

## **Notice of Race for NUSC closed events.**

### Tide race, Knickertwister & September series

#### **THE EVENT**

1.1 A yacht rally/race from Newport and Uskmouth Sailing Club, around local navigation marks & back to Newport and Uskmouth Sailing club. A sailing distance of approximately 8 nm.

1.2 The organising authority is Newport and Uskmouth Sailing Club. Newport and Uskmouth Sailing Club race committee reserve the right to postpone the start at any time before the start.

1.3 Each race will be part of the appropriate series.

#### **2.0 RESPONSIBILITY.**

2.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners, skippers and crew is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "A yacht is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing". The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or owner's representative who must do their best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. They must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that the safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. Nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

2.2 Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organizers 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 organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officers, patrol boats and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

#### **3.0 RULES & REGULATIONS**

3.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the ISAF, the prescriptions and safety regulations of the Offshore Racing Council, the international Rule (Club), the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

#### **4.0 ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

4.1 These events are closed to skippers who are fully paid up NUSC members (non members may crew) and is open to all self sufficient cruising yachts who have read and accepted the NoR and have completed entry registration with the relative fee.

4.2 All boats should carry an operational marine VHF radio telephone equipped with channels 16, 77, 67 and 37 or M1 or P1

4.3 All boats shall, while racing, display: any race flags and/or sponsor's logo, stickers or flags provided.

4.4 Boats shall carry sufficient cable & suitable anchor to hold the boat in the likely depth of water and weather conditions. Dan buoy flags shall be removed or rolled up so as not to be visible.

4.5 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000 sterling.

## **5.0 ENTRIES/CLOSING DATES etc.**

5.1 Entries will be accepted in person at NUSC clubhouse from 1.5 hours until 1 hour before the start. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.

5.2 Entry fees (if any) will be payable on the day.

5.3 NUSC race committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any entries.

5.4 NUSC members may choose to enter any number of races which form part of the series. Once entered for a race you will then be entered in that series.

## **6.0 REGISTRATION**

6.1 Registration will take place at Newport and Uskmouth Yacht Club.

## **7.0 TIME KEEPING**

7.1 Elapsed time will be recorded by NUSC race officials.

## **8.0 HANDICAP**

8.1 The race handicap will be based on The Portsmouth Yardstick System YR2. These will be posted on the club notice board.

8.2 Class 1 (Fast Fleet) - yachts with a handicap number less than 1100. Class 2 (Slow Fleet) - yachts with a handicap number greater than 1100.

8.3 Class 1 and Class 2 will be combined for the Knickertwister races which will be non-spinnaker and be run with modified ratings.

8.4 After each race of the Knickertwister series. The boats finishing 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will have their ratings reduced by 50,30 and 10. for subsequent races.

## **9.0 PRIZES & PRIZE GIVING**

9.1 Series prizes only will be awarded.

9.2 For Knickertwister and tide race series best 4 results to count. For September series 3 best results to count.

9.3 Points will be awarded and ties resolved as appendix A (low point) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the ISAF

9.4 Presentation of Trophies will be awarded in the Newport and Uskmouth Yacht Club during the annual laying up supper.

### 10.0. THE START

**10.1** Proposed start times will be published in the club handbook.

**10.2** Details of the actual start time and course will be posted 1 hr before the start.

### 11.0 POSTPONEMENT/ABANDONMENT

The race officials reserve the right to postpone the race until later the same day.

In the event of the race being abandoned it will not be rerun.


### 12.0 Sailing Instructions


12.1 Details of the starting sequence will be on display in the clubhouse.

12.2 The course will be chalked up on the blackboard in the clubhouse. As will the start times for the relevant fleets 1 hr before the start.

*The flags are the primary signal. If the horn stops working just carry on.*


Time	Horn	Flags
At 5 minutes before start.	1 Blast	Flag "O" Displayed 
At 4 minutes before start.  <i>Racing rules now in effect i.e. no engines</i>	1 Blast	Flag "P" Displayed   <i>Flag "O" still being displayed</i>

At 1 minute before start	1 Blast	Flag "P" Removed <i>Flag "O" still being displayed</i> 
At Start	1 Blast	Flag "O" Removed

After Start If one or more competitors were over the line early,	1 Blast	Flag "X" Displayed 
Once the offending competitors only have crossed back over the line, or after 4 minutes. Whichever happens earlier?		Flag "X" Removed

Any offending boat which has not complied within the 4 minutes is now disqualified.

In an emergency there may have to be a delayed start:

Delayed start	2 Blasts	Flag "AP" Displayed  all other flags so far displayed removed
Once the problem has been solved.	1 Blast	Flag "AP" Removed  Countdown will start from the beginning, 1 minute later.