



Cowes Classics Week

Saturday 3 July to Friday 9 July 2021

Racing Monday 5 July to Friday 9 July 2021

Sailing Instructions & Information for Competitors

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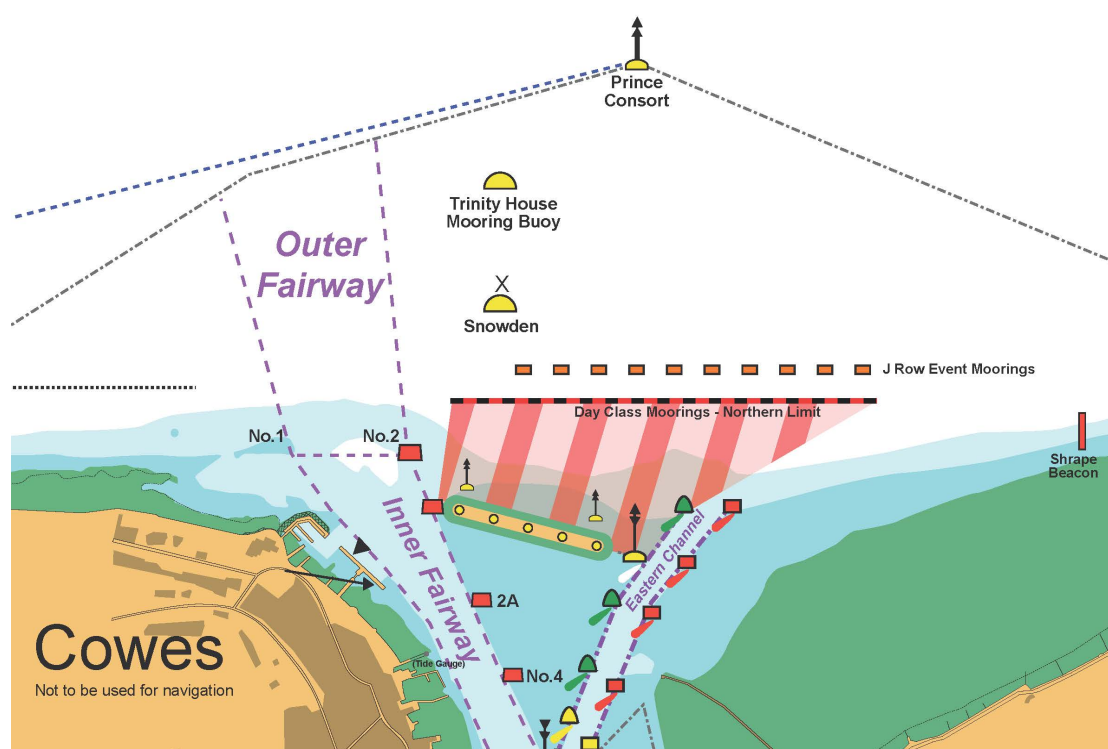
The Royal London Yacht Club (the Club) welcomes all competitors to Cowes Classics Week 2021.

We want you all to have a great week of sailing but in light of the ongoing Covid restrictions please read this document and communicate the content to your crew and anyone else in your party.

- The Clubhouse has a limited capacity and the Club reserves the right to refuse entry to the premises if it is considered that capacity has been reached.
- The Club reserves the right to cancel or amend either the sailing or social programme at short notice.
- **Do not enter the Clubhouse if you have a temperature or are feeling unwell.**
- Please use hand sanitizer when you enter the clubhouse.
- Scan your QR code with the NHS COVID-19 app at the front door or provide your name and contact details.
- Comply with any reasonable requests of Security, Flag Officers or members of the CCW Committee.
- Wear face coverings in the Clubhouse and only remove them when seated.
- Socialise in groups of no more than six in the Clubhouse or groups of thirty when outside.
- Observe the one way system in the hallway and stairs. Please climb the stairs on the Port side and the starboard side coming down whilst maintaining social distancing.
- Loos and the showers have a "one in one out" system.
- No vertical drinking is allowed and no standing at the Bar either in the Drawing room or the London room. Find a table of no more than six. Each table is equipped with a pager. Press the button to call the Steward.
- The Regatta Office operates a "one way system". Please use it.
- For specific events in the Clubhouse separate guidance may be issued. Please read it.
- Above all please be respectful of staff, other competitors and bear with us. We are doing our level best to run a Covid compliant regatta. We need your help and co-operation.

