



**ROYAL LONDON YACHT CLUB
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**15th EDITION
COWES CLASSICS WEEK
NOTICE OF RACE**

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8 – 14 JULY 2023 (racing 10 – 14 inclusive)

ORGANISING AUTHORITY
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NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and, for cruisers, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Appendix B for inshore racing.
- 1.2. The RYA National Prescriptions that apply are detailed in Addendum A.
- 1.3. The RYA Rules Dispute Process available at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes> applies. The Post-Race Penalty is 35%.
- 1.4. Each boat in the Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition Yachts, and Old Gaffers 30' LOA and over divisions shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for inshore races (Appendix B), available at <https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/4OSR2020AppB11122020-%5b26843%5d.pdf>.
- 1.5. Part B 5.01.1 is replaced by: **'Personal buoyancy'**: personal floatation devices which are adequate for the conditions shall be carried for each member of the crew.
- 1.6. Boats may apply to the organising authority by Friday 30 June 2023 for written dispensation in respect of 3.02 Watertight Integrity of a Boat. If a dispensation is granted it will apply to all entrants with the same design of vessel.
- 1.7. RRS 63.7 is changed as follows: In the event of conflicting information between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall be considered the correct information.
- 1.8. Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.
- 1.9. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1700 on Friday 9 June, at <https://www.cowesclassicsweek.org/>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at <https://www.cowesclassicsweek.org/racing/official-notice-board>
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels and channel 37A (M1).
- 3.3. On the water the Race Committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5. It is the intention of the OA and RC to use a WhatsApp group to communicate with competitors and further details will be contained in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to **all metre boats** (12mR, 10mR, 8mR, 6mR, 5.5mR, and Daring), **classic dayboats and one designs**, (including, but not restricted to, classic, vintage and modern Dragon, Solent Sunbeam, Bembridge/Classic Redwing, Bembridge One Design, Loch Long One Design, Seaview Mermaid, National Swallow, Soling, Squib, Victory, XOD, Flying Fifteen, and International Tempest, and classic dayboats racing under KLR handicaps for one-offs and classes with 6 or fewer entries) **classic yachts** built in wood or steel before 1975 and GRP boats designed over 50 years ago (including, but not restricted to Folkboat, Contessa 32, Contessa 26, SCOD, Nicholson 32 & 36, Twister, Stella, Honeybee, all classic S&S designs, including Swans and S&S 34s, regardless of design date and one-offs), **old gaffers** racing under the Solent Old Gaffers Association T(H)F handicaps, and **Spirit of Tradition Yachts** (including, but not restricted to Rustler and Tofinou, provided they are to a classic design, are also eligible and will race under KLR handicaps).
- 4.2. Similar boats, not named above, with sufficient provenance are warmly invited to contact the Organising Authority to request entry.
- 4.3. All helms racing in a one design fleet shall be a member of their relevant class association.
- 4.4. Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.cowesclassicsweek.org/enter-online>. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Entrants and crew are granted Temporary Membership of the Royal London Yacht Club (RLYC) for the duration of the regatta and are invited to use all the RLYC facilities.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees including launch service for the regatta, prizes, and tickets to free competitors' social events are as follows. This price does not include berthing and mooring costs.
- 5.2. Fees

Class	Entry Fee when paid on or before 31 May 2023	Entry Fee when paid on or after 1 June 2023
Bembridge OD, Classic Dayboat, Flying Fifteen, Loch Long, National Squib, Bembridge and Classic Redwing, Seaview Mermaid, Star, Tempest, Victory, XOD	£265	£305
Solent Sunbeam, Soling, Swallow	£295	£340
Classic Yachts less than 30 feet LOA, Dragon Modern and Vintage, Old Gaffers less than 30 feet LOA, Spirit of Tradition Yachts less than 30 feet LOA	£325	£375
5.5mR, Classic Yachts 30 feet LOA and over, Daring, Old Gaffers 30 feet LOA and over, Spirit of Tradition Yachts 30 feet LOA and over	£345	£395
6mR	£395	£455
8mR	£495	£570
10mR	£595	£685
12mR	£695	£800

- 5.3. The closing date for entries will be 1159 on Wed 5 July 2023.
- 5.4. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 5.5. Further details of social events can be found at: <https://www.cowesclassicsweek.org/socials>.
- 5.6. The nominated regatta charities are the UKSA and Autism on the Water. A £20 charitable donation will be added to each fee at the point of entry unless the entrant opts-out.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Full details are provided in the Sis.

7. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 7.1. Does not apply.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. The times shown in the table below are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time - BST).

8.2. Registration shall take place in the RLYC Arundel Room at the following times:

Date	From	To
Saturday 8 July	1000	1700
Sunday 9 July	1000	1700
Monday 10 July	0800	1000

8.3. There will be a race and safety briefing for all competitors on Sunday 9 July in the London Room at RLYC. At least one representative from each boat should try to attend.

8.4. Racing will take place from Monday 10 to Friday 14 July inclusive.

8.5. Number of races:

Class	Maximum Number of Event Races	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Shoreline start classes: Old Gaffers, Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition Yachts	5	1	1
Committee Vessel start classes: all metre boats, Classic Dayboats and One Designs	9	2 (Monday-Thursday), 1 (Friday)	3

8.6. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1030.

8.7. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. [DP, NP] Upon demand, entrants in one design classes shall present a valid measurement certificate and/or proof of membership of the class association.

