



**Notice of Selection
For Teams to Represent
GBR at
The Royal Ocean Racing Club
Brewin Dolphin Commodores' Cup
2012**

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BREWIN DOLPHIN COMMODORES' CUP 2012

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 21st July until Saturday 28th July 2012.
- 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 Black. If a team has not been nominated by RYA Scotland by the end of February 2012, then a fourth team may be selected by the Selection Committee.
- 1.3.** The BDCC will be a mix of inshore and offshore racing. The slowest boats will have a minimum rating of 1.020 and the fastest boats a maximum rating of 1.230. Three boats can be chosen from this rating band with the proviso that only one boat in the team may rate 1.150 or above.
- 1.4.** Teams will be of 3 boats all starting on one start.
- 1.5.** Each boat selected in each team will be determined primarily on performance in the races used for trials.
- 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 relevant details.

2. RYA OBJECTIVES

- 2.1.** The RYA's Objective is to select and develop teams with the potential to win the event this time and in the future. 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 end of February 2012 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 end of February 2012 (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: -
 - Stacey Clark (Chair)
 - Stuart Quarrie
 - Chris Mason
- 3.5. All communications connected with the running of the selection series should be addressed to:-
 - Stacey Clark, Chairman of the Selection Committee,
 - RYA Racing Department, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Hants, SO31 4YA. E-mail: jessica.beecher@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 and 5.2 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. In exceptional circumstances due consideration will be given to other factors.
- 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 faxed/ posted / e-mailed to supplied contact numbers or addresses.

5. PROGRAMME OF RACES FORMING SELECTION TRIALS

5.1. Inshore Races

18th - 20th May. Vice Admirals Cup, Cowes.

Organising Club: Royal Corinthian YC, Cowes.

Separate start using Rating Bands as per BDCC.

5.2. Offshore Race

5th May, RORC Morgan Cup – Organising Club: RORC.

- 5.3. There will be no observed events, although the RYA will endeavour to facilitate training for trial entrants, if there is the demand. One of these may be to assist owners and skippers who are planning to trial for their first BDCC.

6. RULES

The following rules will apply for all Selection Trials:

- 6.1. RRS 2009-2012 with RYA Prescriptions.
- 6.2. ISAF Regulation 22 Sailor Classification Code.
- 6.3. IRC Rules 2012, 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 2012.
- 6.6. Brewin Dolphin Commodores' Cup 2012 Notice of Race.
<http://commodorescup.rorc.org/downloads/images/2012-images/2012-bdcc-nor-glossy.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 rating of between 1.020 and 1.230:

Teams shall be formed of 3 boats with IRC Endorsed certificates. Only 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. Three boats can be chosen between these rating bands with the proviso that only one boat in the team may rate 1.150 or above.

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.

OSR Category	Category 3
STIX minimum	23
AVS minimum	130-0.005*m
SSS	minimum 15

* Where m is the boat's Minimum Sailing Weight

7.2. Boats rating between 1.150-1.230 shall have a maximum of two ISAF Group 3 sailors on board.

Boats rating 1.020-1.149 shall have a maximum of one Group 3 sailor.

All other sailors shall hold a valid Group 1 classification. 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

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 the Offshore Race and shall not steer for the first hour of the 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

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 shall apply: "The Crew Number printed on each boat's certificate shall not be exceeded or the crew shall not exceed 85kg multiplied by the Crew Number printed on the certificate." Boats exceeding their IRC certificate's Crew Number shall present their crew for weighing, if requested by the Selectors.

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 26th March 2012 together with the entry fee of £150 for each boat. (See Clause 9.3)

9.2. Late entries 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 2012 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. Owners/Charterers of each boat must be personal members of the RYA.

9.6. Boats must complete the entry forms for the designated events, via the relevant Organising Authority:- the R.O.R.C. for the Morgan Cup and the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club for their Vice-Admirals Cup.

9.7. 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.

9.8. 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 before 1700 hours on the 26th March 2012. 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.** The crew of each boat shall include be as follows:
Boats rating between 1.150-1.230 shall have a maximum of two Group 3 sailors on board (professional sailors).
Boats rating 1.020-1.149 shall have a maximum of one.
- 10.3.** 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 1st June 2011 had their principal residence in the U.K., or who were born in the UK.
- 10.3.1.** Proof of nationality, residence or place of birth may be required.
- 10.4.** Crew lists for each trial weekend must be lodged with the RYA by E-mail. Such lists shall be with the RYA by 0900 hrs. on the Monday after each weekend's racing. Crew lists for each selection weekend will be published on the RYA Website as soon as possible. Any protest over Eligibility or Nationality must be lodged within 48 hours of publication for the relevant Selection Event.
- 10.5.** Apart from those granted an exemption under BDCC NoR, a Group 3 competitor shall not steer during any Inshore race. A Group 3 competitor shall not steer a boat when starting or during the first hour of the Offshore Race.
- 10.6.** Owners/Skippers are strongly advised to check carefully the status of each crew member before competing. Any boat or boats that are found to be in breach of these conditions will be liable to be disqualified from the Selection Trial race in which they were found not to comply.
- 10.7.** 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.** The corrected times of the Triallists will be extracted from the general results for each Trials race and re-published as a separate Selection Trials result. (e.g. 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 would become 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
- 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 in all races except that, if 6 or more inshore races have been scored, she may discard her worst score from an inshore race.
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 (or races) will not count for the purpose of discards as referred to in Para 11.2.1.
- 11.2.4.** Penalties for the Offshore Race will be in accordance with RORC Morgan Cup Notice of Race.
- 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).

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 Event:-
- 13.1.1.** If it cannot be repaired overnight and the substitute sail is of a similar size, design, cloth weight and designed wind range.

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 2012 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 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 Coach for the BDCC 2012 and all crew members of selected teams are expected to abide by the Team Coach’s decisions and requests.
- 16.2.** The owners of selected boats will be expected to contribute to the cost of the Team Coach and other agreed expenses.
- 16.3.** The Selection Committee will appoint a Team Captain for each team after consultation with the owner of each selected boat or his representative.
- 16.4.** Each selected boat will be required to submit to the Selection Committee a training programme, covering the period from selection to the BDCC. The Selection Committee will wish to ensure that training is co-ordinated after selection, and expect the team boats to participate.
- 16.5.** 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.
- 16.6.** 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, Captains and the Team Coach. The Team Coach’s decision will be final. This will be done prior to team crew lists being required under the BDCC NoR 1.7.2 Final Crewlists.
- 16.7.** 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 Team Captain 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 RCC. 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 during the week beginning Monday 28th May 2012. 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) 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.