



**Notice of Selection  
For Teams to Represent  
GBR at  
The Royal Ocean Racing Club  
Brewin Dolphin Commodores' Cup  
2016**

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## **BREWIN DOLPHIN COMMODORES' CUP 2016**

### **NOTICE OF SELECTION FOR THE TEAMS TO REPRESENT GREAT BRITAIN**

#### **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1.** The RYA has been invited by the Royal Ocean Racing Club to enter up to four GBR Teams of three boats per team into the forthcoming Brewin Dolphin Commodores Cup (BDCC), starting on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July until Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
- 1.2.** The Offshore Group of the RYA has decided that three teams will be selected by a Selection Committee and one by RYA Scotland. They will be entered as four British teams, to be called Team GBR Red, Blue, White and Team RYA Scotland. If a team has not been nominated by RYA Scotland by 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016, then a fourth team may be selected by the Selection Committee and shall be referred to as Team GBR Black.
- 1.3.** The BDCC will be a mix of inshore and offshore racing along with a race around the Isle of Wight. The slowest boats will have a minimum TCC of 1.000 and the fastest boats a maximum TCC of 1.230. Three boats can be chosen from this rating band with the proviso that one boat in each team shall have a TCC between 1.000 and 1.049 and a maximum of one boat in each team may have a TCC between 1.150 and 1.230 inclusive.
- 1.4.** Teams will be of 3 boats all starting on one start. This may be amended at the discretion of the Selection.
- 1.5.** Each boat selected will be determined primarily on performance in the races used for trials but Trial entrants should note that the requirements of 1.3 may require the Selection Committee to select boats not based on performance.
- 1.6.** The process for selection of the one team from Scotland including the events that will be used as the selection trials (if any) is devolved to RYA Scotland, unless the deadline has passed, after which it will revert to the process outlined in this document.
- 1.7.** The provisions of this Notice of Selection set out below are intended, so far as is practical, to follow the rules for the BDCC.
- 1.8.** The Selection Committee is happy to be contacted by prospective entrants to discuss any details relevant to this document and subsequent trials. Correspondence should be directed via email to [keelboatracing@rya.org.uk](mailto:keelboatracing@rya.org.uk)

#### **2. RYA OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1.** The RYA's Objective is to select and develop teams with the potential to win the event in 2016 as well as win future events. The Brewin Dolphin Commodores' Cup is one of the most important international offshore competitions for national teams under the IRC (endorsed) rating rule.
- 2.2.** The Selectors reserve the right to make changes to this Notice of Selection to reflect changes to the NoR for the BDCC.

#### **3. SELECTION COMMITTEE AND ORGANISATION**

- 3.1.** The Offshore Racing Group of the RYA has appointed a Selection Committee to select 3 teams of three boats (see Clause 3.4).

- 3.2.** The Offshore Racing Group of the RYA has asked RYA Scotland to nominate one team of three boats to the RYA Selection Committee by the 25th March 2016 for ratification by the Selection Committee. Boats included in the team nominated by RYA Scotland are required to complete an RYA Selection Trials Entry form, pay the entry fee and meet the other requirements of this Notice of Selection notwithstanding that they may not have taken part in any of the Selection Trials.
- 3.3.** If RYA Scotland has not nominated a team by the 25th March 2016 (or if the ratification is not accepted by the Selection Committee) then the Selection Committee may select a further team of three boats.
- 3.4.** The Selection Committee will comprise: -  
David Aisher (Chair)  
Nicolas Gaumont Prat  
Alex Gardener
- 3.5.** All communications connected with the running of the selection series should be addressed to:-  
David Aisher, Chairman of the BDCC Selection Committee,  
RYA Racing Department, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Hants, SO31 4YA. E-mail: [keelboatracing@rya.org.uk](mailto:keelboatracing@rya.org.uk)
- 3.6.** The Selection Committee may appoint one or more Official Observers at each event in the Selection Trials.

#### **4. SELECTION CRITERIA**

- 4.1.** The Selection Committee has the authority to take whatever action it deems appropriate to select the teams it believes will best achieve the RYA Objective (as set out in Clause 2.1). It will select teams in accordance with the process outlined in this Notice of Selection taking into account any other factor that they may believe to be relevant.
- 4.2.** In particular, should the Selection Committee decide that the Selection Trial races identified in Clauses 5.1 below were not a satisfactory test of the performance of some or all of the entrants, the Selection Committee may consider the performance of the entrants in other races or series or nominate an additional race or series for use as a Selection Trial race or series.
- 4.3.** The Selection Committee will first and foremost take note of the results and points gained in the Selection Trials. The entry requirements of 1.3 may require the Selection Committee to select boats not based on results and points gained in the Selection Trials.
- 4.4.** This Notice of Selection may be amended at any time up to 24 hours before the start of the first race in the Selection Trials, should the Selection Committee, at its absolute discretion, consider that circumstances require changes to be made. Such changes will be e-mailed to supplied contact addresses.

