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**Royal London Yacht Club**  
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*The Royal London Yacht Club, supported by Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Island Sailing Club, Royal Ocean Racing Club and Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club, invite metre boats, classic dayboats, classic yachts and old gaffers to enter this regatta to be held in the Central Solent based at Cowes.*

### Introduction

*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 (vintage and modern), Solent Sunbeam, Bembridge/Classic Redwing, Bembridge One Design, Loch Long One Design, Seaview Mermaid, National Swallow, Squib, Victory, XOD and Flying Fifteen*

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

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

*Classic yachts built in wood and steel before 1975 and GRP boats designed over 50 years ago, including, but not restricted to Folkboat, Contessa 26, SCOD, Nicholson 32 & 36, Twister, Stella, Honeybee, all Classic S&S Swans regardless of design date and one-offs. Other similar yachts with sufficient provenance may request entry on a discretionary basis.*

*This class will be split into at least two classes based on handicap and/or design.  
All racing in this class is under KLR handicaps*

*Spirit of Tradition yachts, including but not restricted to Rustler and Tofinou, provided they are to a classic design, are also eligible and will be given their own class start. Racing is under KLR handicaps.*

The International Tempest class will be holding their World Championship as part of this regatta racing as their own Class under a separate Notice of Race.

### **1. Organising Authority**

The Organising Authority is the Royal London Yacht Club, supported by Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Royal Ocean Racing 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 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 rule J1.2(1).

- 2.3 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. These procedures can be obtained from the RYA web site [www.rya.org.uk/rulesdisputesguidance](http://www.rya.org.uk/rulesdisputesguidance).
- 2.4 Boats entered in a one design fleet are expected to meet their relevant class and rating requirements.
- 2.5 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the race committee.
- 2.6 Boat safety equipment for metre boats, classic dayboats and Old Gaffers less than 30' LOA 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).
- 2.7 Boat safety equipment for classic yachts, Spirit of Tradition yachts and Old Gaffers 30' LOA and over 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 World Sailing website [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 1 July 2016 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.
- 2.8 **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.
- 2.9 **Anchors.** Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard except when anchoring.
- 3. Advertising**
- 3.1 The advertising category will be in accordance with the relevant class association requirements.
- 3.2 As permitted by the World Sailing advertising code, boats will be required to fly sponsor pennants from their backstays.
- 4. Eligibility**
- 4.1 All metre boats, classic dayboats and one designs, classic yachts, old gaffers, and Spirit of Tradition yachts as defined in the Introduction to this Notice of Race as set out above.

4.2 **Class Associations.** All helms racing in a one design fleet shall be a full member of their relevant class association.

4.3 **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, as are all Classic S&S Swans regardless of design date. Other similar yachts with sufficient provenance may request entry on a discretionary basis. Spirit of Tradition yachts provided they are to a classic design are eligible. For further details go to [www.cowesclassicsweek.org/design-and-features/classic-yachts](http://www.cowesclassicsweek.org/design-and-features/classic-yachts)

## 5. **Regatta Ethos**

The Royal London Yacht Club as organisers of this regatta invite owners, crews and friends to race in a spirit of Corinthian competition.

## 6. **Regatta Charity**

6.1 The event charity for 2016 is the Miss Isle School of Sip and Puff Sailing (MISSPS). MISSPS is a unique sailing and training experience based in Cowes specifically for physically disabled individuals who want to go sailing but are not able to sail a conventional boat. The vision of MISSPS is to provide affordable sailing tuition to young people with physical disabilities who would benefit from the sip and puff method of sailing. The sailing school has been inspired by Natasha Lambert BEM.



[www.missisle.org.uk](http://www.missisle.org.uk)

6.2 Competitors are asked to support the event charity by including a minimum of £20 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 9/10 July. 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 Secretary.

7.3 Arrangements for boats requiring marina berthing at Shepard's Wharf marina should be made through the Regatta Secretary.

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**

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 by the 1 May 2016.

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sunday 10 July	Event Registration	1400-1700	Regatta Office, Royal London YC
	Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition & Old Gaffers Classes Skippers Briefing	1730	London Room, Royal London YC
Royal London Yacht Club Race Day  Monday 11 July  HW 0450 & 1725	Event Registration	0900-1600	Regatta Office, Royal London YC
	<b>Warning Signal Race 1 - Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition &amp; Old Gaffer Classes</b>	<b>From 1030</b>	<b>RLYC Shoreline<sup>1</sup></b>
	RLYC Trinity Cup Race for Classic Dayboat Classes & Metre Boats - Skippers Briefing	1200	RLYC Flagstaff, The Parade
	<b>Warning Signal RLYC Trinity Cup Race<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>From 1300</b>	<b>RLYC Shoreline</b>
	Skippers Briefing – Classic Dayboat Classes & Metre Boats	1800	London Room, Royal London YC
	Charles Stanley Opening Reception & Day Prize giving	1830	London Room, Royal London YC
	Hog Roast & Dancing	2000	Cowes Corinthian YC
	Alternative Club Supper	2015	Members' Dining Room, Royal London YC
Winkworth & Royal Victoria Race Day  Tuesday 12 July  HW 0537 & 1809	<b>Warning Signal Race 2 – Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition &amp; Old Gaffer Classes</b>	<b>From 1030</b>	<b>RLYC Shoreline<sup>1</sup></b>
	<b>Warning Signal Race Day 1 – Classic Dayboats &amp; Metre Classes<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>From 1030</b>	<b>Committee Boats – Central Solent<sup>4</sup></b>
	Winkworth Tea & Cake	After racing	London Room, Royal London YC
	Water Taxi	1745	Trinity Landing to RLYC Fishbourne
	Winkworth & Royal Victoria YC Race Day Prize giving & Supper	1900	Royal Victoria YC, Fishbourne
	Coach	2230 (TBC)	Fishbourne to The Parade, Cowes
	Alternative supper in Cowes	1930	Members' Dining Room, Royal London YC
Haines Boatyard Race Day  Wednesday 13 July  HW 0632 & 1903	<b>Warning Signal Race 3 – Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition &amp; Old Gaffer Classes</b>	<b>From 1030</b>	<b>RLYC Shoreline<sup>1</sup></b>
	<b>Warning Signal Race Day 2 – Classic Dayboats &amp; Metre Classes<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>From 1030</b>	<b>Committee Boats – Central Solent<sup>4</sup></b>
	Winkworth Tea & Cake	After racing	London Room, Royal London YC
	Haines Boatyard Race Day Prize giving	1845	Royal Yacht Squadron Pavilion
	“Double Decker” Supper	2000	Island Sailing Club