The sailing instructions commence here.

Cowes Fairway and Breakwater diagram and Harbour Tidal Flows



Dayboats are advised to exit/enter the harbour via the Eastern channel when possible.

Notes to Sailing Instructions:

These Sailing Instructions (SIs) contain the following Parts:

1. **General (G)** - for all competitors for all racing
2. **Committee Boat (CB) – Race circuits 1, 2, 3 & 4 (Monday to Friday)**
for 6mR, Classic Mermaid, National Swallow, Vintage, Classic and Modern Dragon, Flying Fifteen, Daring, International Etchells, Loch Long, Solent Sunbeam, Squib, XOD, Victory (Wednesday only), and Seaview Mermaid (Monday only).
3. **Shoreline (SL) – Race circuit 5 (Monday to Friday)**
Racing from the Royal London Yacht Club shoreline for Classic Yacht (including Spirit of Tradition) and Folkboat classes, and Old Gaffers.
4. **Committee Boat (CY) – Race circuit 5**
for Classic Yacht (including Spirit of Tradition) and Folkboat classes, and Old Gaffers if racing is transferred to a committee boat.

Notes to Schedule of Racing (Pages 5 and 6):

- A. Warning signal times are approximate and the order may vary to suit the conditions. Listen to VHF and watch flag signals. The programme and starting order may be varied in accordance with SI G3.
- B. The class split for the Classic Yacht and other Shoreline classes, including Old Gaffers, will be notified by Friday 2 July 2021 on the official notice board and event website.
- C. Classic Yacht (including Spirit of Tradition) and Folkboat classes and Old Gaffers starting on the Shoreline: one race is planned each day. A second race may be sailed if weather or other conditions necessitate.
All other classes: two races are planned on Monday 5 July to Thursday 8 July, and one race on Friday 9 July 2021. A third race may be sailed if weather or other conditions necessitate.
- D. If weather conditions necessitate, Classic Yacht (including Spirit of Tradition) and Folkboat classes, and Old Gaffers starts may be transferred to a committee boat. This will be communicated by VHF channel M1 (37A). In this case Parts 1 & 4 of the SIs will apply.

Schedule of Racing

A. Racing from the RLYC shoreline for Classic Yacht (including Spirit of Tradition) & Folkboat classes and Old Gaffers.

Race circuit 5 – SIs Part 1 & Part 3.

Racing Monday to Friday.

(Parts 1 & 4 apply if racing is transferred to a committee boat)

Briefings for Shoreline classes racing Monday to Friday

The briefing presentation will be online from 1200 on Sunday 4 July 2021 due to current Covid restrictions.

Skippers should attend the Tuesday to Friday briefings 0915 at Shepards Wharf.

NOTE:

The schedule of racing for the shoreline circuit shown below in these SIs is provisional. A final schedule of racing will be published on Friday 2 July on the official notice board and on the event website in conjunction with the class split.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF RACING FOR THE SHORELINE CIRCUIT

Class		Flag	Warning Signal			VHF
			Mon	Tue-Thu	Fri	
Classic Yacht Division 1	NP 1		1100	1030	1100	37A
Classic Yacht Division 2	NP 2		1110	1040	1110	37A
Classic Yacht Division 3 including Spirit of Tradition	NP 3		1115	1045	1115	37A
Folkboat	NP 4		1120	1050	1120	37A
Old Gaffer	NP 5		1125	1055	1125	37A

B. Racing from committee boats for all other classes

Race circuits 1, 2, 3 & 4 – SIs Part 1 & Part 2.

Racing Monday to Friday.

Briefings for committee boat classes racing Monday to Friday

The briefing presentation will be online from 1200 on Sunday 4 July 2021 due to current Covid restrictions.

NOTE:

The schedule of racing for committee boat circuits shown below in these SIs is provisional. A final schedule of racing will be published on Friday 2 July on the official notice board and on the event website.

