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EXERCISE SOLENT VENTURE – THE ARMY SAILING ASSOCIATION OFFSHORE REGATTA –29 APR – 3 MAY 19

INTRODUCTION

1. The Army Sailing Association, on behalf of the of the Army Yacht Clubs and Sailing Associations, will deliver Ex SOLENT VENTURE over the period 29 Apr – 3 May 19. This DIN serves to inform all Rear Commodores and Unit Sailing Officers of the opportunity to participate in the event either, as a Regimental or Corps entry or for individuals to compete as part of a combined crew.
2. The event will take place on JSASTC Victoria 34 STC, Corps or regimental yachts that conform to the Ocean Race Class (ORC) Cat 3 are to have the appropriate level of racing insurance. Private yachts will also be permitted to enter, providing they have the necessary insurance to cover them whilst engaged in racing. The exercise programme will remain adaptable to the short term weather, but is provisionally expected to follow a programme similar to that published in Annex A.
3. Skippers, including those with limited racing knowledge, should be encouraged to take part and, where possible, lead unit teams.

AIMS

4. The aim of the Exercise is to:
 - a. Develop crew and skippers sailing skills.
 - b. Promote offshore sailing to novice participants.
 - c. Introduce or develop yacht racing as a sport depending on prior experience.
 - d. Build sea miles and experience to contribute towards the next RYA qualification.
5. Participants in this event may also be considered for selection as Army crew for the Services Offshore Regatta.

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR), ENTRY, RULES AND SCORING

6. **Rules.** The Exercise will be run in the form of a regatta and will be governed as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). All JSASTC Victoria 34 STC will be controlled as a one design class as specified within unit and vessel Standing Orders, these take primacy over the RRS where conflict arises. Private entries must conform to a minimum of ORC Cat 3, and have £3 million third party liability insurance.
7. **Eligibility.** The Exercise is open to all ASA members. Only serving personnel are eligible to sail on the Vic 34 STC. Non-serving personnel are eligible to compete in Class 1 or the Cruiser Division but may not be included in the Inter Corps competition.
8. **Entry.**
 - a. The entry form is at Annex B. Corps and Regt's will only be able to bid for a Victoria 34 up until 29 Mar 19 and it will be allocated on a first come basis. After Mon 1 Apr 19 bids for additional yachts may be submitted and if they are available they will be allocated on a first come basis.
 - b. The Inter-Corps Competition is for Corp teams only and they will compete for the Dolphin Cup. Corps are to submit their entry form by a Corps International Race Class (IRC) yacht and a Victoria 34 entering for the Trophy. Rear Commodores are requested to confirm their respective Yacht Clubs Victoria entry by Fri 29 Mar 19 at the very latest.
 - c. Bids for Victoria 34s will be accepted at any time after publication of this DIN. Early entries are encouraged to avoid disappointment.
9. **Haul-Out and Cleaning Restrictions.** Boats shall not be hauled out or cleaned by any person or machinery operating under the waterline during the duration of the Exercise, except with prior written permission of the Race Committee and according to any terms of such permission.
10. **Boats and Equipment.** All Victoria 34 STC are to be sailed in accordance with JSASTC Standing Orders and additional instructions related to this event. The full

inventory of the Victoria 34 is to be carried and inspection and equipment checks may be made throughout the event. The following points are to be noted:

- a. In the event of damage or collision (this includes any contact of any part of the hull or its equipment) vessels are to retire from the current race and report to the Race Committee to determine if they are able to continue racing. JSASTC Victoria 34s may be required to return immediately to JSASTC for inspection by JSASTC personnel.
- b. Competitors shall not modify the Victoria 34 allocated to them or cause them to be modified in any way.
- c. Minimum crewing level for a JSASTC Victoria 34 in Ex SOLENT VENTURE is a Yachtmaster Coastal as skipper, a Day Skipper mate plus two crew members.
- d. Equipment should be stowed in its normal locations for the yacht. Moving of equipment to improve performance is not permitted.
- e. In order to attract Other Ranks (ORs) into Offshore Sailing, the Commodore ASA directed that the majority of the crews in both the Victoria Class and the IRC Class are to be ORs. Each yacht in these Classes must therefore have more ORs than Officers, and will not be permitted to race unless these conditions are met.

11. **Entries Fees.** There is no entry fee but pre-registration is required.
12. **Other Fees.** Skippers are responsible for all berthing fees through Corps or other funds. There will be a charge of £10 per person for the BBQ at the RYS on the Wed night. This will be collected at registration on Mon 29 Apr 19.
13. **Schedule of Races.** The outline Schedule is at Annex A.
14. **Measurement.** Each yacht racing in the IRC Class 1 must produce a valid 2018/2019 IRC Certificate during the registration process. Yachts entering the Cruising Division do not require a rating but will be allocated a local rating for their races.
15. **Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at registration.
16. **Venue.** Ex SOLENT VENTURE will take place within the Solent apart from the Offshore Race.
17. **Safety.** The safety of the crews and vessels is of paramount importance. Crews are to wear personal buoyancy or limit sail plans when directed by the Race Committee. **All Service crew members must have passed the military swimming test.**
18. **Media Consent.** By their involvement in the event, all competitors, officials and support staff are to note that their image may be captured in photograph or video format whilst participating in the event. Consent to the taking of such images and their subsequent use, re-use and publication, re-publication in any media without compensation or approval of such images or use thereof is assumed unless any objections are notified to the committee at registration.

