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EX SOLENT VENTURE

INTRODUCTION

1. The Army Sailing Association, on behalf of the affiliation of Army Yacht Clubs and Sailing Associations, will host Exercise SOLENT VENTURE over the period 08 – 12 May 17. This DIN serves to inform all Rear Commodores and Unit Sailing Officers of the opportunity to participate in the event, as a Regimental or Corps entry, or for individuals to form crews and take part.

2. The event will take place on JSASTC Vic 34 STC, Corps or Regimental yachts that conform to the ORC Race Category 3 and have appropriate racing insurance. Private yachts will also be permitted to enter, providing they have the necessary racing insurance. The exercise programme will remain adaptable to the short term weather, but is provisionally expected to follow a programme similar to that published in Annex A.

3. Skippers, including those with limited racing knowledge, should be encouraged to take part and, where possible, lead Unit teams.

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4. The aim of this Exercise is to develop crew and skippers sailing skills, mile and experience building towards their next RYA qualification and to help promote offshore sailing to the novice participants. Participants of this event may also be considered as suitable nominations for selection to the Services Offshore Regatta.

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

5. **Rules.** The Exercise will be run in the form of a regatta, and will be governed, as defined, by the Racing Rules of Sailing. All JSASTC Vic 34 STC will be controlled as a one design class as specified within Unit and vessel Standing Orders, these take primacy over the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) where conflict arises. Private entries must conform to a minimum of ORC Cat 3, and have £3 million third party liability.

6. **Eligibility.** The Exercise is open to all ASA members. Only serving personnel are eligible to sail on the Vic 34 STC. Non serving personnel are eligible to compete in Class 1 or the Cruiser Division but may not be included in the inter-Corps competition.

7. **Entry.**

- a. The Entry Form is provided at Annex B. Each Corp/Regt will be restricted to bid for one Victoria 34 until 31 Mar 17 and these will be allocated on a first come basis. From 01 Apr 17 onwards, Corps/Regts can bid for additional yachts as required which, again, will be allocated on a first come basis.
- b. The Inter-Corps Competition is based on the Inter Corps Trophy, the Dolphin Cup, which requires an entry from a Corps IRC yacht and a Victoria 34 entering for the Trophy. Rear Commodores are requested to confirm their respective Yacht Clubs Victoria entry by, at the very latest, Thu 31 Mar 17.
- c. Bids for Victoria 34s will be accepted at any time after publication of this DIN. Please get your entries in early to avoid disappointment.

8. **Haul-Out and Cleaning Restrictions.** Boats shall not be hauled out or cleaned by any person or machinery operating under the waterline, during the duration of the Exercise, except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission, of the race committee.

9. **Boats and Equipment.** All Victoria 34 STC are to be sailed in accordance with JSASTC Standing Orders and additional instructions related to this event, the full inventory of the Victoria 34 is to be carried. Inspection and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

- a. In the event of damage or collision (this includes any contact of any part of the hull or its equipment) vessels are to retire from the current race and report to the Race Committee to determine if they are able to continue racing.

JSASTC Victoria 34s **may** be required to return immediately to JSASTC for inspection by JSASTC personnel.

- b. Competitors shall not modify the Victoria 34 allocated to them or cause them to be modified in any way.
- c. Minimum crewing level for a JSASTC Victoria 34 in Ex SOLENT VENTURE is a Yachtmaster Coastal, Day Skipper plus two crew members.
- d. Equipment should be stowed in its normal locations for the yacht. Moving of equipment to improve performance is not permitted.
- e. To attract Other Ranks (ORs) into Offshore Sailing, Commodore ASA has directed that at least the majority of the crews in both the Victoria Class and the IRC Class are to be ORs. Each yacht in these Classes must therefore have more ORs than Officers, and will not be permitted to race unless these conditions are met.

10. **Fees.** There is no entry fee, but all those wishing to take part must pre-register.

11. **Other Fees.** Skippers are responsible for all berthing fees. There will be a charge of £10 per person for the BBQ at the RYS on the Wed night. This will be collected at registration on Mon 08 May 17.

12. **Schedule of Races.** See outline Schedule at Annex A.

13. **Measurement.** Each yacht racing in the IRC Class 1 must produce a valid 2016/2017 IRC Certificate during the registration process. Yachts entering the Cruising Division do not require a rating but will be allocated a local rating for their races.

