

Isles of Scilly World Pilot Gig Championships Committee

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Notice of 2012 Gig Sailing Race for the

Pilot Widows Gig Trophy

The Pilot Widows Gig Trust has provided this trophy, which will be presented to the first gig across the finishing line, corrected for any penalties incurred.

Sail Briefing: Monday 7 May 11.00 on Holgates Green
Start: Monday 7 May 11.30

The Racing Rules of Sailing will govern the Race. Other rules are prescribed in the Sailing Instructions. This race is under the management of
The Scillonian Sailing Club

Presentation of the Trophy will take place on
Holgates Green on Monday an hour after the Finish of the Race

Liability Clauses

A gig is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility

It is for a gig to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the gig confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

The gig is required to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least One Million Pounds.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the gig nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred as a result of the gig taking part in racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

Entry forms should be returned by 28th February 2012 to the above address, with any subsequent amendments to be notified by 10th April 2012.

Pilot Widows Gig Trophy

Entry Form

Name of gig:.....

Club:.....

Cox:.....

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular I have read the Liability Clauses of the Notice of Race and confirm that I agree to its provisions and that my gig will conform to its requirements throughout the event.

Name:Age (If under 18).....

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Persons under the age of 18 must have written permission signed by a parent or guardian, acknowledging that the above conditions have been read and agreed, and enclosed with this entry form.

Isles of Scilly World Pilot Gig Racing Championships 2012

Pilot Widows Gig Trophy Sailing Instructions

1 **Rules**

The Race will be governed by the Rules and Regulations World Pilot Gig Championships Committee and these Sailing Instructions.

2 **Entries**

2.1 **Conditions of Entry**

2.1.1 The safety of a gig and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure they are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the gig limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the gig and her management. The race organizers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the gig for the race or races.

2.1.2 **Life-saving equipment**

All gigs shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, and available for immediate use. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device. Wetsuits and Drysuits are not personal flotation devices.

2.3 **Safety**

A gig or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

2.4 **Fair Sailing**

A gig and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognised principles of sportsmanship and fair play. A gig may be penalised under this rule only if it is clearly established that these principles have been violated.

2.5 **Complement**

There shall be a minimum crew of five, maximum of seven.

2.6 **Acceptance of Rules**

By participating in the race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and gig owner agrees to be governed by the following rules:

2.6.1 **On opposite tacks:**

When gigs are on opposite tacks, a port tack gig shall keep clear of a starboard tack gig

2.6.2 **On the same tack, overlapped:**

When gigs are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward gig shall keep clear of a leeward gig.

2.6.3 **On the same tack, not overlapped:**

When gigs are on the same tack and not overlapped, a gig clear astern shall keep clear of a gig clear ahead.

2.6.4 **While tacking:**

When a gig passes head to wind, she shall keep clear of other gigs until she is on a close-hauled course. If two gigs are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other's port side shall

keep clear.

2.6.5 **Avoiding contact:**

A gig shall avoid contact with another gig if reasonably possible. However, a right of way gig or one entitled to room:

- (i) Need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other gig is not keeping clear or giving room; and
- (ii) Shall not be penalised *unless* there is contact that causes damage.

3 **Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Holgates Green.

4 **Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Board one and a quarter hours before the start.

5 **Signals**

5.1 Flag AP with two sound signals means “*The race is postponed*”.

Flag AP will be lowered with one sound signal. The race-warning signal will follow after one minute.

6 **Schedule of Race**

Monday May 7 - 11.30 start

7 **Class Flags**

Class Flag will be code Flag C.

8 **Racing Area**

The racing area will be St Mary’s Roads.

9 **The Course**

The course is as illustrated on the board located at Holgates Green.

10 **Race Marks**

Marks are described on the notice board located at Holgates Green.

11 **The Start**

11.1 The Race will be started as follows.

11.2 Times shall be taken from the visual signals. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Time	Title	Signals	Sound
5 minutes	Warning	Flags C & P UP	One sound
1 minute	1 minute period	Flag P DOWN	One sound
0 minute	Starting	Flag C DOWN	One sound

11.2 A gig shall not start later than 15 minutes after her starting signal.

12 **The Finish**

The finishing line will be indicated on the notice board.

13 **Time Limit**

The time limit will be 2 hours. Gigs failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first gig finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored “*Did not finish*”.

- 14 **Protests**
Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office on Holgates Green and delivered there within protest time, which will begin as the last gig nears the beach/slipway and end 15 minutes later.
- 15 **Scoring**
The scoring system will be in the order of crossing the finish line.
- 16 **Support Boats**
Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all gigs have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be disqualification for all gigs associated with the support personnel who do so.
- 17 **Radio Communication**
Except in an emergency, a gig shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all gigs. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 18 **Propulsion**
18.1 A gig shall compete by using only the wind and water to increase, maintain or decrease its speed.
18.2 Exceptions to Rule 18.1 are as follows:
 (i) One oar may be used to assist in tacking/gibing/steering.
 (ii) At the discretion of the Race Organiser all oars may be used to row the windward leg in light conditions. This will be indicated by code Flag R on the committee boat.
- 19 **Prizes**
The Pilot Widows Gig Trophy will be awarded to the first Gig across the finish line, corrected for any penalties incurred.
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