



Royal London Yacht Club
in conjunction with
**RORC incorporating RCYC, Royal Victoria Yacht Club,
Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club and the Island Sailing Club**



Preliminary Notice
Charles Stanley Cowes Classics Week 20-24 July 2015



The Royal London Yacht Club, in conjunction with other Island based Clubs, invites metre yachts, classic racing keelboats, Classic Yachts, Classic Day Boats 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, classic racing keelboats and one designs with a design date earlier than 1965, including, but not restricted to:

12mR, 6mR, Daring, International Dragon, Flying Fifteen, Folkboat,
Bembridge, Loch Long, Royal Burnham & X One Designs,
Bembridge Redwing, Sea Bird, Seaview Mermaid, Solent Sunbeam, Swallow,
Star, Squib, Tempest & Victory

It is anticipated that all classes with sufficient entries will have their own start and receive a trophy from the magnificent RLYC collection. One-offs and classes with insufficient entries for their own start will race in a Classic Dayboat class, racing under KLR handicaps.

Classic Yachts – Three fleets, including a non-spinnaker class incorporating Old Gaffers, for one-offs who meet the eligibility criteria, and Nicholson 32 & 36, SCOD, Contessa 26, Stella and Twister, racing under KLR handicaps.

Now in its 8th year, Charles Stanley Cowes Classics Week is universally hailed as a Regatta to attend. It is very much Corinthian in spirit, with all competitors delighting in showing off their photogenic boats whether to race hard in a competitive fleet, or to enjoy the sheer pleasure of “sailing around a race course” in the company of other beautiful classic yachts.

Unless requested by a Class, metre and dayboat racing for the Regatta trophies is an 8 race series from Tuesday to Friday, two/three races per day from 1030, with a variety of windward/leeward and “round the cans” racing from Committee Boats in the Central Solent, with a warm-up/practice/fun race on the Monday.

The Classic Yacht Class has a 5 race series, one race per day, from Monday to Friday from 1030 (1200 on Monday), usually with shoreline starts.

A full social programme provides a broad range of occasions for competitors to mix with like-minded people ashore, with tea & home-made cake after racing each day, Sponsor’s Receptions and evening functions at the major Clubs on the Island, a Regatta Dinner, and a trophy/prize giving.

In addition, crews will compete for the Maiden Trophy for the most successful new helm at the Regatta, and may apply for consideration for the Ratsey & Laphorn Traveller’s Trophy. The Overall Winner of Charles Stanley Cowes Classics Week receives the “1792 Cup”, a goblet dating from 1792 the year that Charles Stanley was founded.

**To register your interest in this Regatta and make sure that you receive the Notice of Race early in 2015, register at www.cowesclassicsweek.org
For enquiries, contact Jill Stevenson, Regatta Secretary at secretary@cowesclassicsweek.org or 01983 299 727**

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