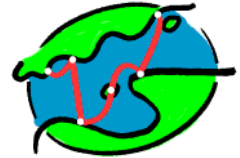

PETIT BATEAU 2005

NEWSLETTER

SINGLE-HANDED CHANNEL RACE WEEK



Newsletter 3

June 2005

Sailing Instructions

Hopefully by now you should all have received the Sailing Instructions and Rules Amendment. I trust they all make sense but if you want clarification on any points please let me know and I will do my best to answer any queries.

We will of course answer any questions at the Skippers Briefing too. All race documents are available on the Race page of the Petit Bateau website under Useful Links or by request from the number below.

RYA Affiliation

As you will note from the rules amendment, we will now be racing under ISAF racing rules during daylight hours. To do this and to make sure every thing is above board according to our Yachting authorities, Racing at Petit Bateau Ltd have become affiliated with the RYA (Royal Yachting Association). This should not make much difference to anyone, as most of you are familiar with ISAF Rules for 2005/2008 which are available on the ISAF web site www.sailing.org and click on rules.

Class 3

Unfortunately, some skippers have dropped out leaving Class 3 very thin on the ground. So, instead of the rating band being less than 30', it is now 30' and under which means that the two J92's will be in class 3 and with Jerry Freeman having finally secured a Figaro 1 to charter, this has swelled the numbers in Class 3 back up to five boats. A full list of entries and classes will be in the race pack to be collected at registration.

IRC Ratings

We are putting together a system to calculate IRC results quickly and need your up to date IRC rating numbers as soon as possible, so far only just over 50% of you have sent them in. It is of course not compulsory to have an IRC number but if you do intend to enter this part of the event you will need to bring your certificate with you to the skipper registration so that we can ensure we are using the current value. Anyone still wanting to apply for one may be too late but let me know if you are or are waiting for a certificate to arrive from RORC and I can put some pressure on the rating office although they are very busy at the moment with the Round the Island Race.

Your Details

Your race pack will contain brief profiles and contact details for all skippers, so can you please update your CV, particularly with mobile and MMSI numbers, on the race website. Alternatively, you can send updates by email to webmaster@petitbateau.org.uk. These will you to maintain contact with your newly made friends during the week.

Two New Prizes

We have had two new perpetual prizes presented. The Saltire Quaich, donated by Stuart MacDonald, is to encourage new talent in our PB races and will be awarded to the first newcomer as defined by the skipper never having entered a major offshore single-handed race before. Qualification for this prize will be decided at registration.

The J-UK trophy has been presented by Paul Heys of J Boats UK and will go to the first J Boat. Unfortunately Paul has had to withdraw his entry.

Lymington Berthing

Berthing at Lymington Yacht Haven has been reserved for all boats on Saturday night June 18th. The Harbour Master will tell you where to berth; there is a 10% discount on the mooring fee and a £5 deposit has already been paid.

Lymington Itinerary

The evening starts early in the Royal Lymington YC a short walk from the Yacht Haven.

1800hrs – 1900hrs

Race registration where you will be given your race pack and check all documents are in order, all four declaration/liability forms signed and IRC rating cert checked and Saltire Quaich qualification ascertained.

1900hrs – 2000hrs

Drinks and race briefing.

2000hrs till late

Dinner, which is a salmon mayo starter followed by chicken stuffed with ricotta and spinach. Please let me know if you require a vegetarian alternative. There is no charge to skippers but extra places are £12 per head. One place has been booked for each skipper and although places are available for family and friends these will need to be booked with me now or you may well be disappointed.
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The Week's Social Itinerary

Cherbourg 19th

As the leg to Cherbourg will be long the only thing arranged in the evening is dinner, which will be available in the Yacht Club above the Capitainary until 2200hrs FST.

St Peter Port 20th

A buffet dinner will be provided in Guernsey YC, which is situated by Castle Cornet starting at 2000hrs BST for which there will be no charge for skippers. Prizes will be presented at dinner for the previous two legs.

Trequier 21st

Welcome drinks and nibbles will accompany early evening leg prizes and results at the local Yacht Club. You will then be free to explore the culinary delights of Trequier's many great restaurants.

Plymouth 23rd

Dinner at the Royal Western YC is not to be missed. Final details are still to be advised.

Mylor 24th

For those who have not visited Mylor before, it is a beautiful little marina a fair distance away from Falmouth where there are a couple of very nice restaurants. Some tables will be reserved at the Castaways restaurant for those who want to eat out. The Yacht Club will be open early for drinks and pasties will be available there on Friday evening after racing has finished, which anyone who has not had enough by then are more than welcome to enter.

Mylor 25th

A BBQ will be provided on the Yacht Club's roof deck for all PB competitors and supporters plus invited MYC members. The Petit Bateau Prize Giving will follow this.

Well that's about it till I get to meet you all at Lymington on the 18th. I trust you all have a pleasant passage to Lymington although I know some of you have found quite tough.

Don't forget to let me know if you require extra places at the Lymington dinner or if you prefer a vegetarian menu.

Cheers Paul Peggs.
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