



100 YEARS OF RACING 1940 - 1950

1940 - During World War II, many Club members were serving, yet the Club continued to host its annual dinners. On 15th November, the Pall Mall clubhouse was destroyed by a bomb, resulting in the death of the steward. The Club subsequently relocated to 20 St James's Place.

1941 - In April, the top floor of the clubhouse was damaged by an incendiary bomb however, the remainder of the building was habitable.

1942 - On 23rd June, the clubhouse at 20 St James's Place was officially reopened by King Haakon of Norway.

1947 - The racing season was dominated by John Illingworth's Myth of Malham, which won the Fastnet Race.

1949 - For the first time, the Fastnet Race went West from the Royal Yacht Squadron line in Cowes, with Myth of Malham achieved victory by an impressive eight-hour margin over Bloodhound.



20 St James's Place, War Damage

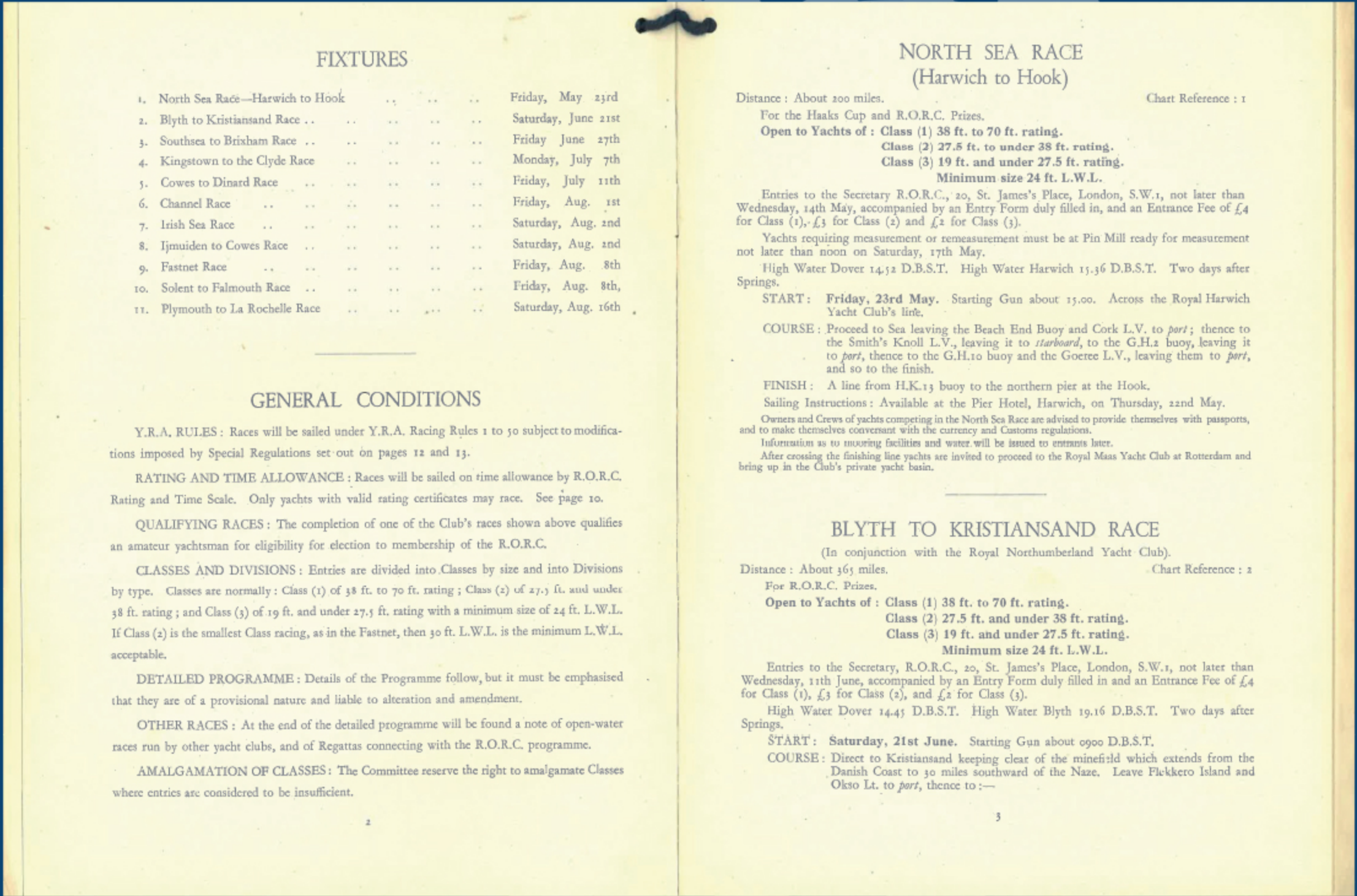


1947 & 1949 Fastnet Champion: Laurent Giles 37'6" sloop Myth of Malham © Beken & Sons



RORC Annual Dinner & Prize Giving held at Park Lane

1940: RORC's Clubhouse at St. James's suffers war damage during WWII



1947: RORC Programme of races



RORC London Clubhouse © Matt Dickens/RORC

1947: Launch of the RORC Programme to revitalise post-war racing