

MOCRA RACING ROUND UP 2006

Every four years, the Royal Western Yacht Club (www.rwyc.org) run the classic two-handed Round Britain and Ireland Race. 2006 sees this challenging event start from Plymouth on Sunday 11th June, with 48 hour stops in Kinsale, Barra, Lerwick and Lowestoft. As an alternative the RORC (www.rorc.org) are running a non-stop Round Britain Race starting from Cowes on Monday 7 August.

RORC also have the usual full program of channel races detailed on page 15. Of particular note is the Cowes-Dinard-St Malo Race on 13 July which is celebrating its 100 anniversary and is timed this year to coincide with Bastille Day.

Returning to the two-handed theme the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (www.royaltorbayyc.org.uk) are inviting multihull entries to their Triangle race starting from Torquay stopping at Crosshaven and Treguier.

The MOCRA Nationals will be held over the late May Bank Holiday weekend during Poole Regatta www.poole-regatta2006.co.uk



Simon Forbes Racing Secretary

For the third year there will be a multihull class at Skandia Cowes Week on 29 July to 5 August. It is important to make sure you don't miss the early entry fee deadline as a late entry is rather expensive. Several multihulls successfully based themselves up at the Folly Inn during the 2005 week. www.cowesweek.co.uk

If you are seeking a week of racing there is also Falmouth Week which starts 5th August. www.falmouthweek.co.uk

As usual the best attended event will be the Island Sailing Club's Round the Isle of Wight held on Saturday 3 June the last few years have seen consistently more than 50 and sometimes over 60 multihulls racing including this year 20 Dragonfly and Farrier folding trimarans. www.islandsc.org.uk/rtir

Most popular of the Royal Western Yacht Club's annual races is the Plymouth-Falmouth-Fowey race starting on Saturday 29 April. www.rwyc.org.

The Royal Southampton Yacht Club (www.rsync.org.uk) runs a comprehensive year-long racing calendar to which multihulls are always welcome. New this year is a Double-Handed Regatta in the Solent on 15-16 July which is sponsored by MDL. A big gathering is planned at the RSYC clubhouse and early entries will get free berthing for the event at Ocean Village Marina.

The RSYC's popular Double Handed series continues in its usual format of an eight-race main series and a four-race sub-series of the inshore events. The change from previous years is that there is a race to St Peter Port on 23 June. The inshore series comprises the Spring Solent Double (8 April), Island Double (2 September), Nab Tower Double (12 August), Autumn Solent Double (14 October). The first of the Offshore series, the Southampton to Weymouth starting on the Saturday (29 April) gives a sociable Saturday in Weymouth and a race back on the Sunday. The following Bank Holiday weekend (May 27) sees the Southampton to Cherbourg. www.rsync.org.uk

For those looking for a weekend regatta of shorter races there is the RSYC's Clarkson Cup (5 races) on 20-21 May.

In addition there is regular Southampton Water racing on Sunday mornings from 8 January to 23 April, and 15 October to 10 December, plus a summer series of Thursday evening racing from 4 May to 31 August.

The challenging Scottish Island Peaks Race starts on Friday May 19. www.sipr.zetnet.co.uk.

For updates see MOCRA website www.mocra.org.uk

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