



# WELCOME TO THE 2<sup>ND</sup> IRC SUSSEX CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Sat / Sun 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## A LETTER FROM THE SUSSEX COMBINED CLUBS COMMITTEE

Dear fellow yachties.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you yet again to the IRC Sussex Championships on 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

As you will know, the Sussex Combined Clubs (BMYC, SYC & SHYC) have held many successful and enjoyable regattas since 1996. The regatta was formally known as **The Sussex Regatta** and last year (the inaugural year for this new IRC event) was an amazing opportunity for us to further promote inter-club racing and relationships under the new banner of the **IRC Sussex Championships**.

Last year, the championship was hotly contested and very close. So close in fact that the first and second place boats both finished with equal 6 points! Of course there can only be one champion and that was **Pip & Pete Tyler** with **"Redeye"** from BMYC with 6 points and **Rob & Lucinda McLean** with **"Spider Pig"** (also BMYC) flicked to 2<sup>nd</sup> place on countback with **Robert Stiles** with **"Diamond Gem"** close behind with 8 points in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

This year's event is yet again **open to all boats and clubs** and it will be run in the Summer again with 6 races over two days, **Saturday & Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. The **on-line entry system is now open** with the benefit of a **great discount available for the "early bird" entries** so please join in and put the dates in your diary for the Championships. It will be hosted once again by **Brighton Marina Yacht Club** <http://bmyc.org.uk/>

**BMYC** now has a brand new "state of the art" floating clubhouse with a fantastic veranda, comfy seating, superb 4G phone signal & moorings immediately outside, with easy access to the race area without any locks and pretty much at any state of tide. Julie McCarthy (our steward) & her team at BMYC will welcome you, your crew, your friends & your family with open arms to enjoy yourself shore-side and partake in some great grub, great value drinks and some great après-race entertainment. The shower blocks and changing rooms are a stone's throw away for those that want to wash off the salt before kicking back and enjoying all that BMYC and the Marina Complex is able to offer you.

**Entertainment** – After racing on the **Saturday night** we have the **"Howl at the Moon" full moon party** to look forward to, with a **Caribbean theme** featuring **steel band and jerk BBQ** and these promise to be great fun for all. **Sunday** will see the **Prize Giving** as soon after racing as possible and hopefully no later than 3pm. We also hope to hold a **"surf & turf" BBQ on the veranda** to help feed your hunger after a hard day's racing!

**Dredging** is now underway to ensure **you can all get in and out safely** and Premier Marinas have invested heavily in a new permanent dredger called **"Doris"** that is busy beavering away sucking up all she can to ensure your **safe navigation of the marina and fairway out to the race course**. On top of that, the large dredger will also be working in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June to dredge the main entrance for you all 😊

Obviously this is an IRC rated event so **entrants are encouraged to have a valid IRC certificate**; however, if you do not yet hold one of these, it is easy to get one by either contacting the RORC rating office direct on **01590 677030** or to benefit from a discount, apply online at <https://www.rorcrating.com/myirc-2017>

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Unfortunately, it is now **not possible to apply for a Single Event Rating (SER)** as IRC have abandoned this option. ☹

We will be dual scoring the event under (IRC & NHC) so don't worry if you don't have an IRC rating. We can help you participate under the NHC scheme and if you don't have a rating **we can help you get one!**

There is a spreadsheet here to check your "base handicap"

<http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/technical/Web%20Documents/NHC/NHCBaseList.xlsx>

We know that the NHC handicap is not without its faults (as is IRC) but you will agree that it does offer an externally adjudicated transparent handicap system that adjusts after each race to give everybody a fair crack at the whip, and ultimately, **have a lot of fun in the process!**

Last year's event encompassed a **cruiser class** (rated under NHC) and by popular demand, **we intend to repeat this process** and provide safe enjoyable sailing away from the madding crowd to help include everybody who loves sailing.

**Premier Marina's** are supporting the event with **25% discount on visitor's moorings** when you pre-book and mention the reference "*IRC Sussex Champs*".

If you can't join in on the sailing side but want to get involved, do please feel free to let us know. An event like this always needs plenty of volunteers to make it work so any extra hands are very well received indeed.

So .. there you have it! No excuses! Cheap dockage, Great grub, great drink and great shore-side activities plus some fantastic racing. What could be better?

On behalf of BMYC and all the members of The Sussex Combined Clubs, I really hope that you can join us again and support this event.

**ON-LINE ENTRY IS OPEN NOW & ALREADY FILLING UP. Early bird is ONLY £40 !!**

Hurry up and don't miss out, this **sale ends on 8<sup>th</sup> May '17.**

<http://ircsussexchamps.org/online-registration/>

I urge you not to miss it. It will be another one to remember!

**Rob Mclean**

Director – BMYC

Chair on behalf of The Sussex Combined Clubs Committee

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