

JESTER AZORES CHALLENGE 2020

**Start off western end of Plymouth Breakwater at xxxx BST (TBC) on
Sunday xxth May 2020
(HW Devonport xx BST)**

- **Entries will close at High Noon on Saturday xx May 2020**
- **Skippers' Briefing and Dinner (plus guests) in the Tamar River Sailing Club at 1830 on Saturday xxth May 2020 (date and timings TBC)**
- **Supporters' spectator vessel may be organised from the Barbican and will leave well before lunch on Sunday xxth May 2020**
- **The finish is at Praia de Vitoria, Terceira across a line between the lights on the north and south moles. Call marina on VHF Channel 9 or you can signal Paulo at marina@cmpv.pt**

**THERE WILL NOT BE A DELAY TO THE START DUE TO BAD WEATHER AS
THIS DENIES THE SKIPPERS THE RIGHT TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISION:
A CORE TENET OF THE JESTER CHALLENGE**

The Jester Azores Challenge is run on a 'gentlemanly basis' within the following guidelines:

- for sailing vessels between 20 and 30 feet (including multi-hulls)
- for skippers who are over the age of 18 on the xxth May 2020
- human power is the only acceptable alternative propulsion to that of the wind: rowing, kedging or clubhauling, for instance, are permissible
- single-handed to Praia de Vitoria, Terceira
- one way
- stops allowed
- no time limit
- engines may be fitted but only used to charge batteries for equipment such as mobile telephones, steering and navigation systems. The sole exceptions to this, within the spirit of the *Jester Azores Challenge*, would be the avoidance of an imminent 'mayday' situation; responding to a distress call from a fellow seafarer or when within the harbour limits of an intermediate port *en route*. If the use of an engine - or the acceptance of a powered tow from another vessel, whether a *Jester Azores Challenger* or not - becomes necessary to meet, for instance, a personal time limit or, simply, to avoid a frustrating calm, then the details should be declared on arrival to fellow *Jester Azores Challengers*. By common agreement - and using the co-ordinator as an arbitrator if there is no common agreement - the arrival order may then be amended.
- no entrance fees
- no inspections
- no regulations: skippers will be entirely responsible for the equipment they take, based on their own experience
- only hint of bureaucracy will be the signing of a form of indemnity accepting the skipper's full duty of care for himself, his dependants and his fellow seafarers during his participation in the *JAC 2020*.
- skippers should ensure that they have the correct visa (if required) for entry into the Azores and any likely mid-way stop
- entries will be accepted up to (TBC - depending on the host yacht club)
- Recommendations:
 - a 500 mile, non-stop, single-handed voyage be made in the same vessel
 - at least third party insurance be obtained

Prizes:

Not being a 'race' there is no official finishing order - there is of course a time of arrival - thus there are no prizes other than the personal satisfaction of having sailed fairly against peer vessels of a like construction, rig, size, skipper's experience and so on; ie, a number of personal challenges within the whole.

John Margeson has kindly donated a Crown to be presented to the first skipper home who has, genuinely, built his own vessel.

Entries close at 1200 BST xxxx May 2016. Unlike earlier *Jester Challenges* that were 'based' at Queen Anne's Battery this is because our host for the *Jester Azores Challenge* is the Tamar River Sailing Club (TRSC). This is a small, 'private' club with its own moorings and pontoon and thus the Flag Officers will need to know numbers well in advance for catering and berthing purposes. The TRSC is on the east bank of the Tamar River, two cables or so south of Brunel's magnificent 1859 railway bridge.

A **Skippers' Briefing** will be held over drinks prior to the **Skippers' Dinner** on xxxx May 2020 at the TRSC.