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| **Defence Instructions and Notices**  (Not to be communicated to anyone outside HM Service without authority) | |
| **Title:** | Services Offshore Regatta 2019 |
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| **Content:** | Notice of race and entry details for the 2019 Services Offshore Regatta |
| **Sponsor:** | Association of Service Yacht Clubs |
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**THE SERVICES OFFSHORE REGATTA 2019**

**Introduction**

1. The Services Offshore Regatta (SOR) 2019 will take place in the Solent and English Channel area over the period Fri 31 May to Sat 8 Jun 19. The event is being organised, on behalf of the Association of Service Yacht Clubs (ASYC), by the Army Sailing Association (ASA). The regatta will be based out of the Joint Services Adventurous Sail Training Centre (JSASTC) and Hornet Services Sailing Club (HSSC), Gosport, Hampshire.

**Aim**

2. The aim of SOR 19 is to complete the annual Inter-Service offshore racing competition with representative Service teams and individual entries.

**Organising Authority**

3. The organising authority is the ASYC with the ASA leading the planning and delivery.

**Regatta Programme**

4. For 2019 the race programme will consist of 3 offshore races only. The outline programme is below with more detailed instructions to entrants follow:

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| **Date** | **Activity** | **Remarks / Detail** |
| Fri 31 May | Race office open at HSSC and draw for JSASTC yachts | Skippers and crews present to takeover yachts, draw protective clothing and receive mandatory safety briefs. On completion crews free to carry out mandatory safety drills, train and prepare |
| Mon 3 Jun AM | Yacht prep | Opportunity for final prep and takeover of yachts from JSASTC. |
| Mon 3 Jun PM | Race 1 | As detailed in NoR and SIs. Gosport – Cherbourg. |
| Wed 5 Jun | Race 2 | As detailed in NoR and SIs. Cherbourg – Weymouth. |
| Fri 7 Jun | Race 3 | As detailed in NoR and SIs.  Weymouth – Gosport |
| Sat 8 Jun | Breakfast prize giving and yacht handback | At HSSC, coffee and bacon rolls available |

**Rules**

5. The rules of the regatta are laid out in the NoR and SIs.

**Competition format**

6**. Team Competition**.Each Service team will consist of two JSASTC Victoria 34s and their service IRC yacht, with all three boats to count. These yachts must be crewed in accordance with JSP 660.

7. **Divisions and other entrants.** Racing classes will be split in to the divisions below. Entries outside of the sS teams are welcome:

a.Division 1. IRC rated yachts.

b. Division 2. Cruising Class – subject to entries.

c. Division 3. JSASTC Victoria 34.

8. All yachts racing under IRC in Division 1 will require a valid 2018/19 RORC IRC certificate. All yachts are to have a minimum waterline length of 9.15m (30ft). The IRC rating system will be applied for Division 1 and 2 to determine race times.

**Entries**

9. Entries are to be made using the form at Annex A and the closing date for yacht entries is 24 May 19. An indication of intent to enter by 30 Apr would be appreciated in order to make the necessary administrative arrangements.

10. Each sS is to pay a £150 entry fee to the event (£50 per boat x 3). This is to be paid in to the ASYC SOR fund and account details will be provided in admin instruction. IRC or Cruising Division boats entering independently are also to pay a £50 per boat entry fee.

**Eligibility**

11. All skippers and crew for the service teams must be serving military personnel. Those in the IRC or Cruising class outside of the main teams are to be members or associate members of the RNSA, ASA, RAFSA, CSSA or affiliated clubs. At the discretion of the SOR committee, this rule may be relaxed.

**Crew Numbers**

12. The minimum and maximum manning level and competence specified by JSASTC, Service Associations or other Service sailing organisation and class rules where applicable are to be strictly adhered to for the relevant yacht.

**Event safety and duty status**

13. The organising service will complete a risk assessment for the event. Each Single Service (sS) Sailing Association retains governance responsibility and Duty Holding responsibility for their personnel. The JSASTC yachts will be operated under JSASTC SOPs.

14. All Service personnel taking part in SOR 19 as part of the sS teams are deemed to be on duty for sailing and accommodation on yachts. Any social activity around the event is deemed as off duty.

15. Other service personnel competing in other classes should advise the Race Committee of their duty status. Other association members taking part do so at their own risk and the SOR committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**General**

16. **Event enquires**. Any questions or issues relating to SOR19 should be directed to Secretary of the ASA: Maj (Retd) Bernie Fowler, ASCB, Fox Lines, Queens Avenue, ALDERSHOT GU11 2LB. Tel: 94222 7091 or 01252 787091. Email: bfowler@ascb.uk.com

17. **Entry form**. The entry form at Annex A is to be completed and returned as detailed in Para 10.

18. **Detailed information**. A detailed administrative instruction, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be issued on receipt of entries. and entry forms will be sent to Service Sailing Associations and published online in due course.

**ANNEX A TO**

**2019DIN10-017**

**DATED apr 19**

**THE SERVICES OFFSHORE REGATTA 2019 - ENTRY FORM**

Please answer **each** section. If the section is not applicable, please enter N/A.

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| 1. | I wish to enter the Single Service (sS) team for: RN/Army/RAF\*  **For sS IRC Entry**: A copy of my 2018/2019 IRC Certificate will be supplied 7 days before the start of the regatta | YES/NO\*  Yacht Name:  Type:  Length: |
| 2. | If not part of the sS Team – I wish to enter a yacht in to the IRC / Cruising Class\*  **For IRC Entry**: A copy of my 2018/2019 IRC Certificate will be supplied 7 days before the start of the regatta | Yacht Name:  Type:  Length: |
| 3. | POC (to include Address, Tel and civilian email address**)** |  |
| 4. | **Skipper** For Vic 34 STC, RYA YM (O) as min standard, plus the appropriate qualified crew | Name/Rank:  Qualification: Age: |
| 7. | No of crew per Vic 34 STC:  Note: Minimum of four personnel for Vic 34 incl Skipper |  |

\*Delete as applicable

**Applications are to be sent by NLT 24 May 19 to:**

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