

**South Devon Combined Yacht Clubs
Cruisers and IRC Racing 2011
Notice of Coordination of Race and Series**

Definition

The Combined Clubs refers to the South Devon Combined Yacht Clubs

1. Organising Authorities.

The organising authorities are the Clubs of South Devon (BYC, RTYC, RDYC, TCYC ,SYC etc as listed) for each individual race organized by the appropriate club as listed in the race programme.

The Coordinating Authority are representatives from the South Devon Combined Yacht Clubs comprising organising clubs whose role is to coordinate entries, promotion, results and information on behalf of the individual clubs.

2. Rules

Racing will be governed by

2.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, with the exception of Rule RRS 52 does not apply and the use of automatic pilots whether electronic or otherwise will be allowed.

2.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply

2.3 The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 shall apply to IRC and Handicap cruiser classes.

2.4 The Notices of Races for each club as Organising Authority for each race listed

2.5 The Sailing Instructions issued by the Organising Authority for each race.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The owner/Skipper shall be a member of a recognized yacht club

3.2 Boats shall be entered by completing the entry form and registration of the South Devon Combined Yacht Clubs and the appropriate fee paid. This shall be completed and accepted by the organizing authority and combined clubs prior to racing.

3.3 The Classes to race will be as follows:-

IRC (boats holding a valid Rating Certificate)

Non IRC yachts using Open SDCYC Handicap

Combined Open SDCYC Handicap (including white sail)

There will also be a fourth results system based on a **Progressive** system of the SDCYC Open handicap.

3.4 The Individual Race Committee of the organizing Yacht Club may at their discretion allocate divisions of the above classes according to handicap rating and as designated in the Sailing Instructions or changes thereto.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF CLASSES

4.1 ALL boats will be required to display their class flag (in accordance with the sailing instructions of the organizing Yacht Club) with a hoist of not less than 9 inches on their backstay, or if the boat has no backstay, on the starboard shroud whilst racing.

5. Fees

5.1 Entry fees for the full programme of races shall be as follows:-

Entry fee 2010 - £20

A discounted entry for new members for 2011 will be £10 if paid and entered before 1st April 2011.

6.. Programme (*This may be subject to change and will be notified on the SDCYC website*)

Date	Race	Organising Club	Series
1 st May 2011	Teignmouth Outfall Buoy Race.	RTYC	Coastal
7 th May 2011	Brixham to Salcombe	BYC	Weekends
8 th May 2011	Salcombe to Dartmouth	BYC	Weekends
21 st May 2011	Teignmouth Coastal	TCYC	Coastal
10 th /18 th June 2011	Offshore Week (separate NOR, entry and fee)	RTYC	Offshore
2 nd July 2011	Dart to Yealm	RDYC	Weekends
3 rd July 2011	Yealm to Dart	RDYC	Weekends
16 th July 2011	Torquay to Skerries/Dartmouth	RTYC	Coastal
17 th July 2011	Gallon of Rum (Dartmouth to Brixham)	RDYC	Coastal
6 th August 2011	Torquay to Teignmouth(part of regatta)	RTYC/TCYC	
7 th August 2011	Teignmouth Regatta races (2 races)	TCYC	
6 th /7 th August 2011	Alderney race	RDYC	
18 th Sept 2011	Exe Bell Race to Teignmouth	BYC	Coastal

6.1 The Combined Clubs will award prizes and trophies annually for individual events and weekends and overall series in addition to those presented by the clubs. There will be a series for Coastal Races(5 races 4 to count),
The Offshore series(at least 5 Races 4 to count) and the
Weekends Away series (4 Races (3 to count)

7.0 Ratings and measurements

7.1 All IRC yachts must have a valid IRC certificate on board and a copy of this certificate lodged with the organizing authority and the Combined Clubs administration.

7.2 Rating Certificates for IRC may be changed during any series of races. Any change of rating from that declared on the Entry Form must be notified to the Club Secretary not less than 24 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the next race of the series for which a change is required.

7.3 Ratings for SDCYC Open Handicaps will be fixed for a boat's first race by reference to the SDCYC handicap standards and remain for the season. The Progressive Handicaps will be adjusted by the agreed formula using performance data from each race result . If a boat intends to sail white sail with no spinnaker for a series then that must be notified to the Combined clubs administration not less than 24 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the first race of that series. A boat cannot change

from white sail to full sail or vice versa during a series.

7.4 All IRC boats and SDCYC Open Handicap boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4. Links to the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations are available on <http://www.sailing.org/specialregulations.php>

8. Sailing Instructions.

Sailing Instructions will be published by the Organizing Authority and circulated to member clubs and also via the internet.

9. Courses

Courses shall be as described in the Organizing Authority's Sailing Instructions for the particular race and this Notice of Race.

10. Scoring.

10.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.2 Except for the series racing.

After 4 races are sailed in a series the worst result is discarded

After 6 races are sailed in a series the worst two scores are discarded

After 9 races are sailed in a series the worst 3 scores are discarded

10.3 A boat that did not compete shall be scored 4 points more than the number of competitors for that race. This modifies RRS A9 and A2.

10.4 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

11. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

11.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authorities without payment, the right in perpetuity to make use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4.

12.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of race or in the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

12.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

12.4 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in at least the amount stated in clause 13.1 below for the duration of the race.

12.5 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and Beachmasters.

12.6 In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury is accepted by the Organising Club, the Race Committee or the crew of any rescue craft.

13. INSURANCE

13.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party cover of not less than £2,000,000 and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate. No responsibility will be accepted by the organizing club or the combined clubs , or any other party involved in the organisation of the Race.