#### **5. PROGRAMME OF RACES FORMING SELECTION TRIALS**

##### **5.1. Inshore Races**

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April, RYA Weekend BDCC Trial Event 1, Cowes

Organising Club: TBC

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May, RYA Weekend BDCC Trial Event 2, Cowes

Organising Club: TBC

(Note: the RYA may cancel either Inshore Race event at its discretion)

### **Offshore Races**

30th April, Cervantes Trophy Race – Organising Club: RORC

14th May, De Guingand Bowl Race – Organising club: RORC

5.2. There will be no official observed events.

5.3. The RYA may organise or nominate training events which may be used as an indicator of a boats performance as detailed in 4.2. A training event is not mandatory for trial entrants.

## **6. RULES**

The following rules will apply for all Selection Trials:

6.1. RRS 2013-2016 with RYA Prescriptions.

6.2. ISAF Regulation 22 Sailor Classification Code.

6.3. IRC Rules 2014, Parts A, B & C.

6.4. The rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between the times of local sunset and sunrise, except when changed in Sailing Instructions for each selection event, and shall be replaced with the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea).

6.5. Special Regulations (category as specified in the SI's for each race) with RORC Prescriptions as published in the RORC Notice of Race 2016.

6.6. Brewin Dolphin Commodores' Cup 2016 Notice of Race.

<http://commodorescup.rorc.org/downloads/images/2016-files/2016-bdcc-nor.pdf>

6.7. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the relevant races.

6.8. This Notice of Selection. Where there is a conflict, succeeding items, as listed above, shall take precedence over preceding items.

## **7. ELIGIBILITY OF BOATS**

### **Rating:**

Boats with IRC ENDORSED TCC of between 1.000 and 1.230:

Teams shall be formed of 3 boats with IRC Endorsed certificates. One boat in each team shall have a TCC between 1.000 and 1.049 and a maximum of one boat in each team may have a TCC between 1.150 and 1.230 inclusive.

Boats rated under IRC for the use of moveable and/or variable ballast, for the purposes of increased stability are not eligible.

### 7.1. OSR Stability and Safety Indices

In accordance with OSR 3.04.3 the RORC uses minimum stability/buoyancy indices. Either SSS or STIX and AVS indices are used depending on the series date of the boat and the category of the race. Boats with series date of 2000 and later will be categorised under STIX only. Boats with series date before 2000 may be categorised under either STIX or SSS.

<b>OSR Category</b>	<b>Category 3</b>
STIX minimum	23
AVS minimum	130-0.005*m
SSS minimum	15

\* Where m is the boat's Minimum Sailing Weight

7.2. For the purpose of the trials, boats shall have a maximum of two ISAF Group 3 sailors on board.

Any sailor without a valid classification will be deemed to be Group 3. Sailors requiring a classification should apply, in plenty of time, on the ISAF website: [www.sailor.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailor.org/isafsailor)

The Person in Charge of each boat is strongly advised to check carefully the classification of each crew member.

### **7.3. Limitation on Steering**

A Group 3 Sailor shall not steer for any inshore race.

A Group 3 Sailor shall not steer a boat when starting any Offshore Race or the Round the Island Race and shall not steer for the first hour of either race.

### **7.4. Notes for Owners:**

Owners considering chartering their boats and being aboard while the boat is racing should study the SCC and the Frequently Asked Questions carefully, see [www.sailing.org/classification/index.php](http://www.sailing.org/classification/index.php)

Under the ISAF Sailor Classification Code there are circumstances where an owner who charters his boat and sails on it while racing may not be a Group 3 Sailor. However if he steers his boat while racing when the boat is chartered then he becomes Group 3.

## **8. CREW NUMBERS**

### **8.1. Maximum Crew Numbers**

IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced with; "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate. There is no weight limit."

### **8.2. Minimum Crew Numbers**

The minimum number of crew is 75% (rounded up) of the IRC Certificate's Crew Number.