Classes should listen for VHF announcements on the appropriate channel, remembering to change channel if moving to a different race circuit, and watch for signals for the exact starting sequence.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF RACING FOR COMMITTEE BOAT CIRCUITS

Class	Flag	Warning Signal			VHF
		Mon	Tue-Thu	Fri	
Race circuit 1 – 3Cs – pale blue 38' fishing boat Circuit flag – Pink  Circuit sponsor: GJW Insurance 					
XOD	IC W 	1100	1030	1030	72
Race circuit 2 – Cowes United – white 10m catamaran Circuit flag – Purple  Circuit sponsor: GJW Insurance 					
International Etchells	IC E 	1100	1030	1030	06
International Dragon (all divisions)	IC D 	1110	1040	1040	06
National Swallow	IC B 	1120	1050	1050	06
Flying Fifteen	NN 6 	1130	1100	1100	06
Squib	NN 9 	1140	1110	1110	06
Race circuit 3 – John Dory – white Hardy 24 Circuit flag – Green  Circuit sponsor: GJW Insurance 					
Loch Long	NN 4 	1100	1030	1030	08
Seaview Mermaid (Monday only)	NP 9 	1115	-	-	08
Victory (Wednesday only)	IC Z 	-	1045	-	08
Race circuit 4 – Gemini Breeze – white 12m Circuit flag – Turquoise  Circuit sponsor: GJW Insurance 					
6 metre R	NN 7 	1100	1030	1030	77
Daring	IC O 	1110	1040	1040	77
Sunbeam <i>Note signal flag</i>	IC H 	1120	1050	1050	77

Sailing Instructions

Part 1 – General

All Competitors for All Racing

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

G1 Rules

- G1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- G1.2 There shall be no race unless two boats start. The race committee may at its sole discretion postpone, reschedule or abandon a scheduled race.
- G1.3 [NP] No event document reduces or relieves the obligation of a boat to comply with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) or ABP Notice to Mariners [No. 9 of 2021](#).
- G1.4 [NP] Boats are required to display, from their backstay (or starboard shroud if no backstay), their class flag whilst racing.
- G1.5 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race and NoR 19 Risk Statement.

G2 Equipment and Safety

- G2.1 Boats shall not carry anchors that protrude over the bow or outboards that extend beyond the transom.
- G2.2 Boats may use any method of propulsion in accordance with RRS 42.3(i) in an emergency to keep clear of a ship. Such use shall be reported to the race committee within the protest time limit.
- G2.3 If it appears to the race committee, or any appropriate authority, that a boat is failing to, or is unable to, comply with SI G6.1, G6.3, G6.4 or G6.5, it may order that boat to take a tow and the boat shall comply with that order. When taken in tow the race committee shall score the boat as retired without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.2.
- G2.4 [DP] Personal flotation devices, when required to be worn, shall be clearly visible to other boats and the race committee.

G3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions made ashore will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of racing will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

G4 Notices and Communication with Competitors

- G4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the Royal London Yacht Club (RLYC) and on the event website.

- G4.2 The race office is located at the Royal London Yacht Club, The Parade, Cowes, PO31 7QS.
- G4.3 The race committee may use VHF to broadcast information such as, but not limited to, safety issues, signals made ashore, the location of the committee boat, time checks before the first warning signal, description of courses including laid and fixed marks, sail numbers of boats recalled, or during the race if it concerns abandonment, a change of course or the time limit. In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), oral alterations to sailing instructions may be made by VHF before the warning signal.
- G4.4 [DP] The VHF channel to be used is specified in the Schedule of Racing. Boats shall keep a radio watch from 60 minutes before the first warning signal and until they return to their mooring.
- G4.5 In addition, the race committee may use text to notify the information described in G4.3 or G4.4 above for race circuit 5, and if one or more of race circuits 1, 2, 3 & 4 are transferred to the RLYC shoreline, (see notes on page3).
- G4.6 Neither failure by the race committee to transmit by VHF or text the information referred to in SI G4.3, G4.4 and G7.2, nor errors, omissions or delay in doing so, nor the failure by a boat to receive or hear such VHF transmissions or text, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a).

G5 Signals Made Ashore

- G5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RLYC flagstaff for circuit 5 and at the RORC flagstaff for circuits 1-4. Signals ashore for circuits 1-4 will be displayed in conjunction with the coloured circuit flag shown in the Schedule of Racing.
- G5.2 Flag AP over AP with two sound signals means racing is postponed and boats are advised not to leave the harbour. The warning signal of the first class to start will be made not less than **45 minutes** after replacement of the double AP by a single AP with two sound signals. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- G5.3 For circuits 1-4, if the coloured circuit flag is displayed over 2nd substitute with 4 sound signals, visual signals ashore will be replaced with VHF announcements on the designated circuit VHF channel shown in the Schedule of Racing.

