

Ramsgate Run

2021

Ramsgate Run Notice of Race

Organised by the Sussex Yacht Club

Warning Signal 10:00 BST Friday 28 May 2021

www.ramsgaterun.com

1. CONTACT DETAILS

Entry and administrative Address: Sussex Yacht Club, 85-89 Brighton Road, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex BN43 6RE Telephone: 01273 464868 (Office open 09:00-14:00 weekdays) Event website: www.ramsgaterun.com Event email: committee@ramsgaterun.com . Organising volunteer: Steve Vyse, Mobile 07785 275378	Race Committee on Race Day Callsign 'RamRun Race Control' on VHF Channel 72 Mobile & SMS 07785 275378 Email: committee@ramsgaterun.com Coastguard Dover Coastguard on VHF Channel 16 - MMSI 002320010 and by telephone to 00 44 1304 210 008. National Maritime Operations Centre (NMOC) Fareham on VHF Channel 16 - MMSI 002320011 and by telephone to 00 44 2392 552 100. The UK Coastguard can also be reached by phoning 999 and asking for the Coastguard.
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2. COVID.

The 'Ramsgate Run' falls within the guidance issued by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), which can be reviewed [here](#) and allows for overnight stays aboard.

It is a condition of entry that all boats and crews must adhere strictly with current Covid regulations; crews must follow the Rule of 6 or 2 households (including the skipper/owner).

The organisers are very conscious of the strict ban on gatherings outside of more than 30 people and participants are cautioned against coming together in any manner that might constitute an illegal gathering.

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RAMSGATE RUN 2021 – NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The The 2021 Ramsgate Run will be organised by the Sussex Yacht Club and sailed Friday 28 May 2021 between Brighton and Ramsgate.

2. RULES

The Ramsgate Run is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA when they apply, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

- 2.1 The IRC rules Parts 1, 2 and 3 shall apply, subject to the following amendment relating only to single and double handed entries: IRC rule 15.1 is amended to restrict use of stored power to operation of autopilots and RRS 52 is amended accordingly.
- 2.2 IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one designs which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.

3. LIABILITY

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety and nothing whether in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, race website, race correspondence or anywhere else reduces this overriding and absolute responsibility.

- 3.1 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By going to sea the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail in them.
- 3.2 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the race and event. The organisers encompass every person or body helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers and patrol boats and crews therein. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 3.3 The boat is responsible to ensure that she is equipped and seaworthy to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, training and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, of sufficient capacity, stowed and that the crew know how to use it.
- 3.4 That the race committee may conduct inspections does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this section (2).
- 3.5 The attention of all competitors is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 "Decision to Race": "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 3.6 It is a responsibility of the boat to ensure all its crew understand and accept the risks involved in competing.

4. INSURANCE

Each boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured against all third-party claims.

5. SAILING CLASSES

- 5.1 **IRC;** All yachts holding an IRC certificate including short-handed certificates will race within the IRC class.
- 5.2 **SCCH;** All other yachts shall race under SCCH (Sussex Combined Clubs Handicap).
- 5.3 Once entered, a yacht will not be permitted to change class.
- 5.4 Yachts holding valid IRC rating will not be permitted to enter the SCCH class unless dispensation has been granted by the Race Committee.

6. HANDICAPPING

- 6.1 For the IRC Class, yachts shall submit a copy of their current IRC certificate by email attachment to committee@ramsgaterun.com no later than noon on Wednesday 21 May 2021. No alteration in a yacht's TCC will be permitted after this date except as a result of a rating protest or to correct Rating Office errors.
- 6.2 For the SCCH Class, ratings shall be allocated by the Sussex Combined Clubs Handicapping Committee. A yacht with an existing valid SCCH rating which has not been subject to any changes that would require re-rating is not required to submit a new SCCH rating form. A yacht requiring an SCCH rating should submit a completed SCCH rating online no later than 15 May 2021. Details of how to check an existing or apply for a new SCCH rating can be found on the website <http://www.dieppedash.com/SCCH/>
- 6.3 No alteration in a yacht's SCCH Handicap will be permitted after noon Wednesday 21 May 2021 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct Sussex Combined Clubs Handicapping Committee errors.

