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The Royal London Yacht Club, supported by RORC (incorporating RCYC), Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club and the Island Sailing Club, invite metre boats, classic racing dayboats, classic yachts, classic dayboats and old gaffers to enter this regatta to be held in the Central Solent based at Cowes.

The Regatta is intended for:

All metre boats; 12mR, 8mR, 6mR, 5.5mR and Daring

Classic dayboats and one designs including, but not restricted to, Dragon (classic and modern), Solent Sunbeam, Bembridge/Classic Redwing, Seaview Mermaid, Swallow, Squib, Victory, XOD, Bembridge, Loch Long, Royal Burnham and Yarmouth One Designs, Sea Bird, Star, Tempest and Flying Fifteen

It is anticipated that classes of 10 or more boats will have their own start and prizes. There will be a class for classic dayboats, racing under KLR handicaps, for those groups of dayboats with 9 or less entries.

Old Gaffers racing under the Solent Old Gaffers Association T(H)F handicaps

Classic yachts including, but not restricted to, the following classes Folkboat, SCOD, Nicholson 32 & 36, Rustler 31, Twister, Stella and Spirit of Tradition yachts and one-offs that meet the eligibility criteria, racing under KLR handicaps. For scoring and prizes this class may be split into two fleets. There will also be a non-spinnaker fleet.

1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the Royal London Yacht Club, supported by RORC (incorporating RCYC), Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club and the Island Sailing Club.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* (RRS).
- 2.2 Racing rule RRS 44.1 will be changed as follows: The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules and class rules. This changes RRS J1 2(1).
- 2.3 Yachts entered in a one design fleet are expected to meet their relevant class and rating requirements.
- 2.4 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the race committee.
- 2.5 Boat safety equipment for dayboats shall comply with the following as well as class safety regulations:
 - **General.** All safety equipment shall be of a suitable size and type for the boat and all equipment and fittings (including outboard engines if carried) shall be securely fastened.
 - **Buoyancy.** Each boat shall either be self-draining or be equipped with a suitable means for bailing or pumping.
 - **Personal buoyancy.** Personal flotation devices shall be carried for each member of the crew which are adequate for the conditions.
 - **Flares.** Each boat shall carry at least two in-date red hand flares in a waterproof pack.

- **Anchor.** Each boat shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient chain/warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.
- **Fire extinguisher.** Boats carrying fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher.
- **First Aid.** Each boat shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
- **Man overboard.** Each boat shall carry a rescue quoit or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line.
- **Compass.** All boats shall carry one compass (a hand held is acceptable).

2.6 Boat safety equipment for entries in the Classic Yacht classes shall comply with the following, as well as any class safety regulations:

Each boat shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 5 for inshore races (Appendix J) which can be seen on the ISAF website
[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2012AppJ06122011-\[11759\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2012AppJ06122011-[11759].pdf)

Items included in Part C shall be mandatory other than 5.01.2.

Boats may apply to the Organising Authority by Friday 3 July 2015 for written dispensation in respect of 3.09 Cockpit drains and Part C 3.14 if their boat was designed without a self-draining cockpit and/or without a pulpit, stanchions, and lifelines. If a dispensation is granted it will apply to all entrants with the same design of vessel.

- 2.7 **Radio.** All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving normal international channels and channel 37A(M), and shall maintain a listening watch on the channel nominated by the race committee.
- 2.8 **Anchors.** Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard except when anchoring.
- 2.9 RYA Arbitration will be available for this series and the Exoneration Penalty will be 25% scoring penalty implemented in accordance with RRS 44.3(c).

3. Advertising

- 3.1 The advertising category will be in accordance with the relevant class association requirements.
- 3.2 As permitted by the ISAF advertising code, boats will be required to fly sponsor pennants from their backstays.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 **Class Associations.** Where applicable, all helms shall be a full member of their relevant class association.
- 4.2 **Classic Yachts.** Classics Yachts designed pre 1975 constructed in wood or steel are eligible. GRP yachts that were designed over 50 years ago are also eligible. Spirit of Tradition yachts provided they are to a classic design are eligible. For further details go to <http://www.cowesclassicsweek.org/design-and-features/classic-cruisers>

5. Regatta Ethos

- 5.1 The Royal London Yacht Club as organisers of this regatta invite owners, crews and friends to race in a spirit of Corinthian competition.
- 5.2 To ensure the racing is varied and challenging, and in accordance with the wishes of the individual classes/fleets, there will be a combination of windward-leeward 'Derby' type courses and Solent 'Grand National' type courses requiring more consideration of 'obstacles' including tidal factors.

6. Regatta Charity

- 6.1 The event charity for 2015 is the Isle of Wight Youth Trust. The Youth Trust is an independent organisation offering counselling, advice, information and support services to young people aged 25 and under on the Isle



of Wight and, in some cases their parents or carers. A significant number of young people on the Isle of Wight face a difficult future. For example, between 2005 and 2012 the number of children either "in care" or being "looked after" by statutory authorities on the Isle of Wight has consistently been higher than average figures (to be precise, between 28-78% higher than South East average, depending on the year chosen). This type of figure, combined with the shocking statistic that 21% of young Islanders are classed as "in poverty", demonstrates the challenges faced by a significant proportion of the Island's young people and the importance of organisations like the Youth Trust.

www.iowyouthtrust.org

- 6.2 Competitors are asked to support the event charity by including a minimum of £10 as a donation with their entry.