G6 Course Restrictions and Obstructions

- G6.1 Boats shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners [No. 9 of 2021](#): The Moving Prohibited Zone in the Precautionary Area which shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.
- G6.2 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes harbour fairway and in the area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay as indicated on the racing chart provided, and on Admiralty Chart 2036. Gas and water pipes, telephone and electricity cables carrying 133,000 volts lie on the sea bed.
- G6.3 Boats racing shall use all reasonable endeavours to avoid contact with navigation buoys, whether marks of the course or not. In the case of contact, whether or not leading to damage to the buoy, the circumstances of the incident and details of any damage shall be reported to the race committee within the protest time limit. RRS

31 and 44 as modified shall remain in force. If the navigation buoy has been damaged the race committee may protest the boat. If a boat is forced by the actions of another boat to collide with a navigation buoy her only remedy is to protest.

G6.4 Boats shall keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic, especially in the Area of Concern shown in the Central Solent racing chart attached to these SIs.

G6.5 Boats starting or finishing near Cowes shall keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic when in the vicinity of the Cowes harbour fairway as marked on Admiralty chart 2793. Rule 9 parts (b) and (d) of the IRPCS shall be complied with at all times as follows:

(b) A sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway

(c) A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway. The latter vessel may use the sound signal prescribed in IRPCS Rule 34(d) if in doubt as to the intention of the crossing vessel

G6.6 The race committee may set courses that do not permit boats to sail rhumb line courses between marks, particularly over the central Solent Bramble Bank. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

G6.7 Whilst racing boats shall always pass to the north of the Cowes Breakwater.

G6.8 Boats, whether racing, preparing to race or having finished racing and in whatever direction they are sailing, shall not sail inside the quadrilateral bounded by row J to the north and the Cowes Breakwater to the south, as shown in the Cowes Fairway and Breakwater diagram at the beginning of these SIs, unless they are proceeding to or from their designated mooring. Row J and all other boundaries of this quadrilateral shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. The mooring buoys in row J are large, orange and are the northern most row of laid moorings.

G7 The Start – General

G7.1 [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall not obstruct the starting line and all other boats whose warning signal has been made.

G7.2 Sail numbers of boats recalled under RRS 29.1 may be broadcast on VHF as soon as practical. Failure of such broadcast, or of a boat to hear it, or the order of the broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a).

G7.3 A boat starting later than fifteen minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

G8 Class Flags

See schedule on pages 5 and 6 of these sailing instructions.

G9 Penalty System

G9.1 For all classes except Classic Yacht (including Spirit of Tradition) and Folkboat classes, and Old Gaffers, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the

zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

- G9.2 For the Classic Yacht (including Spirit of Tradition) and Folkboat classes, and Old Gaffers, the One- and Two-Turns Penalties of RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall not apply. In accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.3, a Scoring Penalty shall apply. When a boat in the Classic Yacht (including Spirit of Tradition) and Folkboat classes takes a Scoring Penalty, the Scoring Penalty (applied to corrected time results when relevant) shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by one place. A boat taking a Scoring Penalty shall report in person to the race office that she is taking one or more penalties and identify the boat(s) infringed against (or mark(s) touched or navigation restriction infringed) to the protest committee within her protest time limit. This report shall be on the form available at the race office.
- G9.3 The race committee may inform competitors on VHF of their disqualification under RRS 30.3 and 30.4 but failure to do so shall not constitute grounds for redress from the penalty. This changes RRS 62.
- G9.4 If a boat is identified and disqualified under RRS 30.4 and a general recall is signalled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the race committee may display her sail number or alternatively may broadcast her sail number on VHF before the next warning signal for that race. This changes RRS 30.4.
- G9.5 The level of penalties (other than time penalties specifically defined in this sailing instructions) for infringements of the rules shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be disqualification, a time penalty or no penalty. This changes RRS 64.1.