19. **Liability.** The establishment of the NoR and SIs in no way limits or reduces the responsibility of the skippers as being entirely responsible for the safety of their vessel and crew. The Exercise Delivery Duty Holder (DDH) for the event is the ASA Rear Commodore (Offshore) however participants' Commanding Officers must be satisfied the event has mitigated the risk to life to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP) by reviewing the activity Risk Assessment which will be issued to each Unit / Corps POC or skipper once their place in the AOR is confirmed.

20. **Race Courses.** Courses will be a combination of windward/leeward, round the cans, passage races and a 24 hour offshore race. Course diagrams will be issued with the Sailing Instructions. Passage and offshore courses will be issued in writing or by VHF radio.

21. **Scoring**

a. **Windward/Leeward Scoring.** The low point system will apply. If more than 4 races are sailed one discard will be allowed.

b. **Passage Races.** A number of short passage races may be sailed. If more than 4 races are sailed one discard will be allowed.

c. **Offshore Race.** There will be an Offshore Race of 75nm+. This race will attract double points and cannot be discarded.

22. **Trophies.** Providing that there are sufficient entries, trophies will be awarded for:

a. Inshore Series 1st and 2nd.

b. Passage Race 1st and 2nd.

c. Offshore Race 1st and 2nd.

d. Dolphin Trophy. (Inter-Corps Teams only, combined CI 1 and CI 3)

e. Best Novice Skipper.

f. Overall Winning yacht.

23. **Further Information.** The event is classified as Sport Sailing, Racing and RYA continuation training by the ASCB. Units may apply for CILOR against their unit UIN for all full days of activity using JSP 660, Sport in the UK Armed Forces, Part 1, Annex D as the authority. Travel at public expense is admissible in accordance with 2018DIN10-021 Travel at Public Expense for Army Sport. Units must make the most economical use of travel, i.e. sharing vehicles. Ex SOLENT VENTURE is an on-duty event and requires unit authorisation on Part 1 Orders. All participants are advised to take out their own personal insurance to cover off-duty activities once the day's sailing is concluded.

Annexes:

- A. Exercise Programme.
- B. Entry Form.

PROGRAMME FOR EX SOLENT VENTURE 2019

Mon 29 Apr 19

- 0830 Take over boats from JSASTC Staff
- 0900 Registration Opens (JSASTC Classroom 2)
- 1030 Registration Closes
- 1030 Wet Weather Gear Issue from JSASTC Naval Stores (Vic 34 Crew only)
- 1100 Skippers' Brief (JSASTC Classroom 2)
- 1100 Crew Safety Briefings commence (JSASTC Briefing Room)
- 1200 Crew practice. Yachts to make way to and berth at Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH)
- 1830 Race Briefing followed by crew reception at Cowes Combined Services and Social Club

Tue 30 Apr 19

- 0900 Passage Race through the Solent. Berthing at CYH.
- 1830 Start of Offshore Passage Race

Wed 1 May 19

- 1400 Offshore Race complete. Berthing at CYH
- 1800 Skippers Brief
- 1900 Evening Function at The Royal Yacht Squadron Pavilion

Thu 2 May 19

- 1000 Windward and Leeward Races
- 1030 Inshore Passage Race for Cruising Class – berthing at JSASTC
- 1600 Novice Skippers Passage Race – berthing at JSASTC
- 1900 Post Regatta analysis in HSSC

Fri 3 May 19

- 0830 Hand back yachts to JSASTC
- 1030 Prize giving in the HSSC Fabrosa Room

ARMY SAILING ASSOCIATION REGATTA - ENTRY FORM

Team Name:

Please answer **each** section. If the section is not applicable, please enter N/A.

1.	I wish to be considered for a JSASTC Victoria 34 as a Corps entry for: <i>(Please enter Corps/Regt)</i>	Corps:
2.	I wish to be considered for an additional JSASTC Victoria 34, after the 31 st Mar 18 deadline	YES/NO
3.	I wish to enter a Corps Yacht into the IRC/Cruiser Div (highlight as appropriate) For IRC Entry: A copy of my 2017/2018 IRC Certificate will be supplied during registration.	Yacht Name: Type: Length: IRC or Cruised Div
4.	I wish to enter a Private Yacht into the IRC/Cruiser Div (highlight as appropriate) For IRC Entry: A copy of my 2017/2018 IRC Certificate will be supplied during registration.	Yacht Name: Type: Length: IRC or Cruised Div
5.	POC (to include Address, Tel and civilian email address) ** PLEASE COMPLETE **	
6.	Skipper For Vic 34 STC, RYA YM Coastal as min standard, plus the appropriate qualified crew	Name/Rank/Unit: Qualification: Age:
7.	No of crew: Note: Minimum of four personnel for Vic 34 incl Skipper	

Applications are to be sent to:

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