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**VICTOR/VICTRIX LUDORUM COMPETITION - ROYAL ARTILLERY KEELBOAT  
REGATTA 80TH ANNIVERSARY, SEAVIEW, ISLE OF WIGHT TUE 07 – THU 09 JUL 26**

1. **GENERAL.** The Royal Artillery Keelboat Regatta is an annual event, now forming part of the Victor/Victrix Ludorum and will be held on Tue 07 - Thu 09 Jul 26 at Seaview Yacht Club (SVYC) on the Isle of Wight. This keynote Royal Artillery event is open to all Regiments within the RA. Retired RA crew entries are also welcome, but the focus of the competition is the Victor/Victrix Ludorum between Regiments.
2. **AIM.** The aim of this Regatta is to get soldiers on the water in a competitive environment and racing in a one design keelboat. The RAYC is stood by to support Regiments to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.
3. **ASK.** Each Regiment is requested to provide at least 1x 3-person team for this event. Regimental Sailing OICs are kindly requested to confirm attendance to the project lead **NLT 01 Apr 26.**
4. **ENTRIES.** Sailing OICs are to express interest with the undersigned NLT 01 Apr 26. This will be followed by registration links being distributed. The project lead will be available to guide OICs through the process.
5. **FINANCES.** The Royal Artillery Keelboat Regatta is classed as a Cat 2 event and is therefore eligible to attract public funding.
  - a. **COST OF ENTRY.** The usual cost of a team entry for a corporate client is £1,000. Seaview Yacht Club reduces the cost to £800 per team due to the longstanding relationship with the Gunners. The RAYC further subsidises this cost to £300 per team. We are currently seeking an additional source of funding to bring the cost down to £150 for serving teams, which includes RAYC Temporary Membership for those crew members who are not RAYC members. The entry fee is non-refundable unless the defaulting unit can find another unit to replace them.
  - b. **TRAVEL.** This is a Cat 2 Event and therefore attracts public funding for travel only, White Fleet and the Car Ferry permissible. There is a frequent ferry service

from Portsmouth or Southampton. Teams are advised to travel down on Mon 06 Jul. Return travel is OIC discretion, racing will finish Thursday afternoon but appreciate some teams may have further to travel and wish to leave after the BBQ at lunchtime on 09 Jul.

- c. **ACCOMMODATION.** Units are responsible for financing their own accommodation. 12 7x7 pitches (additional pitches TBC) have been booked at Nodes Point campsite at a cost of £80 per pitch (6pax per pitch) and teams will be co-located to form an RA area. Tents, Cot beds, sleeping bags etc. are an individual/Regimental responsibility. For those who don't wish to camp, there is a list of private hotel accommodation which can be found on the SVYC website at [www.svyc.co.uk](http://www.svyc.co.uk) at personal expense. Sailing OICs are advised to contact Lt Arthur early to confirm pitches.
- d. **FEEDING.** Feeding is an individual responsibility throughout the event. A snack lunch of soup and a sandwich is available and can be purchased for approximately £7 in the SVYC clubhouse. A BBQ meal will be held at 1230hrs on Thu 9 Jul 26 in the SVYC clubhouse after racing. Payment for the meal (approximately £16 per person) will be on the day either by cash or debit card. Subsistence may NOT be claimed for travel days.

6. **TRAINING.** Competency on the Mermaids is not a requirement, though an RYA Seamanship Skills or RYA Day Skipper certificate is essential. The RAYC is on standby to help those teams without a qualified skipper. Keelboat and Dinghy training/refresher courses are available at the Army Inshore Training Centre South (AISTC(S)) at Thorney Island. Each course is for up to 6 pax, a crew consists of 3 therefore each course a unit could train 2 crews or 2 units train a crew each. Units should apply for these courses through [Army Inshore Sail Training Centre – Army Sailing Association \(ASA\) | Army Sport](#). This offers your teams the chance to get qualifications in order to progress to further dinghy/yacht racing.

7. **RACE BRIEFING.** Teams are expected to be at SVYC by 0900hrs on Tue 7 Jul 26. The race briefing will take place at 0930hrs.

8. **RACING.** Racing will take place at the Seaview Yacht Club (further details are at <https://www.svyc.org.uk/page/mermaids-charter>) in 24 foot Mermaid keelboats. The Regatta will consist of a series of races (normally twelve) held over the three days, weather permitting. Races will be sailed under the current Racing Rules of Sailing and the Seaview Mermaid Sailing Instructions (details on arrival).

