



## **Commodores' Challenge**

**27th December 2025**

(Reserve date 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025)

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

This is an invitational match race event between youth teams from The Poole Yacht Club and Parkstone Yacht Club.

#### **1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Parkstone Yacht Club.

#### **2 VENUE**

The venue will be Parkstone Yacht Club, Poole.

#### **3 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

##### **3.1 Schedule**

0920	Briefing from RO and Umpires
1045	First warning signal
1500	Latest time for a warning signal
1500	Approximate time off the water
1530	Lunch and prize giving

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 Team members must be members of either The Poole Yacht Club or Parkstone Yacht Club, Age must be 18 or under on the scheduled day the event is to be held (i.e. 27th December). The lower age limit is 12 years.
- 4.2 All competitors shall provide a completed Junior Waiver Form signed by a parent or guardian.

#### **5 DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

- 5.1 There is no damage deposit for this event.

#### **6 INSURANCE**

- 6.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with third-party liability insurance to a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or equivalent. The owner or the owner's representative (who has been previously notified to the insurance company) shall be on board.

#### **7 RULES**

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.

(b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.

7.2 The boat owner or representative will be an observer on each boat and may provide information to the umpires. They may provide guidance on avoiding collisions and groundings and **do not** offer tactical race advice to the crews

## **8 BOATS AND SAILS**

8.1 The event will be sailed in Elan 333 type boats provided by the owners.

8.2 A boat will be provided by each club.

8.3 Main, jib, spinnaker are provided by Kemp Sails. In the event of very light conditions owners and club representatives may agree to race with no. 3 genoas as similar in design and condition as is possible on the day.

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw.

## **9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

9.1 Teams will consist of up to 16 sailors 12 years or over, but under 18 years old on 27th December 2025.

9.2 The number of crew on the boat (including the skipper) shall be ten. At least 2 of each crew on the boat must at all times be of different gender from the rest of the crew (i.e. at least 2 male and 2 female on each boat). Substitutes may be swapped in between races. Names of all competitors and possible substitutes will be notified to the Sailing Office of the host Club by 22nd December 2025. All sailors whether they sail on the boat on the day or not must complete the Junior Waiver form attached.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

10.1 The format will be the best of five races.

## **11 COURSE**

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area will be within Poole Harbour, Poole Bay or Studland Bay.

## **12 PRIZES**

12.1 The principal prize for first place will be the Commodores' Cup trophy.

## **13 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

13.1 By entering for this event, all competitors grant permission to the Organising Authority and official event sponsors for the use of their photograph, voice, likeness and image in written reports and broadcasts of this event and in subsequent publications, advertisements or productions drawn from photographic, video or audio recording of this event.

## **14 RISK STATEMENT**

14.1 The event will run subject to an on the day risk assessment undertaken by the Race officer and to the boat owners (or owner's representative) consent for their boats to participate. The decision to participate or continue to participate lies with the boat owners.

14.2 The boat owner in each case warrants that their boat is in good order and equipped to sail in the event, and they themselves are fit to participate. The safety equipment will be properly maintained, stowed and in date and familiar to the crew. They provide their boats on the understanding that neither the clubs, nor their representatives or members bear any responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience to the boats however arising, regardless of the circumstances.

14.3 The boat owners (or owner's representatives) are expected to be familiar with any risks, regulations and/or bye-laws specific to sailing or racing in Poole Harbour and Poole Bay including:

a. Tidal conditions in Poole Harbour, which are complex with areas of shallow water common as well as very fast tidal flows in parts of the harbour.

b. The area is used by a wide variety of craft, including large commercial vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, a chain ferry in the harbour entrance and, at times, high volumes of leisure boat traffic. The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea ([COLREG](#)) 1972, applies to all these craft including racing yachts.

c. The Sail Racing Procedures issued by Poole Harbour Commissioners, [Poole Harbour Sail Racing Procedures Version 10 – Feb 2025](#) which place requirements on all those involved in yacht racing in Poole.

14.4 The signatory to the junior waiver for each participant agrees and acknowledges on behalf of the participant that:

14.4.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

14.4.2 They accept responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions and that the owner or owner's representative is present on the boats as an observer only, with no associated obligations.

14.4.3 The provision of patrol boat cover, if any, is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances, particularly in extreme weather conditions. Further, in the event that any assistance is rendered to a competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the competitor, and/or the boat and its equipment is accepted either by the club or the crew of such patrol craft.

14.4.4 The provision of race management teams, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

## **15. MEMBERSHIP & LIABILITY**

15.1 All visiting competitors will be deemed temporary members of Parkstone Yacht Club during the event and as such shall abide by all the Club's rules and bye laws.

15.2 Members of the Club, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk.

**END OF NOTICE OF RACE**



# JUNIOR WAIVER FORM - 2025

A separate form must be completed in respect of each member or visitor who is less than 18 years of age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of the preceding year. The form is to be signed by the person with Parental Responsibility in law, in accordance with the Children Act and lodged with the Club Officer. Club Rule 25.3 refers.

I ..... (Full name of Parent/Grandparent/Guardian)

Being the parent, grandparent or lawful guardian of ..... (Full name of the Child (the "Child"))

## AFLOAT AND ON LAND

1 I hereby agree to the Child:

- a) Taking part in events organised by Parkstone Yacht Club ("The Club") and/or on behalf of the Club.
- b) Sailing/crewing/training in boats and other floating craft owned by the Club or members of the Club or its visitors.
- c) Being a passenger/crew member on a launch or rescue boat or other craft operated by or on behalf of the Club or with its permission.
- d) Having access to all parts of the premises of the Club available for use by members.

2 I understand that the Club is not responsible when he/she is on the Club premises, and that the sole responsibility for the Child is mine.

3 I undertake to be responsible for the supervision of the Child whilst he/she is taking part in all or any of the above activities. I will ensure that the Child is properly equipped with all necessary weatherproof, thermally insulated, buoyancy and other appropriate clothing. In particular that a buoyancy aid will be worn at all times in boats and other floating craft.

4 I understand that the Club is not responsible at any time for the Child when they carry out all or any of the activities specified in paragraph 1 above.

5 I understand and accept that the provisions of Parkstone Yacht Club Race & Training Waiver apply including in particular:

- a) The Club shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the Child as a result of their taking part in any activities specified in paragraph 1 of this form.
- b) The provision of safety equipment and boats by the Club is neither a guarantee that assistance can be rendered nor an acceptance of any responsibility for rescue of individuals.
- c) In the event that assistance is rendered to any person no liability for any loss or injury to that person or any equipment however caused is accepted either by the Club or the crew of such rescue craft.
- d) That the Racing Rules of Sailing provide that it is solely the responsibility of each competitor and owner to decide whether or not to start, or to continue racing and that I accept that responsibility when the Child is using any boat and other floating craft.

Signed ..... Parent/Grandparent/Guardian Date  
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Parent/Grandparent/Guardian's Club Membership No .....