b>	<p>Racing will be on Saturday 5th May and Sunday 6th May 2018</p>
<b>3. Registration</b>	<p>Registration will be at the Royal Southern Yacht Club between 1200 and 1900 on Friday 4th May and last minute between 0800 and 0830 on Saturday 5th May.</p>
<b>4. Rules</b>	<p>The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).</p> <p>The Open Sports Class(es) will race under IRC Rules and each boat must have a valid current IRC Rating. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the Crew Number printed on her Certificate plus 2. There is no weight limit".</p> <p>Safety: Boats shall comply at least with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races, and carry working VHF radio with all usual marine channels.</p> <p>This Notice Of Race may be changed by Amendment or by the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict the Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall prevail. This changes Rule 63.7.</p>
<b>5. Eligibility</b>	<p>Yachts of X-Yachts Design and Origin.</p>
<b>6. Classes</b>	<p>(a) Open Family Class - open to all models of all sizes. Boats are restricted to the use of only one mainsail and one headsail per race. Class Flag: International Code Pennant Numeral 4. A maximum of 4 races are scheduled.</p> <p>(b) Open Sports Class - open to all models of all sizes under IRC. Sail wardrobe permitted as declared for IRC rating. International Code Pennant Numeral 2 or 3, depending on IRC Rating. A maximum of 5 races are scheduled.</p> <p>Classes may be sub-divided according to entry levels.</p>
<b>7. Advertising</b>	<p>Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.</p>
<b>8. Race Area</b>	<p>Racing will take place in the Solent on "round the cans (RTC)" style courses using fixed navigational or racing marks or specially laid inflatable marks as required.</p>
<b>9. Race Schedule</b>	<p>Friday 4th May: Briefing at Royal Southern Yacht Club at 1900. Saturday 5th May: First race at 1030 in the central Solent, followed by further races. Sunday 6th May: First race at 1030 in the central Solent, followed by further race(s) for Open Sports Class(es) only. Prize Giving target time is 1600.</p>
<b>10. Entries</b>	<p>Entries, with payment, shall be made to X-Yachts (GB) Ltd. as in NoR 1 above. Closing date for entries Monday 30th April.</p> <p>Entry fee for boats up to 40':                      £275 for members of the X-Yachts Owner's Association, or £305 for non-members who automatically become members for the year</p>

Entry fee for boats over 40': £325 for members of the X-Yachts Owner's Association, or £355 for non-members who automatically become members for the year

<b>11. Sailing Instructions</b>	Sailing Instructions will be available from Monday 30th April at the Royal Southern Yacht Club and online at <a href="http://www.royalsouthern.co.uk">www.royalsouthern.co.uk</a>
<b>12. Inspection</b>	Spot checks of safety equipment may be carried out during the event.
<b>13. Scoring</b>	IRC Ratings will be used for the Open Sports Class(es). The X-Yachts Rating System will be used for the Open Family Class. The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will be used. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no discard. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
<b>14. Prizes</b>	Prizes to be awarded to the Open Family and Open Sports Classes. The X-Yachts Solent Cup will be awarded on merit by X-Yachts (GB) Ltd. in consultation with the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
<b>15. Risk Statement</b>	<p>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".</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(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;</li><li>(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;</li><li>(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;</li><li>(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;</li><li>(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;</li><li>(f) The provision of a patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;</li><li>(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;</li><li>(h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able 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 and in date and is familiar to the crew; and</li><li>(i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.</li></ul>

### **Supplementary Information**

<b>Berthing:</b>	The Prince Philip Yacht Haven at the Royal Southern YC has walk-ashore berths to accommodate competitors visiting Hamble, at a special event-berthing rate (see Entry Form). Boats should specify dates for which berthing will be required on the Entry Form. Should the Yacht Haven become full, a special arrangement has been made with MDL, Port Hamble. Boats unfamiliar with the Yacht Haven should contact the Royal Southern bosun as they come up the river for guidance and / or assistance: 07900 872 461.
<b>Accommodation:</b>	The Royal Southern YC has twelve en-suite bedrooms should visiting boats require additional accommodation. Please let Debbie know if required.
<b>Catering:</b>	Breakfast and post-race food will be available at an additional charge.