7. Berthing and Mooring

- 7.1 Berthing and mooring fees are not included in the entry fee.
- 7.2 Arrangements have been made with the Cowes Harbour Commissioners for temporary swinging moorings to be laid to enable dayboats to arrive over the weekend of the 18th/19th July 2015. Arrangements for swinging moorings should be made through the BOD, XOD, Solent Sunbeam, Swallow and Victory Class Associations. All other classes/boats swinging mooring arrangements should be made through the [Regatta Office](#)
- 7.3 Arrangements for boats requiring marina berthing at Shepard's Wharf marina should be made through the [Regatta Office](#)
- 7.4 A launch service will be run from Trinity Landing opposite the RLYC Clubhouse to boats on swinging moorings and Shepard's Wharf.

8. Communications

- 8.1 Safety and race announcements will be made on VHF including the start area location.
- 8.2 Boats are required to show class flags with minimum dimensions 20cm x 15cm on their backstays.

9. Programme of Events and Schedule of Races

- 9.1 The schedule of races is as shown below. The schedule may be varied provided that adequate notice is given to all boats affected by the change. Full details of all social events will be available on the event website before Easter.

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sunday 19	Event Registration	1400-1700	Regatta Office
Monday 20 July HW 1514 Royal London Yacht Club Race Day	Event Registration Classic Yacht Classes & Old Gaffers Class Skippers Briefing Classic Yacht Classes & Old Gaffers Race 1 Skippers Briefing for Trinity Cup Race Class Racing for RLYC Trinity Cup Skippers Briefing Opening Reception & Day Prize giving Hog Roast & Dancing Alternative Club Supper	0900-1600 1000 1200 1200 From 1300 1800 1830 2000 2015	Regatta Office Royal London YC RLYC Shoreline RLYC Flagstaff RLYC Shoreline Royal London YC Royal London YC Cowes Corinthian YC Royal London YC
Tuesday 21 July HW 0316 & 1549 Winkworth & Royal Victoria Race Day	Class Racing * Tea and cake sponsored by Winkworth Water Taxi Winkworth & Royal Victoria YC Race Day Prize giving & Tropical Supper Coach Alternative Supper in Cowes	From 1030 after racing 1800 1900 2200 2000	Committee Boats – Central Solent * Royal London YC Trinity Landing to RVYC Fishbourne Royal Victoria YC Fishbourne to The Parade, Cowes RORC @ RLYC
Wednesday 22 July HW 0351 & 1623 Haines Boatyard Race Day	Class Racing * Tea and cake sponsored by Winkworth Haines Boatyard Race Day Prize giving “Double Decker” Supper	From 1030 after racing 1830 2000	Committee Boats – Central Solent * Royal London YC RORC @ RLYC Island SC
Thursday 23 July HW 0429 & 1702 Harken Race Day	Class Racing * Tea and cake sponsored by Winkworth Kendall’s Reception Regatta Dinner and Harken Prize giving	From 1030 after racing 1830 1930 for 2000	Committee Boats – Central Solent * Royal London YC Kendall’s Fine Art Gallery Royal London YC

Friday 24 July HW 0515 & 1747 Charles Stanley Race Day	Class Racing * Regatta Prize giving sponsored by Winkworth	From 1030 after racing circa 1400	Committee Boats – Central Solent * Royal London YC
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* **For all classes except Classic Yachts & Old Gaffers:**
The race for the Trinity Cup on Monday 20th July does not form part of the Regatta series score;
It is intended that the Regatta will comprise 8 races, with a maximum of 3 races per day, with 1 race on Friday;
Racing will be a variety of W/L & Round the Cans, or in accordance with the prior wishes of the Class;
Daily finishes off Cowes will be provided where possible;
All racing from a Committee Boat unless Shoreline requested by the Class Association, or in the event of prevailing weather conditions.

* **Classic Yacht Classes & Old Gaffers:** Regatta will comprise 5 races, 1 race per day, round the cans, first daily warning signal 1030 (1200 Monday 20th), shoreline and committee boat starts – exact programme to be advised

The following events take place in the Central Solent immediately before and after Charles Stanley Cowes Classics Week:

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 July	Cowes Keelboat Solent Series (including racing for Solent Sunbeams) & XOD Telegraph Trophy	RORC incorporating RCYC
Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 July	America's Cup World Series	Off Portsmouth Harbour
Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 July	Tattinger Regatta	Royal Solent Yacht Club
Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 July	Cowes Keelboat Championship	Island Sailing Club
Saturday 26 to Friday 31 July	International Bi Centenary Regatta	Royal Yacht Squadron
Saturday 1 August	Household Division YC Regatta	Household Division YC from RLYC Shoreline
Sunday 2 August	Cowes Keelboat Solent Series	Royal London Yacht Club
Saturday 8 to Saturday 15 August	Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week	Cowes Combined Clubs

10. Courses and Sailing Instructions

- 10.1 Racing will take place in the Central Solent using laid marks and/or a combination of laid and/or fixed Solent racing and navigation marks, in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 Sailing Instructions will be available electronically in early July 2015 and will also be available in hard copy at registration. Any amendments will be posted on the official website and the Official Notice Board in the Regatta Office.

