



Chichester Yacht Club Europe and Solo Open 2024

Sunday 24th March 2024

**Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.
Event Location: Chichester Yacht Club, West Sussex**

Notice of Race

1. Rules

1.1 The Europe and Solo Open will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

1.2 Competitors should note that Chichester YC implements the RYA Racing Charter and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with the charter. This can be found at the front of the RYA book - Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

1.3 Chichester YC follows the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with this code. Further information on www.chifed.org

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Boat Eligibility.

3.1.1 The event is open to Europe and Solo class boats. The helm must be a current member of the relevant class association.

3.1.2 Boats participating in this event will conform to their class rules.

3.1.3 Boats needing to sail with sail numbers differing from those under which they have entered must seek approval from the CYC race committee. This will usually be the Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer, or Beachmaster.

3.2 Competitor Eligibility

3.2.1 Young competitors are those under the age of 18 on 24 March 2024

3.2.2. During the event the parents or guardians of young competitors, shall either be in or around Chichester YC or afloat participating in the event, or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their behalf. (CYC members aged 16-17 whose parent or guardian has had a CYC Young Person Consent Form accepted by CYC Office are exempted).

3.2.3. Parents, guardians, or persons acting in loco parentis of young competitors shall by submitting the online entry form accept the parents or guardians declaration.

Solo Class only

3.2.4 Solo Masters are those Solo Class competitors aged 50 and over, but under 60 years old on 24 March 2024

3.2.5 Solo Grand Masters are those Solo Class competitors aged 60 and over, but under 70 years old on 24 March 2024

3.2.6 Solo Septimus Masters are those Solo Class competitors aged 70 and over on 24 March 2024

3.3. Entry

3.3.1 Eligible competitors should enter online. On-line entry is available until the start of racing. In exceptional circumstances competitors may complete a paper entry form on the day.

3.3.2. On race day competitors must check and sign that their entry and intention to race appears correctly on the printed list displayed in the Sloop area. New entries made on-line on that day must be noted on the printed list by the competitor. Competitors racing must Sign On on the printed list (except as in 3.3.5)

3.3.3. The helm of every boat must Sign Off for each race on the printed list displayed in The Sloop area after returning to the shore (except as in 3.3.5). By signing off the helm is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed. A helm shall indicate that they have retired from a race by signing off with the code RET, DNF or DNC. Where competitors use DNS this should be confirmed by the Race Officer. Helms shall sign off within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

3.3.4 The race committee shall apply a penalty of one point without a hearing for a breach of 3.3.2, 3.3.3 or

3.3.5. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5

3.3.5 Competitors sailing to the start line from another shore (such as Dell Quay) must advise the CYC committee boat or patrol boat that they are racing, and when they leave the race area. This is in lieu of Sign On and Sign Off.

3.4 Entry Fees and Harbour dues

3.4.1 Entry Fee per boat: £20

3.4.2 All boats must pay harbour dues.

4. Racing Schedule

Date	HW time	HW height	Races Scheduled	Briefing	First Warning Signal
Sun 24 March 2024	11.05	4.3	3	9.15	10.10

4.1 The stated warning signal time is 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race of the day for the Europe Class. The first warning signal for the Solo Class is scheduled at 10.15.

4.2. The Briefing will normally be held in the Sloop area at CYC 1 hour before the first scheduled start.

5. Risk Statement

5.1 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."

5.2 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:

- (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; and for boats sailed by young competitors the competitor's parents or guardians or those acting in loco parentis also accept this.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- (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 patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (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 and information produced for the venue and event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

6. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

7. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester YC.

8. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester YC.

9. Signals Made Ashore

9.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated between the two slipways.

9.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 20 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.

9.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, the class flag is displayed ashore no boat of that class shall launch until their class flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their class flag is displayed ashore. When the class flag is lowered with a sound signal that class should launch as quickly as possible.

10. Class flags

10.1 The Solo class flag will be International Code Pennant 1

10.2 The Europe class flag will be the Europe Class Flag.

11. Courses

11.1 Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters known as Chichester Lake.

11.2 To sail to the starting area once launched should take no more than 20 minutes.

11.3 The course, for each class, including start and finish line details, will be displayed on the whiteboard in the Sloop at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race. Any changes to courses will be on the whiteboard on the committee boat "Cyclone".

12. Marks

Racing marks shall be either large orange cylindrical buoys, bearing the initials CYC and an identification number, or small spherical buoys coloured green, orange, yellow, pink or red, or any of the fixed yellow Chichester Harbour racing marks. The approximate positions of the Chichester Harbour racing marks are shown on the charts in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

13. The Start

13.1 The starting line mark shall be the Chichester YC committee boat Cyclone and the large orange cylindrical buoy with the identification mark CYC 0. Cyclone shall be the starboard end starting mark and CYC 0 shall be the port end starting mark. There may be an Inner Distance Mark in the proximity of Cyclone. The starting line shall be between a staff on Cyclone displaying an orange flag and the course side of CYC 0.

13.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.