7. ELEGIBILITY

- 7.1 The race is open, in principle, to seaworthy monohull sailing yachts of any size, type or nationality that comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with Liferaft (see section 8 Safety Regulations).
- 7.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry by reason of yacht displacement and/or stability, crew experience, fitness, preparation or if for any other reason the boat or crew is deemed unsuitable. No correspondence will be entered into regarding a refusal of entry.

8. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Boats must comply with the International Sailing Federation Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 3 with Life Raft, with the following exceptions:

- 8.1 That a suitable offshore marine life raft/s of sufficient capacity and with either a current 3 year or annual certificate (the original or a copy must be available for inspection) is acceptable.
- 8.2 The flare pack minimum requirement is 4 x Red Parachutes, 4 x Red and 2 x Floating Orange Smokes all in service date.
- 8.3 Although it is strongly advised that boats are fitted with an AIS transponder this is not mandatory.
- 8.4 Boats must not carry bow mounted anchors in positions extending beyond the forestay until after the starting signal time plus 1 hour.

9. ADVERTISING

Sponsors' advertising is allowed when conforming to Category C as per ISAF Regulation 20.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be made available in good time by download from the race website at www.ramsgaterun.com.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Retention trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each class/division.

12. MOORINGS

- 12.1 The entry fee does not include any mooring fees.
- 12.2 Visitors moorings at Southwick may be available before the race; contact the Secretary at the Sussex Yacht Club on 01273 464868 or by email to secretary@sussexyachtclub.org
- 12.3 Moorings for visitors at Brighton may be available and participants should make their own arrangements by contacting Premier Marinas Brighton; Telephone 01273 819 919 or email brighton@premiermarinas.com
- 12.4 Moorings for visitors at Ramsgate Royal Harbour from Friday 28 May to Sunday 30 May 2021 are automatically reserved for all entered boats and dependent on sufficient entries will enjoy a 10% discount on the normal visitor rates.
- 12.5 Payment for moorings in Ramsgate must be made by each boat locally to the Dock Office on Saturday 29 May 2021. For details see <http://www.portoframsgate.co.uk/royal-harbour-marina/harbour-guide/>

13. NOTICE BOARD AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to Sailing Instructions will be made in accordance with RRS 89.2.

- 13.1 The Official Notice Board will be online at www.ramsgaterun.com.
- 13.2 On the morning of the Race, signals will be made by regular comms on VHF Ch.72 broadcast from the vicinity of Brighton Marina.

14. FUNCTIONS IN RAMSGATE

There will be no organised events or gatherings of any kind either before the race or in Ramsgate. The organisers are very conscious of the strict ban on gatherings outside of more than 30 people and participants are cautioned against coming together in any manner that might constitute an illegal gathering.

15. ENTRY FEES & CHARITY

- 15.1 There is a flat rate entry fee of £49 per boat payable on entry online. The entry fees are set to cover the cost of retention prizes for competitors and minimal admin/operational costs.
- 15.2 Any surplus will form the Charity Fund to be donated equally to the RNLI stations at Shoreham, Brighton and Eastbourne.
- 15.3 An option to make a further contribution to the Charity Fund will be offered during the online entry process.

16. ENTRIES

- 16.1 All entries shall be submitted online at www.ramsgaterun.com.
- 16.2 The closing date for entries is noon 25 May 2021.
- 16.3 At the discretion of the Race Committee last minute entries may be accepted after the closing date on payment of the entry fee plus a 'nuisance' levy of £75.

17. CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- 17.1 Race entry fees will not be refunded if a yacht cancels their entry or retires.
- 17.2 In the event that for any reason the race is cancelled or abandoned by the organisers, a refund of 50% of paid race entry fees only will be made. The organisers accept no responsibility for any other costs incurred.
- 17.3 No other refunds or claims for compensation will be considered.