



# NOTICE OF RACE

## Run-Rabbit Series

(24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 through 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020)

Organising Authority: **The WCA (Windermere Cruising Association)**

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## 1. RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1.1. The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in [World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020](#) (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS 26 is changed as follows: -
  - 1.2.1. No visual signals will be given (i.e. flags will not be used).
  - 1.2.2. Races will be started as if the 'P' visual signal had been displayed at the preparatory signal.
  - 1.2.3. Times shall be taken from the beginning of the sound signals.
- 1.3. The [RYA prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020](#) will apply.
- 1.4. The [Windermere Navigation Byelaws \(2008\)](#) will apply. [DP]
- 1.5. In case of conflict the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will prevail over the Notice of Race (NoR). This changes RRS 63.7

## 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Entry is open to cruiser/racing yachts in good standing with the [WCA](#), [RWYC](#), [LDBC](#), [WMV](#), [Low Wood Bay Marina](#), & [Maiden Marine Marina](#). Other entries can be accepted at the discretion of the WCA Sailing Secretary.
- 2.2. Eligible boats can apply for entry by [completing the online Race Entry Form](#).
- 2.3. Entries should be received not later than 0800 on the day of race.

## 3. FEES

- 3.1. The WCA committee has decided to make this series free of charge to encourage sailing and racing following the unprecedented events of this year.

If you would like to make a voluntary contribution to the RNLI, whose normal fundraising has also been disrupted this year, please just hail on VHF CH08 and a collection box will make its way to your yacht! These will be presented on behalf of the competitors to Mr Peter Gooch, RNLI Lakeland Branch Chairman at the end of the series.

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## 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. To be flexible a schedule of races will be maintained at <https://www.windermere-cruising-association.co.uk/sailing/2020-summer-series/>
- 4.2. Changes to the calendar will be advised by SMS.
- 4.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for all races is 1325 (i.e. race start 1330) unless otherwise advised by SMS.

## 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://www.windermere-cruising-association.co.uk/sailing/2020-summer-series/> no later than one day before the first race and will be maintained there.

## 6. RACING AREAS

- 6.1. Races will take place on Lake Windermere.
- 6.2. Races may be held in either the North Lake or the South Lake depending on the wind conditions and forecast.

## 7. COURSES

- 7.1. The course to be sailed on each day will be determined by the Officer of the Day taking into account the wind conditions and forecast.
- 7.2. Details of the course type, number of laps, and the direction in which each mark should be rounded will be notified by SMS before the first warning signal.

## 8. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Obstructions on Windermere are indicated by red marked buoys and/or a red triangle mounted on a post. In some cases, an area may be indicated by a group of such marks. These marks are maintained by the Windermere Lake Wardens.
- 8.2. Sailing through an area that is designated as an obstruction is prohibited.

## 9. PENALTIES

- 9.1. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.
- 9.2. The Post-Race Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the [RYA Rules Disputes procedures](#) shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1. The scoring system for all races is the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A.
- 10.2. The minimum number of races required to be completed to constitute a series is 4.
- 10.3. Discards: Every third race will constitute a discard. (3->1, 6->2,9->3 ...)

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- 10.4. A boat that did not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats of that fleet entered in the series.
- 10.5. A boat that came to the starting area but did not start (DNS), did not finish (DNF), or was disqualified (DSQ or OCS) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats of that fleet that came to the starting area.

## 11. HANDICAPS

- 11.1. The handicap/rating system for all races will be most recent CYCA Handicap ratings.

## 12. FLEETS AND STARTS

- 12.1. The start process will follow “RYA Racing Department Guidance COVID-19” *Appendix A: Guidance: Running gate starts without external race management*. See Sailing Instructions for more details.
- 12.2. Whilst racing boats
  - a. Shall display International Code Flag G. [DP]
  - b. Shall not display a Red Ensign. [DP]
  - c. Shall display the pennant of the club under which they are entered. [DP]

## 13. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 13.1. There will not be any official boats.

## 14. SMS NOTIFICATIONS

- 14.1. Race Location shall be communicated by SMS message to the mobile phone number included in the entry form (see §2.2).

## 15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1. Race entrants are required to carry a VHF radio.
- 15.2. Race Management information WILL be provided on VHF CH08.
- 15.3. Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

## 16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes shall be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

## 17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk, the attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to fundamental rule 4 ‘the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone’.
- 17.2. 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;
  - 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 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 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 or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
  - 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.
- 17.3. The WCA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race or regatta.
- 17.4. Entrants agree to save harmless and keep indemnified, 'Windermere Cruising Association' its Officers and anyone associated with the organisation of this event, from and against all losses, actions and claims, proceedings, costs, damages and expenses whatsoever, consequent upon or incidental to the Association's activities

## 18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' representative. It is the responsibility of the owner to provide insurance for the yacht covering potential damage to persons or property.
- 18.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of £3,000,000 sterling.
- 18.3. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing.

## 19. MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. RRS 1.2 is expanded to specify required safety equipment as indicated in the relevant table below: - [DP]

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<b>All entrants</b> <b>(COVID-19 changes in red)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Suitable boarding ladder.</li><li>b) Line suitable for towing.</li><li>c) VHF Radio.</li><li>d) Mobile Phone.</li><li>e) Life hoop or floating cushion, immediately accessible to the helmsman.</li><li>f) Fire extinguisher. One dry powder, not less than 1kg weight or equivalent BCF.</li><li>g) Bucket with lanyard attached</li><li>h) Suitable anchor with chain and/or warp</li><li>i) All boats will carry engines at all times.</li></ul>
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19.2. Boats with lifting keels must race with the keel fixed in the down position at all times.