13.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13.4 Starting sequence

This changes RRS 26. Races will be started in one of the sequences set out in 13.4.1 or 13.4.2 as indicated on the course board in the Sloop. Times will be taken from the visual signals. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. The warning signal for each succeeding fleet will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding fleet subject to general recalls.

13.4.1 Start Sequence as RRS 26 (known as 5,4,1,Go)

Races will be started using the following signals

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5	Class flag	one	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I,U or Black flag	one	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	one long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	one	Starting signal

13.4.2 Attenuated Start Sequence (known as 3,2,1 Go)

At 5 minutes before the first start an Orange flag will be displayed on the committee boat.

If an Answering Pennant (postponement) or a first substitute (General Recall) is displayed these will be removed at 4 minutes before the following restart.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	P, I, Z, Z with I,U or Black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One Long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

14. The Finish and Finishing

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on CYC committee boat Cyclone at the starboard end and the course side of the port – end finishing mark which will be an orange cylindrical buoy marked CYC 0.

14.2 The race committee may shorten the course for a specific fleet by flying international code flag S with the appropriate class flag. If flag S is flown over the relevant class flag then that class's race shall be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. If the relevant class flag is flown over flag S boats shall finish the race when they next cross the finishing line and average lap times shall be used to calculate the race results. This changes RRS 32 and the Race Signals.

15. Time Limits

The advisory time for the lead boat in each race is 40-45 minutes. Subject to the Race Officer's discretion, boats likely to finish 10 minutes or more behind the lead boat, may be given their position on the course at that time. The Race Officer will advise those competitors accordingly. The Race Officer may shorten the course when necessary in order to accommodate the Advisory time. The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. Scoring

16.1 The Low point System will be used, and calculated in accordance with the number of races to count specified in 16.2. below. This changes RRS A2.1.

16.2 Race Series. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the sum of a boat's best scores from the number of races to count. The number of races to count is

shown below:

Races Sailed	2	3
Races to Count	2	2

16.3 Series scoring. Rule A5.3 will apply to the scores for this series

17. Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

17.1 The Post Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. (Full information on www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

17.2 The Post Race Penalty will be 20% of the score for DNF and rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward).

17.3 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned and preferably before leaving the race area and coming ashore.

17.4 Protest forms are available on request. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer within the appropriate time limit.

17.5 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 62.2

17.6 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.8 Breaches of instructions 1.2, 1.3, 9.3, 13.2, 18, 19.1, 19.2 , 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17.9 Competitors are reminded of RRS 61.1(a) "The protesting boat shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area she shall hail "protest".

18. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

19. Safety Regulations

19.1 RRS Rule 40 .1 (personal floatation) applies at all times while afloat - International code flag Y will not be displayed.

19.2 Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

19.3 Competitors are reminded of 3.3.2,3.3.3,3.3.4 and 3.3.5 sign on and sign off.

20. Local Variations

20.1 Competitors are warned that vessels in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily manoeuvre freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels and hence cannot be expected to give right of way to boats racing. Competitors are requested to keep clear of all boats in these channels and are reminded that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply between vessels that are racing and those that are not racing.

20.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or from moored boats.

20.3 Competitors are warned that the mud bank known as Monkey Island, situated between the Club Line and the Monkey racing mark, has shallow patches and dries out well before low water.

Internal

21. Flags O and R - Free pumping - Europe Class only

The race committee may signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted, as specified in the class rules, by displaying flag O before or with the warning signal.

- a. If the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag O has been displayed, the race committee may postpone the race. Then, before or with a new warning signal, the committee shall display either flag R, to signal that rule 42 as changed by the class rules applies, or flag O, as provided in rule P5.2(a).
- b. If flag O or flag R is displayed before or with the warning signal, it shall be displayed until the starting signal.

After the Starting Signal

- a. If the wind speed exceeds 12 knots at deck level, the race committee may display flag O with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted, as specified in the class rules, after passing the mark;
- b. If flag O has been displayed and the wind speed becomes less than 12 knots at deck level, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal that rule 42, as changed by the class rules, applies after passing the mark.

22. Supporting Information

22.1 Results will be posted on CYC's web site - www.cyc.co.uk This shall include names, home club, boat type, sail number & results. These are kept as long term records by Chichester YC.

22.2 Competitors shall accept that photographs and motion pictures of their boat and its crew could be taken whilst attending this event.

22.3 In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority and Class Association the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

22.4 Results, reports & photos as published on-line will also be published on-line and the press.

22.5 Paper entry forms & sign on/sign off sheets will be retained and held securely by CYC for up to 2 years.

22.6 Protest forms will be retained for up to 5 years.

22.7 Support boats attending this event shall register at the entry desk during any registration period.

22.8 Competitors are asked not to leave road trailers in the car park at CYC, but to move them to the dinghy park or other area designated for the purpose.

23. Prizes

23.1 All trophies shall remain the property of Chichester Yacht Club or the relevant Class Association. The trophy must be returned prior to the same event the following year.

23.2 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

23.3 The Prize giving for the Europe and Solo Open is scheduled to be held ASAP after racing on 24 March 2024

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