



NOTICE OF RACE FOR THE 2017 FAST 40+ RACE CIRCUIT.

1.0 ORGANISATION

- 1.1 The 2017 Fast 40+ Circuit is managed by the Fast 40+ Class. Each individual event host yacht club or organisation will be the Organising Authority (OA) working in collaboration with the Fast 40+ Class.

2.0 RULES

- 2.1 The 2017 Fast 40+ Race Circuit will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS).
- 2.2 IRC Rules 2017 Parts A, B and C shall apply.
- 2.3 Fast 40+ Class rule.
- 2.4 Fast 40+ Class Bylaws.
- 2.5 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 Monohulls.
- 2.6 Specific event Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be published by each OA.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Boats that meet the Fast 40+ Class Rule are eligible for the 2017 Race Circuit once the boat's owner has joined the Fast 40+ Class.
- 3.2 Entries for the 2017 Race Circuit individual events shall be made on the official entry forms in accordance with each events NOR. **All entries should be sent directly to the event OA.**
- 3.3 All boats shall have a valid IRC Endorsed certificate issued by the RORC Rating Office by the deadline published in the individual event NOR. If an event NOR does not include a rating deadline the certificate shall be issued 7 days prior to the event. After this date changes will only be permitted with the express permission of the Fast 40+ Class Race Director.
- 3.4 Registration for each event shall be completed with the OA in accordance with the event NoR. Additionally, a boat shall have completed the following no later than 0845hrs on the 1st scheduled day of each event.
 - (a) Provided the Fast 40+ Class Race Director a copy of the boats valid IRC Endorsed certificate.
 - (b) Provided Fast 40+ Class Race Director a crew list declaration.
 - (c) Provided Fast 40+ Class Race Director a sail declaration form.

4.0 ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

- 4.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA or/and the Fast 40+ Class.
- 4.2 Bow numbers, battle flag, backstay identification flag and other decals will be issued for use.

5.0 RACE DOCUMENTS

- 5.1 The Race Documents for each event of the 2017 series will be made available on the Fast 40+ Class Web Site www.fast40class.com prior to each regatta and emailed to class members.

6.0 RACE AREA AND COURSES

- 6.1 Racing will take place in The Solent and adjacent waters.
- 6.2 The courses will be either windward / leeward or round the buoys or coastal. Further details will be available in the Sailing Instructions for each Fast 40+ Race Circuit event.



7.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Round		Event / Host Club	Number of races
1	19 – 21 May	Vice Admirals Cup / Royal Ocean Racing Club	Up to 8 Races
2	30 June – 1 July	Windward Leeward Races x 4 (30 June) / Royal Southern Yacht Club – The Round the Island Race (1 July) / Island Sailing Club	Up to 5 Races
3	29 July – 4 August	Cowes Week / Cowes Week Limited	Up to 7 Races
4	20 - 23 September	One Ton Cup / Royal Yacht Squadron	Up to 9 Races
5	14 – 15 October	Hamble Big Boat Championships / Hamble River Sailing Club	Up to 6 Races

8.0 SCORING

- 8.1 The 2017 Fast 40+ Race Circuit consists of five separate rounds, as per NOR 7.1.
- 8.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series for each round.
- 8.2 A boats series score will be the total of each events overall ranking. There will be no discarded series scores. This changes RRS A2.

9.0 TROPHY AND PRIZES

- 9.1 The 2017 Fast 40+ Race Circuit Trophy and prizes are awarded at the end of racing of the 5th round. Details for individual event prize giving presentations will be provided in the event NOR and SI's.

10.0 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESS

- 10.1 At no cost to the competitors, the Fast 40+ Class may request the installation of onboard tracking and/or video cameras for the purposes of the official film production.
- 10.2 By entering the Fast 40+ Race Circuit events, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing boats grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their boat in any media (including film, print and internet), to Fast 40+ Class and sponsors.

11.0 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 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."

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:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be 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 or 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.

11.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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