11. Scoring and Prizes

- 11.1 For all classes other than the classic yacht classes, eight races are scheduled (Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 July) with four races required to constitute a series. One discard will be applied if six or more races are completed.

- 11.2 There are five races scheduled for the classic yacht and old gaffer classes (Monday 20 to Friday 24 July) with three races required to constitute a series. One discard will be applied if five races are completed.
- 11.3 Trophies will be awarded for the first overall in each class. An overall trophy will be awarded to the overall winning boat, from any class. The method of scoring will be as set out in the Sailing Instructions. Details of trophies and prizes will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.4 The Winkworth & Royal Victoria Yacht Club Race Day will be on Tuesday 21st July with first overall in class prizes awarded on the basis of the results of the races that take place that day. The method of scoring will be as set out in the Sailing Instructions. Prize giving will be on the Tuesday evening at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne.
- 11.5 The Haines Boatyard Race Day will be on Wednesday 22nd July with first overall in class prizes awarded on the basis of the results of the races that take place that day. The method of scoring will be as set out in the Sailing Instructions. Prize giving will be during the Haines Boatyard Reception on the Wednesday evening at RORC (RCYC).
- 11.6 The Harken Race Day will be on Thursday 23rd July with first overall in class prizes awarded on the basis of the results of the races that take place that day. The method of scoring will be as set out in the Sailing Instructions. Prize giving will be on the Thursday evening at the Regatta Dinner at the Royal London Yacht Club.
- 11.7 The New Helm Trophy will be awarded to a helmsman who has not previously helmed at Charles Stanley Cowes Classics Week. The Trophy winner will be from any class, calculated using a formula which will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

12. Handicapping

- 12.1 For classic yachts and classic dayboats, the KLR Formula will be used. For more information go to <http://www.fky.org/regatta/klr-engl.htm>
- 12.2 For Old gaffers the Solent Old Gaffers Association T(H)F system will be used. For further information go to www.solentgaffers.org/#/gaffer-racing/4532957809

13. Results

Results will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Regatta Office and on the website.

14. Changes to the Notice of Race

Any changes or additions to this Notice of Race will be posted on the official website before the closing date for entries.

15. Conditions of Entry

- 15.1 Before racing, the first named boat owner shall sign the Declaration confirming that they will comply with the Racing Rules of Sailing and that they have read and understood this Notice of Race and that they agree to be bound by its contents. Names and contact details of the boat's crew shall also be included.
- 15.2 Upon demand, entrants shall present a valid measurement certificate and or proof of membership of the class association. Boats may be checked for safety equipment before or after each race at the discretion of the race committee.
- 15.3 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor as set out in this Notice of Race.

- 15.4 Before racing, the first named boat owner shall ensure that there is adequate insurance for racing risks including third party indemnity of at least £2 million and that all crew members are made aware of the undertakings in these conditions of entry.

16. Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the RRS states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

17. Further Information

Further information will be available on the official website www.cowesclassicsweek.org or by email to secretary@cowesclassicsweek.org

18. Entry

- 18.1 The entry fee includes race management and launch service for the regatta including the Royal London Race Day, prizes, and the following events* : the Opening Reception, Haines Boatyard Reception, Kendall's Reception, Winkworth tea and cake after racing (Tuesday to Thursday) and Regatta Prize giving. Additional competitor packages, comprising one ticket to all of the free events are available at £27.50 per set. Online booking for social events is on www.cowesclassicsweek.org. Social tickets purchased online before midnight on Friday 17 July will attract a discount of 10%.

Berthing and mooring costs are not included.

Class	Entry Fee to be received by Friday 26 June 2015	* Free tickets to specified events
X, Bembridge, Broads, Loch Long, Royal Burnham & Yarmouth One Designs, Classic Dayboats, Old Gaffers, Flying Fifteen, Star, Tempest, Victory	£190	3
Bembridge/Classic Redwing, Solent Sunbeam, Swallow, Dragon & Classic Yacht Class up to and including 30' LOA	£210	3
Daring & Classic Yacht Class over 30' LOA	£240	4
6 Metre	£275	5
12 Metre	£550	9

- 18.2 **Entries will be accepted after 26 June 2015 and before the 18 July 2015 but an additional £75 will be charged.**
- 18.3 All entrants should enter online on www.cowesclassicsweek.org. Entries will be open on 6 March 2015. By entering, the entrant has applied for Temporary Membership of the Royal London Yacht Club for the entrant and crew for the period of the regatta. Full details of the crew shall be provided at Registration in accordance with para 15.1.
- 18.4 **Entry Cancellation and Refunds:** If written cancellation of entry is received at the RLYC Office by 1700 on Friday 10th July, the whole fee less a £75 administration charge will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances.