

## **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the following:

1.1.1 Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.1.2 The Class Rules and Guidelines.

1.1.3 This Notice of Race.

1.1.4 The Sailing Instructions.

1.1.5 IOSSC **Standing Sailing Instructions for club racing** (Sunday Only).

1.1.6 IOSSC [Sailing Program 2025](#)

1.2 In the event of conflicts among the above documents, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.2.

1.5 Competitors should note that IOSSC implements the RYA Racing Charter and

that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found

at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

## **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

2.1 The Regatta is open to all Osprey boats sailed by members of the National Osprey Class Association and IOSSC Members.

2.2 Entries are to be made online together with the entry fee as described in NOR 3.1

2.3 All helms and crew under the age of 18 during the event shall submit signed parent/guardian declarations as part of the entry process and submit details of the parent acting in charge of a child who shall be present at IOSSC at all times during the event.

2.4 Medical forms and sailor declarations included as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.

2.5 The regatta forms part of the Osprey Traveller Series, details of which can be found on the Osprey Class Association website (<https://www.ospreysailing.org.uk>)

## **3 ENTRY FEE**

3.1 The entry fee for racing will be as follows:

3.1.1 The entry for registration prior to 2359 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 £30.

3.1.2 There is a £10 surcharge for registrations made on or after 0001 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

3.1.3 Entry prior to 2359 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 may be made, and fees paid online at [WebCollect](https://webcollect.org.uk/iossc/event/osprey-traveller-series-event) (<https://webcollect.org.uk/iossc/event/osprey-traveller-series-event>)

3.1.4 Entry after 0001 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025 can be made at the club on arrival for the event.

#### **4 VENUE**

4.1 Racing is intended to take place on Thames Estuary to the North or North East of IOSSC on the Saturday only.

4.2 Racing on Sunday will be incorporated into club racing which includes 1 race around buoys and the long distance race to S3 Buoy in the Swale, which encompasses waters North and West of the Isle of Sheppey.

#### **5 SCHEDULE.**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025 from 1600 Registration in the main hall.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – Briefing in the main hall.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - 3 Races back to back.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 - 1 AM Race and the Long Distance race after Lunch.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 - As soon as possible after racing - Presentation.

#### **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

6.1 Sailing instructions will be available no later than 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 online via [WEBCOLLECT](https://webcollect.org.uk), or via [www.iossailingclub.co.uk](http://www.iossailingclub.co.uk)

#### **7 COURSES**

7.1 The courses to be sailed will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **8 SCORING**

8.1 The Osprey event will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A4 using the Low Point System.

8.2 5 races are scheduled; 3 completed races will constitute a series.

8.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's regatta series score shall be the total of her race scores.

8.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's regatta series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

#### **9 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

9.1 All boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for Class rules compliance prior to, or after racing.

#### **10 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

10.1 Support person vessels will be allowed and will be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee.

10.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including relatives of competitors who are not official, patrol or support person vessels shall not be in the racing area, nor shall they communicate with any competitors, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until the last boat returns to shore. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the protest

committee and may be less than disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so:

a) For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 300m from any boat that is racing, and this shall specifically include an area not less than 200m immediately to leeward of the finish line for any race.

b) For events that are held in restricted waters where the requirements in 14.2 a) are unable to be met, the Race Officer may designate a specific area for team leaders, coaches, or support boats

10.3 Competitors will not be able to place food, drink, and spares on any support vessels

## **11 PRIZES**

11.1 Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

11.2 Prize giving will take place in the main hall as soon as possible after racing on the last day.

11.3 The minimum number of prizes to be awarded will be:

- 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **12 ADVERTISING AND MEDIA**

12.1 If or when provided by the Organising Authority, boats shall display numbers and advertising.

12.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the Class Association, 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.

12.3 Competitors may be required to participate in interviews during the event. [NP] [DP]

## **13 CANCELLATIONS**

13.1 Cancellations & Refunds will be made to entrants as follows:

13.11 If the entrant withdraws from the event more than 5 days before the start a full refund will be issued.

13.12 if the entrant withdraws between 5 days and 48 hours before the event, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.

13.13 If the entrant withdraws 48hours or less before the event there will be no refund.

13.2 Notice of any cancellations will be promulgated by all available means, including social media at least 24 hours before event start time.

13.3 For the purpose of this rule, the event start time will be considered as 4 hours before the first scheduled race in accordance with the Notice of Race.

## **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 of other causes. 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

## **15 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

17.1 The Club is card only (No Cash).

17.2 Entry Fee covers all associated costs for running the event. Food is not covered by the entry fee and will be sold separately.

17.3 Boats will be stored within the IOSSC Compound unless directed by the sailing committee.

17.4 Due to the unique style of the event, Sundays courses will be promulgated by the RO on the day.

17.4 For further information please contact [IOSSC](#). (email: [iosscenquiries@outlook.com](mailto:iosscenquiries@outlook.com))