<b>Harken Race Day</b>  Thursday 14 July  HW 0745 & 2016	<b>Warning Signal Race 4 – Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition &amp; Old Gaffer Classes</b>	<b>From 1030</b>	<b>RLYC Shoreline<sup>1</sup></b>
	<b>Warning Signal Race Day 3 – Classic Dayboats &amp; Metre Classes<sup>3</sup></b>  Winkworth Tea & Cake  Kendall's Reception  Harken Prize giving & Regatta Dinner	<b>From 1030</b>  After racing  1830  1930 for 2000	<b>Committee Boats – Central Solent<sup>4</sup></b>  Members' Dining Room & Drawing Room, Royal London YC  Kendall's Fine Art Gallery  London Room, Royal London YC
<b>Charles Stanley Race Day</b>  Friday 15 July  HW 0859 & 2124	<b>Warning Signal Race 5 – Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition &amp; Old Gaffers Classes</b>	<b>From 1030</b>	<b>RLYC Shoreline<sup>1</sup></b>
	<b>Warning Signal Race Day 4 – Classic Dayboats &amp; Metre Classes<sup>3</sup></b>  Regatta Prize giving, sponsored by Winkworth	<b>From 1030</b>  1600	<b>Committee Boats – Central Solent<sup>4</sup></b>  London Room, Royal London YC
<b>Notes</b> <sup>1</sup> Racing may be transferred to a Committee Boat in certain weather conditions <sup>2</sup> The Trinity Cup Race does not form part of the Regatta series score <sup>3</sup> Maximum of 2 races per day. A third race may be sailed if weather conditions necessitate. <sup>4</sup> Racing may be transferred to the RLYC Shoreline in certain weather conditions Racing will be a variety of W/L and round the cans, or in accordance with the wishes of the classes. Daily finishes off Cowes will be provided where possible.			

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

Saturday 2 July	J P Morgan Round the Island Race	Island Sailing Club
Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 July	Cowes Keelboat Championships (CB)	Cowes Corinthian YC
Saturday 16 to Saturday 23 July	Panerai British Classic Yacht Club Regatta	Royal Yacht Squadron Racing
Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 July	XOD Telegraph Trophy	RORC
Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 July	Cowes Keelboat Solent Series (SL)	RORC

## 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 2016 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 at the Royal London Yacht Club.

## **11. Scoring and Prizes**

- 11.1 For Metre and Classic Dayboat classes eight races are scheduled (Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 July) with four races required to constitute a series. One discard will be applied once six races have been completed. This changes rule A2.
- 11.2 There are five races scheduled for the Classic Yacht, Spirit of Tradition and Old Gaffer Classes (Monday 11 to Friday 15 July) with three races required to constitute a series. One discard will be applied once five races have been completed. This changes rule A2.
- 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 12 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 13 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 the Royal Yacht Squadron pavilion.
- 11.6 The Harken Race Day will be on Thursday 14 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, Classic Dayboats, and Spirit of Tradition boats, the Klassiker Rennwert (KLR) Formula will be used. The Formula is intended to separate racing from judgement over items like authenticity, originality, state of maintenance, degree of original substance and so on. It is a formula designed to provide ratings across a broad range of yachts developed over more than 50 years. KLR doesn't need complicated measurements and certificates are not required. For more information go to [www.fky.org/regatta/klr-engl.htm](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](http://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 in one design classes 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**

- 16.1 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. Entry**

- 17.1 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 £30 per set. Online booking for social events will be available on [www.cowesclassicsweek.org](http://www.cowesclassicsweek.org) from the 1 May 2016. Social tickets purchased online before midnight on Friday 8 July 2016 will attract a discount of 10%.

**Berthing and mooring costs are not included.**



Class	Entry Fee to be received by Friday 17 June 2016	* Free tickets to specified events
XOD, Bembridge OD, Loch Long OD, Classic Dayboats, Flying Fifteen, Star, Victory	£195	3
Bembridge/Classic Redwing, Solent Sunbeam, Swallow, Dragon, Classic yachts, Old Gaffers & Spirit of Tradition yachts less than 30' LOA	£215	3
Daring, Classic yacht, Old Gaffers & Spirit of Tradition yachts 30' LOA and over	£250	4
6 Metre	£285	5
8 Metre	£355	7
12 Metre	£575	10

17.2 **Entries will be accepted after 17 June 2016 and before the 8 July 2016 but an additional £75 will be charged.**

17.3 All entrants should enter online on [www.cowesclassicsweek.org](http://www.cowesclassicsweek.org). 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.

17.4 **Entry Cancellation and Refunds:** If written cancellation of entry is received at the RLYC Office by 1700 on Friday 1 July 2016, the whole fee less a £75 administration charge will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances.

## 18.0 Further Information

For further information, please contact the Organising Authority:

Regatta Secretary

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