G10 Time Limit

- G10.1 Unless otherwise amended in writing or orally in accordance with SI G4.3 the race time limit is 2 hours (4 hours for Classic Yacht (including Spirit of Tradition) and Folkboat classes and Old Gaffers) and the day time limit is 1800 (1500 on the last day of the regatta), whichever is the earlier.
- G10.2 The race committee may award a finishing position or DNF to any boat not finishing within 30 minutes (on corrected time if applicable) after the first boat sails the course and finishes to enable further race(s) to be sailed or racing to be concluded. For the XOD Class, the race time limit will be 20 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished. This changes RRS 35 and A5.1.
- G10.3 Should no boat finish by the time limit, the result of the race may be determined from the previous time the start/finish line was crossed or the order of boats at a rounding mark or their position at the time limit. This changes RRS 35. XODs not finishing within the time limit and who are still racing at the expiry of the time limit will be scored the average of the points available to those boats still racing had such boats finished. Half points will be rounded down. This changes RRS A4.

G11 Protests and Requests for Redress

Protests and requests for redress should be submitted on forms available from the

race office and shall be delivered within 105 minutes (60 minutes on the last day of the regatta) of the time of the last boat to finish the last race of the day in her class. Contact mobile numbers should be included on the form.

G12 Scoring, Discards & Trophies

G12.1 The scoring will be RRS Appendix A changed by the notice of race and any amendments to the notice of race and in these SIs except that a boat that Did Not Compete (DNC) and a boat that is Disqualified (DSQ) will be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats entered in the series. This changes RRS Appendix A4.

G12.2 The number of races scheduled and discards for the Cowes Classics Week class trophies are as follows:

Class	Races in Series		Discards
	Max	Min	
Classic Yacht (including Spirit of Tradition) and Old Gaffers	5	3	1 discard when 5 races completed
Victory and Mermaid	3	2	1 discard when 3 races completed
All other Classes	9	4	1 discard when 6 races completed, 2 discards if 9 races completed

G12.3 Results will be posted on the official notice board at RLYC and the Cowes Classics Week website www.cowesclassicsweek.org as soon as possible after racing has finished.

G12.4 Day Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners in each class for all the races completed on the relevant day, using the scoring system defined in G12.1.

G12.5 The number of races to count for the Cowes Classics Week New Helm Trophy and the Overall Trophy, the 1792 Cup, is five. In the event that fewer than 5 races, after discard, are sailed by a class, the total score of each boat in that class will be pro-rated to the equivalent of 5 races. The Victory class is not eligible to compete for the New Helm and Overall Trophies.

G12.6 To calculate the overall winners described in G12.5, the points scored by each boat shall be multiplied by 10 and then divided by the square root of the number of boats in the class entered in the regatta, to recognise the added difficulty of winning in a large fleet. The winner will be the boat with the fewest points.

G13 Retirements

Boats shall notify retirements to the race committee at the earliest opportunity either on the designated VHF channel or, for circuits 1 to 4, by hailing a race committee boat.

G14 Official Boats

G14.1 [NP] Committee vessels will fly a circuit sponsor pennant as set out in the Schedule of Racing on pages 4 and 5 of these SIs.

G14.2 On leaving harbour and until shortly before the first signal of each day, committee boats and their associated RIBs will fly a coloured circuit identification flag as set out in the Schedule of Racing on pages 5 and 6 of these SIs.

G15 Support Boats

Coaching and support boats shall remain outside the areas and extreme lay lines where boats could be racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

Part 2 – Committee Boat – Race Circuits 1, 2, 3 & 4

Racing from committee boats on Monday to Friday for 6mR, Classic Mermaid, National Swallow, Vintage, Classic and Modern Dragon, Flying Fifteen, Daring, International Etchells, Loch Long, Solent Sunbeam, Squib, XOD, Victory (Wednesday only), and Seaview Mermaid (Monday only).

CB1 Schedule of Racing

CB1.1 See schedule on pages 5 and 6 of these sailing instructions and notes (page 4).

CB1.2 When more than one race is scheduled, any subsequent race might not be started in the same order as the previous race. Any change in the order will be announced on VHF.

CB2 Racing Area

CB2.1 Each committee boat described in the Schedule of Racing (pages 5 and 6) will set up her course in a separate racing area, which she will broadcast repeatedly on her dedicated VHF channel commencing at least one hour before the first warning signal of the day.

CB2.2 [DP] On arrival in the race area each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the committee boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. At the same time or before she shall also advise the race committee of any alternative sail numbers to be used.