- a. This event will contribute towards the Victor and Victrix Ludorum. Regiments where possible should send a mixed team in order to gain maximum points for both competitions. If this is not possible, then their points will contribute towards one of the competitions.
- b. Each team requires a competent helm (minimum standard of RYA Seamanship Skills from the Keelboat/Dinghy/Multihull Scheme or RYA Day Skipper from the Yachting Scheme) with a further 2-3 crew members per boat. Any team without a competent helm still keen to participate should contact the undersigned for assistance.

9. **TROPHIES.** In addition to the Victor/Victrix Ludorum competition, the following

trophies will be contested:

- a. **Commodore's Trophy.** The Commodore's Trophy is awarded to the winning crew in the Regatta representing RA Units, RA Headquarters, RA Organisations and a RAYC crewed boat.
- b. **Crane-Mills Cup.** The Crane-Mills Cup will be awarded to the highest placed RA unit crew in the Commodore's Trophy fleet if they do not come first.
- c. **Ryde Cup.** The Ryde Cup is awarded to the most successful "retired" RAYC members crew. Note that the helm and at least one member of the crew must be retired members of the RAYC.
- d. **The Morton-Wood Friends' Trophy.** Awarded to the highest placed RA unit crew not eligible for the Commodore's Trophy or the Crane-Mills Trophy.
- e. **THE MER-MAIDEN TROPHY.** Awarded to a RA unit crew introducing sailors to keelboat racing at Seaview yacht Club for the first time.

Prize giving and VIP guest attendance will take place immediately after the morning sailing session on Thu 09 Jul 26. All CO's and VIP's will be invited to attend the prize giving and BBQ lunch immediately afterwards.

10. **CLOTHING.** The club will provide all safety equipment. A suggested packing list can be found in Annex B.

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Annex:

- A. RAYC Keelboat Regatta additional trophy eligibility rules.
- B. Suggested Packing List

Distribution:

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RHQ RA  
JE CAP GM Army HQ  
Defence Academy

5 Regt RA  
7 Para RHA  
12 Regt RA

HAC  
Kings Troop RHA  
100 Regt RA

HQ 1 DSR Bde	14 Regt RA	103 Regt RA
HQ 1 ISR Bde – STA Gp	16 Regt RA	104 Regt RA
HQ Jt GBAD	19 Regt RA	105 Regt RA
RSA HQ & YO's Branch	26 Regt RA	106 Regt RA
1 RHA	29 Cdo Regt RA	
3 RHA	32 Regt RA	
4 Regt RA	47 Regt RA	RAYC Members

**ADDITIONAL TROPHY RULES FOR HELM AND CREW AT RAYC KEELBOAT REGATTA**

Ser (a)	Trophy (b)	Helm (c)	Crew (d)	Remarks (e)
1	Commodore's Trophy	Serving Member RA	Members RA or Group Member RAYC or Regatta Member	
2	Crane-Mills Cup			First RA unit crew in Commodore's Trophy.
3	Ryde Cup	Retired RAYC	At least two of the crew must be a retired RAYC member	
4	Morton-Wood Friends' Trophy	Serving Member RA	Members RA or Member RAYC or Regatta Member	Not eligible for the Commodore's Trophy or Crane-Mills Cup.
5	Mer-maiden Trophy	See across	See across	A trophy awarded to a boat with at least two persons sailing at Seaview for the first time.

**SUGGESTED PACKING LIST.** *This is a civilian event, as such no military clothing is to be worn.*

Hat

Waterproofs  
Gloves (Waterproof)  
4 x Underwear  
4 x Socks  
4 x T-Shirt  
Shorts  
Mid Layer  
Non-slip footwear  
Warm Jacket (Civilian)  
Towel  
Wash Kit  
Flip Flops  
Warm Trousers (Civilian)  
Sunglasses  
Suncream  
First Aid Kit  
Jetboil (Or suitable alternative)  
Flask  
1 x Smart Casual Attire (for awards ceremony)  
Water Bottle  
Daysack (Waterproof)  
Sleeping System (Including roll mat)  
Dry Bag  
Tent (1 or 2 per team of 4 SP)