## **9. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

**9.1.** Completed RYA Selection Trials Entry Form and proposed crew lists for the Selection Trials of the GBR Teams for the BDCC shall be delivered to the RYA before 1700 hours on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 together with the entry fee of £350 for each boat. Entries after this date will be accepted up to 1700 on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 but shall incur the late entry of £500 (See Clause 9.3)

**9.2.** Late entries after the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 will only be accepted at the discretion of the Selection Committee and then only in exceptional circumstances.

**9.3.** Entry Fee money will be used to pay the Selection Committee's expenses and any balance remaining will be used to fund the selected teams' expenses.

**9.4.** Boats shall have a 2016 valid IRC (Endorsed) rating certificate. Boats rated under IRC for the use of moveable and/or variable ballast, for the purpose of increasing stability, are not eligible.

**9.5.** Boats shall submit a list of planned events which they intend to participate within, including any training dates, which shall cover the period of entry through to the BDCC event itself, whether the entrant is subsequently selected or not.

**9.6.** Owners/Charterers of each boat must be personal members of the RYA.

**9.7.** Boats must complete the entry forms for the designated events, via the relevant Organising Authority:- the R.O.R.C. for the Cervantes Trophy and

Myth of Malham Race and the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club for the RYA Selection Event (April) and their Vice-Admirals Cup.

- 9.8. The Selection Committee may require the owner or charterer of any boat to satisfy the Committee that the boat will be available to the owner or charterer to race in the BDCC. A boat will only stay eligible as long as it remains in the control of the owner or charterer who signed the original entry form.
- 9.9. Owners may notify the Selection Committee before the end of the Selection Trials with their preference to other boats they would prefer to be in the same team as, should they be selected.

## **10. ELIGIBILITY OF CREW**

- 10.1. The crew list for each boat must be returned to the RYA office on the Crew Form provided with the RYA Selection Trials Entry Form at the time of entry. No entry will be accepted without this. The list must contain the names, nationality, and place of residence, ISAF Sailor identification number and ISAF CLASSIFICATION GROUP, for each crew member intending to participate in the Selection Trials.
- 10.2. At least 50% rounded up (e.g. a crew of 9=5) of the crew of each boat, for any race in the Selection Trials, shall have British nationality, or be sailors who have since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 had their principal residence in the U.K., or who were born in the UK.  
Proof of nationality, residence or place of birth may be required.
- 10.3. Crew lists for each trial weekend must be lodged with the RYA by E-mail. Such lists shall be with the RYA by 1200 hrs. on the Monday after each weekend's racing. Crew lists for each selection weekend will be circulated to each owner as soon as practical. Any protest over Eligibility or Nationality must be lodged within 48 hours of circulation for the relevant Selection Event.
- 10.4. Owners/Skippers are strongly advised to check carefully the status of each crew member before competing as per Clause 7.2 and 7.3
- 10.5. Owners who let their boats on charter  
Please refer to Notice of Race for the BDCC which allows an owner to race on board but not to steer his/her own boat, while it is under charter to another sailor or BDCC campaign. An owner must apply in writing to the RORC, to obtain this exemption.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1. Scores for each event as listed in 5.1 shall be used as placed during that event except that for the offshore races, places shall be used rather than points to determine a boats score.
- 11.2. Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A (the low-point scoring system) by class except that;
  - 11.2.1. Each boat's score shall be the sum of her scores.  
DSQ shall receive points for one place worse than DNF (changes RRS A4.2).
  - 11.2.2. The scores for races designated as Offshore Races shall be multiplied by such a number as to make them equate to the same proportion of the total score for inshore /offshore races as is intended for the BDCC.
  - 11.2.3. The Selection Committee has the right not to include the results of one or more races, if they deem the race unsatisfactory for the purpose

of selection. In this event, this race will be discarded from the Trials and will not be shown in the scores.

- 11.2.4. Penalties for the all events will be in accordance with the Notice of Race for each event as detailed in Clause 5.1.
- 11.2.5. If there is a tie between 2 or more boats, the Selection Committee shall determine the way the tie is broken (Changes RRS A8).
- 11.2.6. RRS A.9 shall not apply.

