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EXERCISE SOLENT VENTURE – THE ARMY SAILING ASSOCIATION OFFSHORE REGATTA – 11-15 May 2020

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 11 – 15 May 20. 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 and 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, are 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.
 - d. Build sea miles and experience to contribute towards the next RYA qualification.
5. Participants in this event may 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 IRC 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 Regts will only be able to bid for a Victoria 34 up until 06 Apr 20 and it will be allocated on a first come basis. After Mon 06 Apr 20 bids for additional yachts may be submitted and if available, 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 06 Apr 20.
 - 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. Decisions of the event organiser are final.
 - 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 has 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. This year, there is no planned visit to the RYS.
 13. **Schedule of Races.** The outline Schedule is at Annex A. Competitors should be aware that the format for the 2020 AOR has changed and they should ensure that they read and understand the revised instructions which have been provided.
 14. **Measurement.** Each yacht racing in the IRC Class must produce a valid 2019/2020 IRC Certificate, or equivalent proof of rating agreed in advance by ASA Chief Instructor Offshore, during the registration process. Yachts entering the Cruising Division do not require a rating as they will not be racing against other Class participants.
 15. **Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at registration.
 16. **Venue.** It is planned that Ex SOLENT VENTURE will take place between the Solent and as far west as Weymouth Harbour.
 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 and several offshore passage races. Course diagrams will be issued with the Sailing Instructions, if required. 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.** One race will be designated the Offshore Race. This race will attract double points and cannot be discarded.

22. **Trophies.** Providing that there are enough 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. 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 2019DIN10-025 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.

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PROGRAMME FOR EX SOLENT VENTURE 2020

Mon 11 May 20

- 0830 Registration Opens (JSASTC Classroom 2)
Take over boats from JSASTC Staff
- 0930 Wet Weather Gear Issue from JSASTC Naval Stores (Vic 34 Crew only)
Crew Safety Briefings commence (JSASTC Briefing Room)
- 1030 Registration Closes
- 1100 Skippers' Brief /Race Briefing (JSASTC Classroom 2)
- 1200 Crew practice for Vic 34 Class.
Cruising Class – Sail to Yarmouth
- 1340 IRC Class – Race 1 Prep flag (Finish in Yarmouth)
- 1500 Practice Race Starts for VIC 34 Class
- 1545 VIC 34 Class – Race 1 (Finish in Yarmouth)

Tue 12 May 20

- 0900 VIC 34 & IRC Class – Inshore Passage Race
Cruising Class – Sail to Poole

Wed 13 May 20

- 0900 VIC 34 & IRC Class – Inshore Passage Race
Cruising Class – Sail to Weymouth

Thu 14 May 20

- 0900 VIC 34 & IRC Class – Windward and Leeward Races
Cruising Class – Sail to Hornet Services Sailing Centre
- 1700 VIC 34 & IRC Class – Offshore Passage Race (finish at JSASTC)

Fri 15 May 20

- 0830 Return to JSASTC and hand back yachts & Kit
onwards
- 1300 Prize giving in the HSSC Fabrosa Room
- 1400 Lunch at HSSC

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 06 Apr 20 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 2019/2020 IRC Certificate will be supplied during registration (or equivalent proof of rating agreed in advance by ASA Chief Instructor Offshore).	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 2019/2020 IRC Certificate will be supplied during registration (or equivalent proof of rating agreed in advance by ASA Chief Instructor Offshore)	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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