



NOTICE OF RACE

2017 UK Grand Prix Round 1

Calshot, Solent – 14th to 16th April 2017

1 RULES

- 1.1 The organising authority is the UK 18ft Skiff Class Association.
- 1.2 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the rules of the UK 18ft Skiff Class Association, this Notice of Series and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 For yachts entering to be eligible for the UK Grand Prix Round 1 they shall be 18ft Skiffs in accordance with the current rules of the International 18ft Skiff Class Association, including amendments made in this Notice of Race.
- 2.2 For yachts to be eligible for the UK Grand Prix Round 1 teams must also be paid up members of the UK 18ft Skiff Class Association or be in their first season of racing where they shall be exempt.
- 2.3 Entry forms will be available at the briefing on Saturday morning. The UK 18ft Skiff Class Association reserves the right to refuse entries on the day on safety or operational grounds. The entry fee will be £TBD per boat
- 2.4 All yachts must pay the required entry fee prior to racing.

3 SCHEDULE AND RACING FORMAT

- 3.1 Friday 14th April will be a training day. No races will be sailed to count towards the series.
- 3.2 Registration will be held at the briefing on Saturday 15th May.
- 3.3 Competitor briefings will be on Saturday morning in the Calshot Activities Centre Hangar or Rigging Area (weather dependent) at 10.30am. Late registrations may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee
- 3.4 The race Format will be in accordance with the Sailing Instructions. The warning signal for the first race on day 1 will be no earlier than 1155 and on the final day the warning signal for the last race will be at no later than 1500.
Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 3.5 The target length of races will be 35 minutes.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCORING

- 4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration. Draft copies maybe circulated before the event.
- 4.2 A boat's series score shall be the sum of her race scores, excluding her worst scores as listed as below;



Races Completed	Scores Excluded
1 – 2	0
3 - 6	1
7 or more	2

5 THE COURSE

- 5.1 The courses will be held in the Solent. The configuration and the order of rounding will be as shown in the Sailing Instructions.

6 WIND CONDITIONS

- 6.1 The minimum wind speed for starting will be that in which the race committee considers the boats have sufficient capability for pre-start manoeuvres.
- 6.2 Races should not start, or races in progress should be abandoned when, as measured on the committee boat:
- (a) Wind gusts exceed 25 knots continuously for more than 30 seconds.
 - (b) Wind gusts exceed 30 knots for any duration.
 - (c) Wind is lower than 3 knots for more than 50% of 5 minutes
- 6.3 Races should not start, or races in progress should be abandoned when the race committee considers conditions are unsafe for sailing.

7 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

8 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

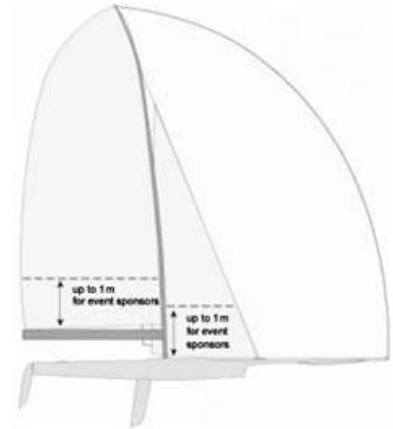
- 8.1 The safety of a yacht and her entire management shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht, who must ensure that the yacht and crews are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of the sailing instructions nor any inspection of the yacht in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, his yacht and the management thereof. Neither the Organising Authority, its officers employees or agents nor the Race Committee shall be responsible 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 the regatta. Moreover every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the regatta.
- 8.2 In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor no liability is accepted by the Organising Authority, the Race Committee or the person rendering assistance.
- 8.3 Competitors will be required to certify to the Race Committee that they have adequate insurance including third party cover for not less that £3,000,000 throughout the regatta.



- 8.4 Each skiff must carry, securely fixed, a sheathed knife on the port side of the rudder gantry.

9 ADVERTISING

- 9.1 All registered teams agree to affix the series or event logos, at the start of an event of series by the organiser, on each side of the Jib and/or Mainsail in the required locations. The lower third of each sail is reserved for series or event branding, as shown in the adjacent diagram.
- 9.2 It is the responsibility of each team to properly affix and ensure the correct adhesion of each logo. If a logo is damaged or falls off, a team must make their best effort to replace the logo as soon as practically possible.
- 9.3 Teams failing to display event or series branding shall be assessed a 10% scoring penalty (minimum 1 place) in each race sailed without branding.
- 9.4 Only current event or series branding relating is permitted. All branding relating to previous events and or previous sponsorship are to be removed.



10 ALTERATIONS TO THE RRS

- 10.1 Where there are conflicts between the Racing Rules, Notice of Series, Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 10.2 Touching a mark (other than a starting or finishing line mark) with any part of the boat or crew shall not constitute an infringement of the Rules and does not require a 1 turn penalty; Manhandling a mark which results in an advantage is not allowed nor is displacing it and a boat so doing shall promptly retire. If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a 1 turn penalty. This alters RRS 31.2
- 10.3 RRS 44 is modified from a 1 and 2 turn penalty to include one tack and a gybe. If the penalty is incurred whilst sailing downwind with the spinnaker flying the penalty shall be taken before rounding the leeward mark, or if approaching the finishing line to finish, before crossing the finish.
- 10.4 RRS 41 is modified to allow verbal outside assistance from coach and support boats. The following exception should be added to RRS 41
- e) solicited or unsolicited verbal information from any coach or support boat