

Risk Statement and Declaration for all Races

Please note this Declaration will remain valid for all races organised by the Solo Offshore Racing Club Limited in 2017

RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any, and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and
- h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third party claims.

DECLARATION

I have read and understood the Notice of Race and SORC General Conditions and undertake to familiarise myself fully with all subsequent documentation in connection with races I wish to enter, including the relevant Sailing Instructions and all amendments to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, SORC Notice of Race, General Conditions and Sailing Instructions, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) and other applicable rules. In particular I understand the OSR categories for the races in which I am competing, as set out in the Notice of Race. The boat will be made available for inspection at SORC's request but I accept that any inspection that may take place will not in any way reduce my responsibilities set out above.

I agree that if any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine or propeller, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Director in good time.

I understand and agree that the information given in this form and also the information contained on race lists and results will be maintained on SORC-related computers to be used for all aspects of race organisation.

I undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.

I am over 18 years of age / My date of birth is (*delete one*)

Boat Name	Signature	Date
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Skipper
Witness