## **12. MEASUREMENT / RATING CHANGES**

- 12.1. All competing boats must have a valid IRC (Endorsed) certificate by the date specified in the Notice of Race for each weekend of the Selection Trials.
- 12.2. Changes to the IRC certificate will be permitted throughout the series, provided the IRC Rating Authority has issued an amended certificate.
- 12.3. Items of equipment may be changed at any time, provided the change is permitted under Clause 6 and provided the change does not invalidate the current IRC Certificate, or an amended IRC Certificate is obtained.
- 12.4. No boat may be substituted during the Selection Trials as a result of damage, except with the written permission of the Event Organiser for the Selection Trial in question in the first instance and also, the Selection Committee or Official Observer. If permission is granted, the Selection Committee may, at their absolute discretion, allow points scored by the damaged boat to be carried forward to her replacement, provided that the crew of the replacement boat is substantially the same as that of the damaged boat. Permission will not normally be granted unless the replacement boat has a very similar IRC Handicap to the damaged boat.
- 12.5. When a boat has been selected for the GBR Teams, she shall not thereafter change her rating deliberately without consultation and the written consent of the Chairman of the Selection Committee or Team Coach.
- 12.6. A rating protest shall be submitted within 24 hours of the protestor becoming aware of the issue and not later than the end of protest time for the Event it relates to.

## **13. SAIL LIMITATIONS**

- 13.1. The relevant IRC and NOR / SI Sail Limitations will apply separately for each Selection Trial Event. (see IRC section 26). A damaged sail may be replaced overnight during the Inshore Trial Events if it is damaged beyond repair and any replacement does not affect the rating of the boat.

## **14. PROTESTS**

- 14.1. The organising club for each weekend during the Selection Trials will appoint a protest committee, no member of which will be a member of the Selection Committee.
- 14.2. Measurement protests will be accepted under the same conditions as those set out in Condition 1.8.2 of the Notice of Race of the 2016 BDCC. (Please note that IRC Rule 9.7 is amended to read: "more than 0.002" instead of "more than 0.005".)

## **15. INSPECTIONS**

- 15.1.** A selector or a representative of the RORC Rating Office or the RYA may make inspection of the boats and their equipment at any time during the Selection Trials.

## **16. SELECTED BOATS**

- 16.1.** The RYA Offshore Racing Group will appoint a Team Manager for the BDCC 2016 and all crew members of selected teams are expected to abide by the Team Manager's decisions and requests.
- 16.2.** The owners of selected boats will be expected to contribute to the reasonable costs of the Team Manager and other agreed expenses.
- 16.3.** The Selection Committee will ensure that training is co-ordinated after selection, and expect the team boats to participate. The Team Manager shall coordinate any training and shall arrange for any additional coaching support.
- 16.4.** The crew of selected boats competing in the BDCC should be substantially the same as for the Selection Trials. The Selection Committee, after consultation with owners and skippers, may also recommend individual crew changes which may be made a condition for selection onto one of the GBR teams.
- 16.5.** CREW TRANSFERS. The selectors in consultation with owners, reserve the right to transfer registered crew members between the three boats in a selected team and this will be done if it helps the selection process, to arrive at the strongest possible team. This will be discussed with team owners and the Team Manager. The Team Manager's decision will be final. This will be done prior to team crew lists being required under the BDCC NoR 1.7.2 Final Crew lists.
- 16.6.** For the avoidance of doubt, entry fees for the BDCC shall be paid by the selected boats. This also applies to each individual trial event and it is the owner's responsibility to do this.

## **17. BOAT SUBSTITUTION**

After the selection process is completed, if any Team GBR boat is damaged and disabled beyond repair, in the available time frame, the Selection Committee will consult with the owner and skipper of the boat in question. The aim will be to find and select a suitable substitute boat, for charter, to maintain the standard and integrity of the selected team, in which the selected crew can compete in the BDCC. If this process of substitution fails for any reason, the Selection Committee may consider, as a last resort, changes to the selected GBR teams and boats.

## **18. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM**

Every effort will be made to announce the Teams in the week preceding the conclusion of the last event as listed in 5.1. There may be an RYA Press Conference at which those selected are expected to be represented.



## **19. APPEALS**

- 19.1.** Grounds for appeal against the decisions of the Selection Committee are limited to allegations of:
- 19.1.1.** Failure to follow due process
  - 19.1.2.** Bias/undue influence
  - 19.1.3.** Some other misconduct
- 19.2.** Any appeal on such grounds will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy and must be notified to the RYA Racing Manager, RYA Racing Department, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Hants, SO31 4YA, email: [john.derbyshire@rya.org.uk](mailto:john.derbyshire@rya.org.uk) within 5 days of the Teams being announced.
- 19.3.** There will be no appeals against the published selection criteria or the provisions of this Notice of Selection. There will be no appeals against the actions of the Selection Committee, provided they follow the Selection Criteria. For the avoidance of doubt, there shall be no right of appeal against any alleged error of judgement on the part of the Selection Committee. By entering the selection process, owners, charterers and crew agree to the provisions of this Notice of Selection.