



Liverpool Yacht Club & Tranmere Sailing Club in association with Liverpool Marina



Introduction

The 2014 Isle of Man Midnight Race will provide racing for Spinlock IRC sailing yachts, and will also provide racing for competitors who hold a limited validity IRC certificate.

The race will start at the International start line on the River Mersey in Liverpool.

The race was first held on the 24th May 1907 and this will be the 97th start since that date.

Skippers briefings will take place as follows :

Wednesday 4th June 19 30 (dst) at Tranmere sailing Club

Thursday 5th June at 19 30 (dst) at Liverpool Marina

Friday 6th June at 15 00 hrs (dst)at Liverpool marina

The announcement of results and social entertainment will be in Douglas Bay Yacht Club on Saturday 7th June.

Notice of Race

Organising Authority: Tranmere Sailing Club and Liverpool Yacht Club

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the RYA prescriptions, IRC 2014 rules, applicable Class Association Rules and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Category

- 2.1. The Race is designated Monohull Category '3' with RORC prescriptions plus Offshore Special Regulations life raft: [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2014Mo3life23122013-16068\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2014Mo3life23122013-16068].pdf)

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 Entries will only be accepted from IRC 2014 rated yachts.

4. Media

- 4.1. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the OA.

5 Entries

- 5.1 Formal entry from each yacht shall be submitted on the enclosed form along with a copy of the yacht's valid Registration/Rating Certificate and the appropriate entry fee made payable to 'Tranmere Sailing Club'. The entry fee is £30.00 /€35. Entries received less than 7 days before the start will be £40/€45

Entries on the day will only be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and shall be £50/€55.

All entry forms etc. shall be sent to:

C/O Annie Farrell
Bluepoint Marine Services,
Boatyard,
South Ferry Quay,
Liverpool,
L3 4BP

6. Measurement

- 6.1 The Organising Authority reserves the right to conduct measurement checks before or after the Race.

7. Course

- 7.1 The Start Line shall be a line from the flagstaff of the Liverpool International Start Line through to Dukes Buoy leaving Dukes to port.
- 7.2 The course shall be Liverpool Channel course via Crosby & Queen's Channels then to Douglas.. All channel buoys south of Brazil buoy plus Crosby and Formby Floats are not marks of the course. All other channel marks to a line between and including Q1 & Q2 **are** marks of the course.
- 7.3 Douglas : the No 1 Starboard channel buoy shall be left to **Port**. A Yacht forced the wrong side of a channel buoy or using other means of propulsion to avoid commercial shipping or in an emergency, should continue the race and report details to the timekeeper on the declaration.
- 7.4 The Finish line shall be an extension of the line from the end of the line from the end of Victoria Pier through the No. 3 Starboard Buoy leaving the channel mark No.1 to port.

8. Scoring

- 8.1 TSC & LYC: Places shall be awarded as a function of IRC corrected time.
- 8.2 ISORA – as per their conditions

9 Prizes

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| 9.1 | Grand Challenge Cup | Overall winner in I.R.C. |
| 9.2 | 1894 Cup | I.R.C. Class 1 |
| 9.3 | Milburn Tray | I.R.C. Class 2 |
| 9.4 | Puffin Cup | I.R.C. Class 3 |
| 9.5 | Tod Trophy | Venture Class |
| 9.6 | Darthula Vase | First T.S.C/L.Y.C yacht not winning another prize |

10 Sailing Instructions

- 10.1 These should be available in May 2014 and will be posted on the LYC web site www.lyc.org.uk and will be sent to entrants on receipt of their entrance fee.

11 Liability

- 11.1 The Safety of a yacht and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone

appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

11.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organisers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.

11.3 Decision to race - The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone - RRS Fundamental Rule 4

12 Insurance

12.1 Yacht owners/competitors shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, yachts and equipment at any time, however occurring, and maintain Third Party Insurance of not less than £3,000,000 (GBP) effective from their arrival at the Start area to clearing the Finish line.

13 Berthing

13.1 Berthing & Lift – In Lift -out

13.2 Visiting yachts will be raft berthed in the marina at no charge for the week prior to the race start.

13.3 Visitors requiring a free berth before the race start in Liverpool marina should advise the Race Secretary not later than 1st June 2014 but preferably earlier. Some free berths may be restricted in number so early application is advised to secure.

13.4 Competitors requiring berths outside the above time should make arrangements with the Marina direct.

13.5 There will be one nights free berthing in Douglas Marina at the end of the race.

13.6 Blue Point marine will be offering significantly reduced lift and scrub rates on the Friday 6th June of £60.00 per yacht entered in this race. Contact Blue point directly to book a time.



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Isle of Man 'MIDNIGHT' RACE

FRIDAY 6th JUNE 2014 START approximately 18.00 DST

ENTRANCE FEE £30, £40 after 31st May 2014

Cheques made payable to: T.S.C.

NAME OF YACHT.....TYPE/
CLASS.....

SAIL NUMBER.....COLOUR OF HULL.....

T.C.Fs – 2014 :- I.R.C

OWNER.....

ADDRESS.....POST CODE.....

TELEPHONE.....

I agree to be bound by the sailing instructions and the following:

The race organizer shall NOT be liable for any loss, damage, death or any personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race. Moreover every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the race.

The safety of the yacht and the entire management including adequate insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by the crew sufficient in number and experience that are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging sails and all the gear. He must ensure that all the safety equipment is properly maintained stowed and is in date and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used. Neither the establishment of these conditions, their use by the race organizers, nor the inspection of the yacht under these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor.

SIGNED by or on behalf of the OWNER

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This Form with the entrance fee to be returned to:
Annie Farrell, Bluepoint Marine Services, Boatyard, South Ferry Quay, Liverpool, L3 4BP