

Notice to Competitors Number 1

ORCV Winter Series Flare Shoot– Saturday 25th June 2021

The ORCV Annual Flare Shoot Drill, including the use of parachute flares, will be conducted prior to Race 1 of the Winter Series. The ORCV has received Permit Approvals from relevant authorities and all participants are required to adhere to the following conditions.

Location

- 1) The flare shoot is to be conducted in the vicinity the Royal Brighton Breakwater situated:-
 - Between 0.75NM and 1.75 NM to the west of the breakwater alignment
 - No further north than RBYC4 or South of RBYC2.
- 2) The Boat ***Alien*** will operate as the Committee Vessel for the Flare Shoot and will be positioned at the eastern edge of the permitted area.
- 3) All Boats participating in the Flare Shoot Drill are to be suitably positioned to the west of the Committee Vessel (***Alien***).

Timing and Procedures

- 4) All boats must monitor VHF 82 on Saturday 25 June between 0940 and 1000 for the purpose of receiving instruction from the Committee Boat (***Alien***).
- 5) The target time for the Flare shoot is 0945. **However, no Flares may be discharged until radio advice has been received and clearance is signaled by the discharge of an orange smoke flare on the Committee Boat (***Alien***)**
- 6) Boats are permitted to commence discharging flares, once the Committee Vessel flare is visible.
- 7) No Flares or Rockets may be discharged after 1000 hrs.
- 8) Discharge of the following distress flare is permitted:
 - a) Red handheld
 - b) White handheld
 - c) Orange Smoke
 - d) Parachute flares that have projectiles capable of reaching a maximum height of 1,000 feet.

- 9) All skippers and crew must maintain a lookout for aircraft in the vicinity of the Permit Zone, and immediately cease the operation of all flares if any aircraft is observed in the proximity of the flare shoot location.

Responsibility and Safety

- 10) **It is a condition of participation in this flare shoot that the person in charge of each boat participating in the flare shoot is responsible for the actions of their crew and the safe conduct of the drill.**
- 11) Crew members who have not previously participated in flare drills should be supervised and assisted by another crew member with appropriate experience.
- 12) All Flares are to be discharged in accordance with the manufacturer's operating instructions and discharged in a manner which minimizes the possibility of injury or damage having regard to the possibility of equipment malfunction including delayed ignition.
- 13) Flares must not be discharged to windward.
- 14) The ORCV strongly recommends that all crew discharging flares adhere to the following safety precautions:
 - a) Wear Safety Glasses
 - b) Where protective leather gloves – flares get hot.
 - c) Wear suitable footwear
- 15) Buckets of water are to be provided within ready reach of participants and are to be used for the cooling of flares.

Environment

- 16) Discharged flares are messy and require appropriate disposal.
- 17) All used flare cartridges and, to the extent practical associated plastic waste, must be taken ashore for disposal.

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