CB3 The Course

CB3.1 The course will be signalled visually from the committee boat (alternatively it may be broadcast on the designated VHF channel) by the single code letter and a number, plus relevant symbols, shown on the attachment entitled 'Laid Courses', regardless of the colour of the letter or number. The course to be sailed and order of rounding is shown below each diagram. Leave all marks to port unless an 'S' indicates to starboard. Marks shown in brackets () will not be laid unless the designated symbol (for spreader/offset or gate), shown on the attachment 'Laid Courses', is displayed with the course code letter/number. When a (+) symbol is displayed with the course, boats shall finish on the other side of the committee boat to the start line. The approximate compass bearing to the first mark may also be signalled or broadcast from the committee boat.

CB3.2 Alternatively, the course may be broadcast on the designated VHF channel using identifiers from the attachments "Laid Mark Two Digit Identifiers" or 'Central Solent Course Mark Two Digit Identifiers 2021'. The approximate compass bearing to the first mark may also be broadcast on the designated VHF channel.

CB4 Marks

CB4.1 Marks will either be selected from the fixed navigation buoys or racing marks (see attachments 'Central Solent Course Mark Two Digit Identifiers 2021' and 'Central Solent Racing Chart') or be specially laid inflatable marks.

CB4.2 The laid inflatable marks for each course will be allocated with the following colours:

<i>Circuit</i>	<i>Normal Mark Colour</i>	<i>Alternative Windward/Leeward Mark Colour</i>	<i>Change Mark Colour</i>
1 – 3Cs	Orange	N/A	Black Pyramid
2 – Cowes United	Black	N/A	N/A
3 – John Dory	Orange	N/A	Black Pyramid
4 – Gemini Breeze	Yellow	Black	Black

CB4.3 If, **at a class start**, wind or other conditions necessitate an Alternative Windward or Leeward Mark of a different colour than the Normal Mark Colour set out in SI CB4.2, then the letter O for orange will be displayed with the course letter. Mark 1A will not be laid.

CB4.4 If the course is changed after the start in accordance with RRS 33 and SI CB6.1, the colour of the Changed Windward Mark will be as SI CB4.2.

CB5 The Start

CB5.1 The starting line is between a staff bearing an orange flag on the main committee boat and the course side of an outer distance mark which is the nearby inflatable mark, navigation buoy or racing mark, as advised by VHF radio on the designated channel. For Circuit 1 only, the outer distance mark may be one of two laid inflatable buoys of different colour or shape, the mark to be used to be announced on VHF radio prior to the warning signal.

CB5.2 An inner distance mark may be laid near the main committee boat. If laid, boats shall pass between the inner and outer distance marks when approaching the line to start.

CB5.3 To alert boats that a starting sequence will soon begin, an orange flag will be displayed with multiple sounds five minutes before the first warning signal of a sequence.

CB5.4 On Circuit 1 only, a mid-line buoy may be laid as a guide to the start line. This buoy is not a mark of the course.

CB6 Change of Course after the Start

CB6.1 RRS 33 is changed so that the race committee may display (or radio) the course to be sailed, in accordance with SI CB3 for the remainder of the race which may be longer or shorter. If a (#) or (+) is displayed at a rounding mark boats shall proceed directly to the **Finish Line** from that mark.

CB6.2 The position of any laid inflatable mark(s) may be adjusted by up to approximately plus or minus 10 degrees relative to the previous laid mark(s) and up to approximately 300m to windward or leeward without signalling in accordance with RRS 33(a) or (b). This changes RRS 33.

CB7 The Finish

CB7.1 The finishing line is between the staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on a committee boat and the course side of the ODM of the start/finish line or the last mark of the course.

CB7.2 The race committee may finish boats if their positions are such that they will not materially change the outcome of the race, even if still within the time limit as set out in SI G10. This will be communicated to the boat(s) by VHF and/or by a race committee boat. With the exception of the XOD class (see G10.3) their score in the race will be as per their position at the time of being advised that they have been finished.

Part 3 - Shoreline – Race Circuit 5

Racing from the Royal London Yacht Club shoreline for Classic Yachts (including Spirit of Tradition) and Folkboat classes, and Old Gaffers or if Circuits 1, 2, 3 & 4 are transferred to the RLYC shoreline (see Notes on page 3)

SL1 Schedule of Racing

SL1.1 See schedule on pages 5 and 6 of these sailing instructions and notes (page 4).

