



**ROYAL FORTH YACHT CLUB
FORTH CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB
THE EDINBURGH GIN REGATTA
16th – 17th July 2016**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1 The organising authority for the Regatta will be a Joint Regatta Committee from Royal Forth Yacht Club and Forth Corinthian Yacht Club.
- 1.2 All enquiries and entries should be addressed to:-
The Edinburgh Gin Regatta, c/o Howard Thompson,
55 Pinkiehill Crescent, Musselburgh, EH21 7NQ.
07985 648359, howard.thompson2@btinternet.com

2. Rules

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016.

3. Advertising

- 3.1 Advertising may be displayed in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to all yachts and sports / day boats. The intention is to invite as wide a selection of the sailing community as possible and as such Fleet 2 is intended to encourage less serious or less experienced racers.

FLEET	CLASS	DESCRIPTION	Class Flag	
1	1	YACHTS HANDICAP 920 and BELOW	Numeral 1	
	2	SPORTS BOATS / DAY BOATS	Numeral 2	
	3	YACHTS HANDICAP 921 and ABOVE	Numeral 3	
2	4	CRUISERS HANDICAP 1125 and BELOW	Numeral 4	Restricted Sails
	5	CRUISERS HANDICAP 1126 and ABOVE	Numeral 5	Restricted Sails

- 4.2 Class 2 (Sports Boats / Day Boats): eligible classes shall include H Boats, Dragons, 707s, RS Elites, SB20s and VX One. The Race Committee may add other designs to this class.
- 4.3 The Race Committee may offer **additional class starts in Fleet 1 if five or more boats in the same class have entered the Regatta by 21:00 on Friday 15th July.**
- 4.4 Handicaps will be based on FYCA handicaps. A boat entering the Regatta without a handicap will be given one by the Race Committee.
- 4.5 The Committee reserves the right to reject or rescind an entry in accordance with RRS 76.1, and to cancel, combine or alter the classes at their discretion.
- 4.6 Yachts shall belong or be chartered to and under the control of members of a club affiliated to the RYA. For the duration of this event, all persons taking part will be granted temporary membership of both organising clubs.
- 4.7 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the attached form and submitting it with the required fee, as instructed at the foot of that form.
- 4.8 Yachts in Fleet 1 may apply for a "Restricted Sails" (RS) handicap adjustment. RS is defined as: no spinnaker or cruising chute, and no more headsails than used to windward to be set at any time. Such boats must conform to 4.8.1 – 4.8.4 (based on FYCA FIG Restricted Sail Rules).

A yacht permitted to use the RS provision shall receive a +4% handicap adjustment.

4.8.1. This provision is intended for yachts in Fleet 1 not equipped with a spinnaker or cruising chute for the Regatta, and for crews in Fleet 1 considered by the Race Committee to be 'less experienced', 'less capable' or 'shorthanded', the latter defined as less than 60% of the yacht's full crew. It is at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee whether to accept an RS request or not.

4.8.2 The RS handicap adjustment will apply for the whole Regatta.

4.8.3 **To request the RS adjustment**, a yacht must **submit the subsidiary entry form before 08:30 on Saturday 16th July**. To be valid, the Race Committee must have confirmed its agreement before the first warning signal on that day.

4.8.4 A yacht permitted to use the RS adjustment **shall display a white pennant or flag on the backstay or other prominent position**, from its class warning signal until it finishes.

4.9 Entries from yachts **without an existing FYCA Handicap** must be received **by 2nd July 2016**.

4.10 **All other entries** must be received **by 08:30 on Saturday 16th July**.

5. Fees

5.1 The Regatta fee for Fleet 1 is £50.00, reduced to £40 for entries and payment received **before 2nd July**.

The Regatta fee for Fleet 2 is £30.00, reduced to £25 for entries and payment received **before 2nd July**.

The fee includes Berthing Charges for visiting yachts only on Friday 15th July and for all yachts on Saturday 16th July.

The fee does not include lift in or out, which will be by arrangement with the Royal Forth Yacht Club (see 10.2).

6. Schedule

6.1 Registration will be at the Race Office within the Royal Forth Yacht Club courtyard, from 18:00 to 22:00 on Friday 15th July and from 08:00 to 09:00 on Saturday 16th July.

6.2 The welcome and briefing will be in the Royal Forth Yacht Club on Saturday 16th July at 08:30, with refreshments available from 08:00. Refreshments will continue at the bar from midday both days. There will be a buffet for participants, fans and family on the Sunday following racing.

