



Forth Inshore Group (FIG)
Series
Inchkeith Trophy
Rankine Trophy
Sunday 21 May 2017



NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority is jointly Forth Corinthian Yacht Club and Royal Forth Yacht Club
- 1.2. All enquiries should be addressed to: vicecommodorerfyc@gmail.com

2. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available from the FYCA Website from April 2017.

3. Rules

- 3.1. The Race will be run under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- 3.2. The prescriptions of the RYA & FYCA FIG will apply, unless noted below.
- 3.3. FYCA Yacht Safety Regulations Category 4 shall apply for Division 1 and Category 4R to Division 2.

4. Classes & Handicaps

- 4.1. The race is open to Division 1 and Division 2 yachts as defined by FIG rules, including yachts using restricted sail.
- 4.2. Current FYCA handicaps will be used.

5. Restricted Sail Option for Yachts

As described on the FYCA Website.

6. Race Schedule

Start time will be at competitor's selection between 09:00 and 15:00 on 21 May 2017.

7. Entry Forms & Fees

7.1. Entry Forms are available from the FYCA.

7.2. There will be no entry fee for this event but it is suggested that a £5 donation be made to the RNLI.

8. Registration

8.1. Completed entry forms should be sent to vicecommodorerfyc@gmail.com, or posted to:

Vice Commodore,
Royal Forth Yacht Club
Yacht Club,
Middle Pier,
Granton Pier,
Edinburgh EH5 1HF

8.2. Completed entry forms should be received by Wednesday 17 May. Late Entries may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.

A mobile phone number must entered on the entry form and this mobile must:

- **Accept Texts**
- **Be operative at least seven days before race day and on race day.**
- **Be carried on the yacht during the race**

8.3. It is recommended a second mobile phone, operating on an alternative network, be carried and its number noted on the entry form.

9. Race Area

9.1. The race area shall be on the Firth of Forth generally between the Forth Road Bridge to the West and the area around Channel Buoy No 2 to the East.

9.2. Yachts must:

- Pay due regard to any restrictions imposed via current Notices to Mariners.
- Keep a minimum distance of 30m from the Hound Point and Braefoot tanker terminals and 100m from any tanker berthing there. In the event that tanker movements in the vicinity of Braefoot take place, yachts should not enter Mortimer's Deep.
- Observe large vessels whose ability to manoeuvre is restricted and give early and clear indication of their intention to keep clear of such large vessels.
- Take due notice of the manoeuvres of pilots who may transfer to large vessels in this area.

10. The Course

The course to be sailed will be as per Sailing Instructions, but will be an approximately elliptical circuit of fixed marks; going E of Inchkeith for Division 1, staying W of Inchkeith for Division 2.

11. Berthing

Edinburgh Marina Ltd will offer FREE berthing at Granton on 20-22nd May to competitors intending to take part in this race.

12. Radio Communication

12.1. It is recommended that all competitors maintain a listening watch on CH 16

12.2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

12.3. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13. Risk Statement

- 13.1. 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."
- 13.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.
- 13.3. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 13.3.1. 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;
 - 13.3.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 13.3.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 13.3.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 13.3.5. The provision of officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 13.3.6. There is no provision of patrol boat cover;
 - 13.3.7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this event present, or drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event;
 - 13.3.8. 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];
 - 13.3.9. Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact: vicecommodorerfyc@gmail.com