



# 2024 Sparkes Trophy & Nab Cup

21<sup>st</sup> September & 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Hayling Island Sailing Club, Hampshire, UK

The Organizing Authority is Hayling Island Sailing Club

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, except as stated in 3.2 below.

### 2 COMMUNICATIONS & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 All documents governing this event, including the sailing instructions, will be available at the event website.  
[www.hisc.co.uk/sailing/open-events/cruiser-open/](http://www.hisc.co.uk/sailing/open-events/cruiser-open/)
- 2.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 37 and 8.
- 2.3 [DP] While racing, 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.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The Sparkes Trophy & Nab Cup is open to all monohulled cruisers and will be rated using the (free) RYA YTC National rating system for cruiser racers.
- (a) Boats that do not have a valid 2024 YTC certificate may apply for one on-line, using the procedure set out within the YTC website ([www.ytc.rorcrating.com](http://www.ytc.rorcrating.com)). Confirmation of entry. A copy of a boat's valid 2024 RYA YTC certificate shall be received before 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Note that it can take up to TEN days to receive your certificate.
- (b) Boats racing under YTC shall declare by this time the YTC sail configuration with which they will compete.
- (c) No alteration in a boat's rating or handicap will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a protest or to correct IRC rating office or YTC rating errors."
- (d) It is free of charge to obtain a rating for the yacht and only requires basic information.
- 3.2 The Little Sparkes Trophy & Little Nab Cup is open to all cruisers and will be rated using the NHC base handicaps. The NHC rating will be allocated by the organizers.
- 3.3 Boats may enter at <https://sailevent.net/enter/HISC/2024-Sparkes-Trophy---Nab-Cup>.
- 3.4 By entering the event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.
- 3.5 Entry is free.

### 4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The race schedule is as follows:

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Event:</b>  | <b># Races:</b> |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 21 Sep       | Sparkes Trophy | 2               |
| 22 Sep       | Nab Cup        | 1               |

- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race for both classes each day is 10:55.

### 5 VENUE

- 5.1 The racing will take place in Hayling Bay and the Eastern Solent.

5.2 Venue information is available at [www.hisc.co.uk](http://www.hisc.co.uk)

## **6 PRIZES**

Prize giving will be held after racing on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## **7 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

## **8 INSURANCE**

[DP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per incident or the equivalent.

## **9 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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