6.3 Racing will commence as follows:

Saturday 16 th July	Fleet 1 - 3 races off Granton	first start 10:30 BST
	Fleet 2 - 2 races in Wardie Bay	first start 10:30 BST
Sunday 17 th July	Fleet 1 - 2 races off Granton	first start 11:00 BST
	Fleet 2 - 2 races starting in Wardie Bay	first start 11:00 BST

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on RFYC Website www.rfyc.org and the FYCA Website www.fcyc.org.uk when available. Printed Sailing Instructions will be available for collection at Registration.

7.2 The Committee reserves the right to make any alteration to the Sailing Instructions they consider necessary.

8. Penalty System

8.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

9. Scoring

9.1 The Low Points system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

9.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3 For Fleet 1, when fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores. When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9.4 For Fleet 2, when fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores. When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. Berthing and Craneage

10.1 Yachts will be berthed at the Edinburgh Marina pontoons in the East Harbour. Some rafting will be necessary, so adequate mooring lines and fenders will be required. Granton based yachts not being used as overnight accommodation, are requested to return to their mooring overnight (tide permitting). All yachts using the pontoons during the event must comply with the instructions given by the berthing master.

10.2 Craneage is available for boats up to 4.5 tons (with certain restrictions) at the Royal Forth Yacht Club. For details please contact the RFYC Office on 0131 552 8560 or by email to royalforth@btconnect.com

Due to tidal restrictions craneage in will only be available 08:30-15:00 and 21:00-23:00 on Friday 15th July.

11. Prizes

11.1 Prizes will be awarded to winners in each race and the overall winners in each class for the Regatta. The Britannia trophy will be awarded to the yacht which, in the opinion of the Regatta Committee, has given the best performance of all the competitors in the Regatta.

11.2 The prize giving shall take place in the Royal Forth Yacht Club following racing on Sunday 17th July.

12. Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. 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, race committee boats (inc RIBs), and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

13. Insurance

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

14. Safety

All yachts shall comply with FYCA Safety Regulations Category 4R. Full copies of these regulations are available online at www.fyca.org.uk. Competing yachts may be inspected at any time.



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ENTRY FORM

Owner's Name (in full)	Yacht Name
Address	Type / Class
	Sail Number
	FYCA Handicap (If no FYCA Handicap, please list other relevant handicaps that apply to your boat)
Postcode	Hull Colour
Yacht Club	LOA
Skipper's Name (if different from above)	Draft
Telephone (Home)	Class Entered (Please circle) YACHT Class 1 YACHT Class 3 SPORTS / DAY BOAT CRUISER Class 4 CRUISER Class 5
Telephone (Mobile)	
Email	
Home Port	

I wish to enter the Edinburgh Gin Regatta 2016.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this Regatta. In particular, I confirm that I have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race throughout the event.

Entry Fee Enclosed £..... (Please make cheque payable to 'Edinburgh Regatta')

Fleet 1 - £50.00, reduced to £40 for entries and payment received **before 2nd July 2016**.

Fleet 2 - £30.00, reduced to £25 for entries and payment received **before 2nd July 2016**.

Signature of owner or owner's representative:	
Date:	

Please submit this form together with payment **before 08:30 Saturday 16th July:**

By post: The Edinburgh Gin Regatta, c/o Howard Thompson, 55 Pinkiehill Crescent, Musselburgh, EH21 7NQ

By hand: Edinburgh Gin Regatta, c/o Royal Forth Yacht Club

By e-mail: howard.thompson2@btinternet.com, and arrange bank transfer to:
 The Edinburgh Regatta, sort code 80 02 33, a/c number 00881267.



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Application for Restricted Sails (RS) Handicap Allowance

Yacht Name..... Type/Class.....

FYCA Handicap..... Portsmouth Handicap.....

I hereby apply for a Restricted Sails allowance as detailed in Notice of Race 4.8.

I confirm that either:

My yacht is not equipped with a spinnaker or cruising chute*

or

My crew is shorthanded** / less inexperienced / less capable*

1. I understand that, if granted, 4% will be added to my FYCA/Portsmouth Handicap and will apply for the whole regatta.
2. I understand that, if granted, my yacht **must display a white pennant or flag** on the backstay, or other prominent position, from its class warning signal in each race until it finishes.

This form must be submitted to the Race Office **before 08:30 on Saturday 16th July.**

Owner's (or owner's representative) Signature.....

Print Name.....

Date.....

*See: <http://www.fyca.org.uk/FIG/FYCA%20Restricted%20Sail%20guidance%202016.pdf>

** Defined as less than 60% of the yacht's full crew.

Received..... New Handicap Allocated.....

Race official Name..... Signature.....