SL2 The Course

SL2.1 The course for each class will be broadcast on **VHF channel M1 (37A)** and will be from the Solent Two Digit Mark Codes 2021 (see Attachment); the broadcast will include the required side to leave each mark. The course may also be sent by text and will include 'P' for port and 'S' for starboard as the required side to leave the mark. The absence of, delay or the failure of text or other messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

SL3 The Start

SL3.1 The RLYC shoreline is defined as the extension of a line from a black and orange board on the RLYC clubhouse in line with a similar board on The Parade wall. The outer distance mark (ODM) is Snowden Buoy (39) except for Division 1, for which Class the ODM is Prince Consort Buoy (33). The southern extremity of the starting line is No. 2 Harbour Buoy which must be passed to the north.

SL3.2 **Direction of Start:** Prior to the first warning signal of the day a signal displayed on the RLYC flagstaff may indicate the start direction, with a green flag for a start to the west (green = Gurnard) and a red flag for a start to the east (red = Ryde).

SL3.3 Races shall be started using RRS 26.

SL3.4 Boats intending to race, once in the start line area, will be called by the race committee on VHF Channel M1 (37A), call sign "Royal London Race Control" and asked to advise their sail number. The call is to be acknowledged by the boat; this then serves to confirm that communication has been established for reasons of safety.

SL4 The Finish

SL4.1 The finishing line is between the black and orange post on the RLYC clubhouse and either Snowden or the Trinity House Buoy according to which is the designated finishing mark. Where a shortened course is signalled from the RLYC flagstaff for boats crossing the RLYC start/finish line on a lap of the course, changing RRS 32.2, the finish line will be as described in this SI SL4.1.

SL4.2 The race committee may finish boats if their positions are such that they will not materially change the outcome of the race, even if still within the time limit as set out in SI G10. This will be communicated to the boat(s) by VHF and/or by a race committee boat. Their score in the race will be as per their position at the time of being advised that they have been finished.

Part 4 - Committee Boat for Classic Yacht classes

If weather conditions necessitate, the Classic Yacht classes may be transferred to a committee boat in which case Part 1 and Part 4 of the SIs will apply. Information on the transfer to a committee boat will be communicated by VHF channel M1 (37A) which will remain the designated VHF channel for all race communications.

CY1 Racing Area

CY1.1 The description of the committee boat and the intended racing area will be broadcast repeatedly on the designated VHF channel commencing at least one hour before the first warning signal of the day.

CY2 The Course

CY2.1 The course is as set out in SI SL2 except that the course will not be texted.

CY3 The Start

CY3.1 The starting line is between a staff bearing an orange flag on the main committee boat and the course side of an outer distance mark which is the nearby navigation buoy or racing mark or inflated mark. An inner distance mark may be laid.

CY3.2 RRS 26 shall apply.

CY4 The Finish

CY4.1 The finishing line is between the staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on a committee boat and the course side of the ODM of the start/finish line or the last mark of the course.

CY4.2 The race committee may finish boats as set out in SI SL4.2.

Additional Documentation

The following documents are attached in encapsulated form or on waterproof paper and should be used in conjunction with the sailing instructions.

Classic Yacht classes:

- Solent Racing Charts (see SI G6.4 and SL2.1)
- Solent Two Digit Mark Identifiers 2021
- Precautionary Area and Ships' Tracks diagrams (see SI G6.1)

All other classes:

- Central Solent Racing Chart (see SI G6.4 and CB4.1)
- Laid Courses
- Laid Mark Two Digit Identifiers
- Central Solent Course Mark Two Digit Identifiers 2021
- Precautionary Area and Ships' Tracks diagrams (see SI G6.1)

This is the end of the sailing instructions.
The following pages contain information for competitors.

Information for Competitors

Communications

When entering, all competitors were asked to provide a mobile telephone number which could be used to contact them with information during the event. This may be a phone call from the race office or, when the same information needs to be sent to a number of boats, text messaging may be used.

High Water – Portsmouth

Mon 5		Tue 6		Wed 7		Thu 8		Fri 9	
0901	3.8m	1000	3.9m	1052	4.1m	1139	4.2m	****	****
2130	4.1m	2221	4.2m	2307	4.3m	2349	4.4m	1221	4.3m

Royal London Yacht Club & Clubhouse

All participating sailors will become Temporary Members of the Royal London Yacht Club from Saturday 3 July to Friday 9 July inclusive.

