



NOTICE OF RACE

NB: All times are local.

1	Title of Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Race will be known as Clipper 15-16 Round the World Yacht Race (Clipper 15-16 Race).
2	Date of Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Race will start on 31 August 2015
3	Organising authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Race will be organised by Clipper Ventures Plc (the Company). The Company will appoint a Race Committee to control and run all the racing aspects of the Race. The Race Committee will incorporate some independent members (i.e. not Clipper employees) The Race Committee is appointed as the official Protest Committee.
4	Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clipper 15-16 Round the World Yacht Race will be governed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Racing Rules for Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS). No amendments or changes to RRS by other National Authorities will apply; The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS); This Notice of Race dated 28 May 2015; and The Clipper 15-16 Sailing Instructions (SIs) and subsequent amendments. Where there is conflict, succeeding rules in the above shall take precedence.
5	Changes to RRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any changes to RRS will be listed in the SIs, amendments to SIs and Individual Course Instructions (RRS86). The Race Committee reserves the right to change any rule contained within the RRS. Changes will be listed within the SI's and Course Instructions.
6	Supporting Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yachts will be equipped to the standards required by the UK MCA Category 0 Coding supported by all associated documentation. Yachts will be operated in accordance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crew Training Manual; Clipper Ventures Standard Operating Procedures for On Water Operations; Clipper 15-16 Round the World Yacht Race Supplementary Standard Operating Procedures Clipper 15-16 Round the World Yacht Race Sailing Instructions; The Skipper and Crew Contracts; and Other special instructions that may be issued by Clipper to control the running of the Clipper 15-16 Race.
7	Eligibility and Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clipper 15-16 Round the World Yacht Race is NOT an open event and will have one class only, comprising of Clipper 70 yachts. The race will be run as a 'one design' class with no handicapping system. Entry to Clipper 15-16 will be controlled by the Company.
8	Sailing Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clipper 15-16 Round the World Yacht Race Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be published by the end of June 2015. Course Instructions for each individual race will be issued at each port before the start of that race. In addition to the Sailing Instructions, Skippers and crew will have a verbal briefing prior to each race by the Race Director or person delegated by the Race Director.
9	Race Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clipper 15-16 Round the World Yacht Race will consist of a series of up to 16 individual races that will take the entrants on a route



		<p>that will circumnavigate the world. The Race Route and individual race dates are contained within the published Race Schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed start, finish and course arrangements will be specified and confirmed in the Course Instructions for each individual race. The planned starting port for race 1 of the Clipper 15-16 Race is Southend, UK. It is estimated that The Race will finish in July 2016. The Company reserves the right to change the number of races, dates and race destinations as required in order for The Race to achieve the overall planning objectives.
10	Penalty System and Protests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The penalties are in accordance with the RRS and the Clipper Sailing Instructions. Protests shall be submitted on the appropriate form in accordance with the RRS or, where amended, the Sailing Instructions.
11	Declarations and Scrutineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All race entries may be subject to scrutineering by the Race Committee or a nominated deputy to ensure adherence to the Race Rules. All race entries must complete and sign a declaration (provided within the Sailing Instructions) at the end of each race which must be submitted to the Race Manager within 1 hour of arrival in the finish port.
12	Scoring System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each race will be scored on a first home basis, with 12 points awarded to the first yacht across the line, 11 points to the second, and so on, with the final yacht being awarded 1 point. Scoring Gates will be used on some individual races and the first 3 boats through each scoring gate will be awarded 3, 2 and 1 scoring points respectively. Ocean Sprints will be incorporated into certain individual races. The winner of the Ocean Sprint will be awarded 2 scoring points. The points accrued in each race, at Scoring Gates and Ocean Sprints will be totalled to produce an overall leadership table for the Clipper 15-16 Round the World Yacht Race.
13	Prizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pennants will be awarded to the first three (3) boats across each finish line for each race. The winning boat overall will be presented with The Clipper Trophy.

Sarah Hoare
 Secretary to the Race Committee
 Clipper 15-16 Round the World Yacht Race.

Race Committee Members:

Chairman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston
Secretary Sarah Hoare
 Justin Taylor
 Janet Grosvenor
 Simon Rowell
 Jonathan Bailey