14. **Sailing Instructions.** The SIs will be available at registration.

15. **Venue.** Ex SOLENT VENTURE will take place within the Solent apart from the Offshore Race.

16. **Safety.** The safety of the crews and vessels is of paramount importance. Crews may be ordered to wear personal buoyancy or limit sail plans by the Race Committee. **All Service crew members must have passed the military swimming test.**

17. **Photography Consent.** By their involvement in the event, all competitors, officials and support staff accept that they may be photographed or videotaped whilst participating in the event, and they consent to the taking of such images and their subsequent use, re-use and publication, re-publication in any media without compensation or approval of such images or use thereof.

18. **Liability.** The establishment of the NoR and SIs in no way limits or reduces the responsibility of the skippers as being entirely responsible for the safety of their vessel and crew. The Duty Holder for the event is the participant's CO's, the ASA Rear Commodore Offshore holds the duty of care responsibility. Each participant's CO must be satisfied the event has mitigated the risk to life, sailing being a high risk sport, by its Risk Assessment

which will be issued to each Unit/Corp representative once their place in the AOR is confirmed.

19. **Race Courses.** Courses will be a combination of windward/leeward, round the cans, passage races and a 24 hour offshore race. Course diagrams will be issued with the Sailing Instructions. Passage and offshore courses will be issued in writing or by VHF radio.

20. **Scoring**

- a. **Windward/Leeward Scoring.** The low point system will apply. If more than 4 races are sailed one discard will be allowed.
- b. **Passage Races.** A number of short passage races may be sailed. If more than 4 races are sailed one discard will be allowed.
- c. **Offshore Race.** There will be an Offshore Race of 75nm+. This race will attract double points and cannot be discarded.

21. **Ex SOLENT VENTURE Prizes.** Providing that there are sufficient entries, trophies for each class will be awarded as follows;

- a. Inshore Series 1st and 2nd.
- b. Passage Race 1st and 2nd.
- c. Offshore Race 1st and 2nd.
- d. Dolphin Trophy Winner. Inter Corps Teams Only, combined Class 1 and Class 3.
- e. Best Novice Skipper.
- f. Overall Winning yacht.

22. **Further Information.** The event is classified as Sport Sailing/Racing/RYA continuation training by the ASCB. This authorises Units to apply for CILOR against their unit UIN for all full days of training using JSP 660 Sport in the UK Armed Forces, Part 1, Annex D as the authority. Travel at public expense is admissible in accordance with 2016DIN10-049 Travel at Public Expense for Army Sport. Units must make the most economical use of travel, i.e. sharing vehicles. Ex SOLENT VENTURE is an on-duty event and requires unit authorisation on Part 1 Orders. All participants are advised to take out their own personal insurance to cover off-duty activities once the days sailing is concluded.

Annexes:

- A. Programme.
- B. Entry Form.

PROGRAMME FOR EX SOLENT VENTURE 2017

Mon 08 May 17

- 0830 Take over boats from JSASTC Staff
- 0900 Registration Opens (JSASTC Classroom 2)
- 1030 Registration Closes
- 1030 Wet Weather Gear Issue from JSASTC Naval Stores (Vic 34 Crew only)
- 1100 Skippers' Brief (JSASTC Classroom 2)
- 1100 Crew Safety Briefings commence (JSASTC Briefing Room)
- 1200 Crew practice. Yachts eventually berthing at Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH)
- 1830 Race Briefing followed by Drinks at Cowes Combined Services and Social Club (old British Legion)

Tue 09 May 17

- 0900 Passage Race through the Solent. Berthing at CYH
- 1830 Start of Offshore Passage Race

Wed 10 May 17

- 1400 Offshore Race complete. Berthing at CYH
- 1800 Skippers Brief
- 1900 Evening Function at The Royal Yacht Squadron Pavilion

Thu 11 May 17

- 1000 Windward and Leeward Races
- 1030 Inshore Passage Race for Cruising Class – berthing at JSASTC
- 1600 Novice Skippers Passage Race – berthing at JSASTC
- 1900 Evening Function in HSSC

Fri 12 May 17

- 0830 Hand back yachts JSASTC
- 1030 Prize giving at HSSC Fabrosa Room followed by Pork Rolls