9.2. Boats may be inspected by a member of the OA at any time during the Event.

10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

10.1. Personal floatation devices which are adequate for the conditions shall be carried for each member of the crew.

10.2. Boats are expected to meet relevant class and rating requirements regarding clothing and equipment.

10.3. In addition to class rules, One Designs, Metre Boats, Classic Dayboats, and Old Gaffers, Classic Yachts, and Spirit of Tradition Yachts shall comply with the following safety requirements:

- (a) **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;
- (b) **Buoyancy:** each boat shall either be self-draining or be equipped with a suitable means for bailing or pumping;
- (c) **Flares:** each boat shall carry at least two floating orange smoke flares;
- (d) **Anchor:** each boat shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient chain/warp to hold the boat in 15m of water in the expected racing conditions;
- (e) **Fire extinguisher:** boats carrying fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher;
- (f) **First aid:** each boat shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions;
- (g) **Man overboard:** each boat shall carry a rescue quito or throwbag and lifebuoy or similar;
- (h) **Compass:** all boats shall carry one compass;
- (i) In the event that the class safety regulations stipulate otherwise, a class may apply to the organising authority by Friday 30 June 2023 for written dispensation.

11. VENUE

11.1. Racing will take place in the Solent.

12. COURSES

12.1. Courses will include laid marks and/or a combination of laid and/or fixed Solent racing and navigation marks. Further details will be included in the Sis.

12.2. Details of fixed marks can be found on the SCRA website: <https://www.scra.org.uk/solent-marks/solent-marks2>.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. RRS 44.1 is changed as follows: The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty for appropriate classes. The changes, and the classes to which they apply, appear in full in the Sailing Instructions (SIs). RRS 44.3 is not used.
- 13.2. Further details of the penalty system will be contained in the Sis.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. The constitution of a series and discard profiles are shown below:

Class	Number of races to constitute a series	Number of races completed where no discards apply	Number of races completed where one discard applies	Number of races completed where two discards apply
Shoreline starts: Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition Yachts, and Old Gaffers	1	1-4	5	N/A
Committee Vessel starts: Metre boats, Classic Dayboats and One Designs	1	1-5	6-8	9

- 14.2. For Classic Yachts, Classic Dayboats, and Spirit of Tradition Boats, the Klassiker Rennwert (KLR) Formula will be used. It is the responsibility of the entrant to apply for a KLR handicap. Information on how to do so is provided here: <https://www.cowesclassicsweek.org/racing/klr-handicapping>.

15. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 15.1. All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions.

16. BERTHING

- 16.1. Berthing is the responsibility of each competing boat and berthing costs are not included in the entry fee.
- 16.2. Arrangements for swinging moorings for BOD, XOD, Solent Sunbeam, Swallow and Victory should be made through their Class Associations. For all other classes/boats, mooring arrangements should be made directly with [Cowes Harbour Commission](#), [Shepards Wharf Marina](#), [Cowes Yacht Haven](#) or [East Cowes Marina](#).
- 16.3. A launch service will be run from Trinity Landing opposite the RLYC Clubhouse to boats on swinging moorings and to Shepards Wharf.

17. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 17.1. [DP] Boats shall be afloat before the end of Registration and shall not be hauled out during the event without the prior written permission of the race committee.

18. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 18.1. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats from the end of Registration until the end of the event without the prior written permission of the race committee.
- 18.2. [DP] No person shall undertake any swimming, underwater or diving activities of any kind within the harbour without a valid permit to dive from the Cowes Harbour Master or the manager of the marina you wish to dive at. This prohibited activity is legislated under Cowes Harbour Commission [General Direction 4.4](#).
- 18.3. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race of the event and the end of the event.

19. DATA PROTECTION

- 19.1. The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy.

When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

- 19.2. Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.
- 19.3. The Royal London Yacht Club (RLYC) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RLYC.

20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 20.2. 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 other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or 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 by the event organizer 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;
 - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor or safety briefing held for the event.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. Prizes will be awarded for each series and further details will be contained in the sailing instructions.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 23.1. For further information, visit <https://www.cowesclassicsweek.org/> or contact the organising authority by email at regattasecretary@ccw-team.org or telephone +44 1983 300 727
- 23.2. Alternatively for further information please contact:
 - The Royal London Yacht Club
 - The Parade
 - Cowes, UK
 - PO31 7QS
 - Tel +44 1983 300727
 - sailing@rlyc.org.uk

NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

ADDENDUM A

RYA prescriptions that apply to the event.

Rule 4 Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

Rule 6 Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the RYA Anti-Doping Rules, as published on the RYA website.

Rule 67 Damages

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

86.3 Rule Changes

An Organising Authority wishing to develop or test alternative racing rules, other than test rules approved by World Sailing, shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. An application form is available from the RYA. The notice of race shall include the approved alternative rules. The Organising Authority shall promptly report the results of the development or test to the RYA.

88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

Additional RYA prescriptions that apply if no international jury has been appointed.

Rule 40 Personal Flotation Devices

When a rule requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them.

Rule 70.5 Right of Appeal

1. RYA approval is not required to deny the right of appeal under rule 70.5(a).
2. The RYA will not consider approving the denial of the right of appeal under rule 70.5(b) unless
 1. (a) the RYA decides there is good reason to approve. The cost of an international jury which would otherwise be appropriate for the event is not a good reason.
 2. (b) the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
 3. (c) application to the RYA is made no later than one month before the notice of race is to be issued. In exceptional circumstances, the RYA may consider a later application.A copy of the RYA letter of approval shall be displayed on the official notice board.
3. However, the denial of appeal shall not apply to a party to a hearing under rule 69.2, Misconduct, but the decision of the protest committee shall determine the results of the event.

Rule 78 Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates

Add new rule 78.3:

The race committee or technical committee may inspect or measure any boat or personal equipment, at any time.

Terms in **bold** are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.