Participating sailors and their immediate families are invited into the clubhouse each day.

Emergency Procedures Afloat

If you have a medical or other emergency afloat call Solent Coastguard on VHF Channel 16 advising the nature of the emergency, the name of the casualty and your location. You may be asked to switch to another VHF channel or a mobile telephone. When you are able to do so, inform the race committee on the appropriate VHF channel or the Regatta Office by mobile telephone. If the casualty requires treatment ashore, unless advised otherwise, you should moor on the east side of the Trinity Pontoon (outside Royal London YC) where access for an ambulance is possible.

If using mobile telephone, the Emergency Services (Fire, Ambulance, Police) can be contacted by dialling 999 or 112, but please inform the race committee if you have made this call.

Launches

Morning launches will only run from/to Trinity Landing (RLYC).

After racing, launches will return to Trinity Landing and the Island Sailing Club pontoon.

0900 – 1900	Saturday	0930 – 1600	Sunday
0930 – 1700	Monday	0830 – 1700	Tuesday – Friday

In the event of a delay to the finish of racing, these launch times will be extended.

Call all launches on VHF 37A, call-sign “Classics Week Launch”,
or phone Dock Master on 07940 917 345 (Monday to Friday).

Competitors moored at Shepards Wharf Marina and Cowes Corinthian YC and requiring transport to/from Trinity Landing please phone the Dock Master to schedule a launch.

Please arrive in good time for morning launches to minimise your waiting time.

Useful Numbers	VHF	Telephone
Regatta Office at RLYC		01983 300 727 / 07760 160 220
Royal London Yacht Club – Club Office only		01983 299 727
Cowes Classics Week Launch Service	VHF 37A	07940 817 345
Cowes Medical Centre, Newport Road, Cowes		01983 295 251
St Mary's Hospital, Newport, A&E		999 or 01983 822 099
Regatta Chairman: David Gower		07836 602 875
Principal Race Officer: Gill Smith		07771 648 842
Cowes Harbour Master	VHF 69	01983 293 952
Yacht Clubs:		
• Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club		01983 296 333
• RORC/Royal Corinthian Yacht Club		01983 293 581
• Island Sailing Club		01983 296 621
Boat Builders and Repairers:		
• Clare Lallow		01983 292 112
Sail Makers:		
• Ratsey & Lapthorn		01983 294 051
• North Sails Loft		01983 248 589
Riggers & Chandlery:		
• Spencer Rigging		01983 292 022
• Jolliffes Chandlery		01983 290 100
Marinas:		
• Cowes Yacht Haven		01983 299 975
• Shepards Wharf Marina		01983 297 821

Photography



Official Charity Classic Boat Museum

The Classic Boat Museum has been collecting and restoring maritime craft and artefacts for twenty five years. It has an impressive collection of 85 sailing and power boats in the Boat Shed in Cowes. These range from the Dolly Varden, an Itchen ferry built in 1872, and later used by Ratsey & Laphorn to design and develop sails, to BAR T1, Sir Ben Ainslie's test foiling Catamaran used in preparation for the Landrover BAR challenge in Bermuda in 2017.



The museum houses a large collection of dinghies and keel boats many of which were designed by Uffa Fox. It showcases the Swallow Hanna from the 1948 Olympics, and Shirley Robertson's Gold medal winning Europe from the Sydney 2000 Olympics. On display are small keelboats such as the celebrated ocean-going 27 foot Sopranino, and Kestrel, Lord Brabazon's Bembridge Redwing from 1934, with its experimental giro-rig. The East Cowes Gallery in the Columbine Building houses thousands of maritime artefacts, paintings and photographs and a library of over 4,500 books, plus many original yachting magazines dating back to 1880.

We will re-open June 22 with a fantastic series of new exhibitions, including 'Heritage Highlights from the America's Cup' and a 'Dinghy Simulator', designed to attract younger audiences into the museum.

It's a great place to visit for all the family, so we hope you will support our work.

Cowes Classics Week Trophies

Classic Yachts – Division 1	Danegeld Half Model
Classic Yachts – Division 2	Algernon Maudslay Trophy
Classic Yachts – Division 3	Classic Yacht Model
Daring	Metre Regatta Trophy
International Dragon	Royal Singapore YC Dragon Model
Flying Fifteen	Calf Cup
Folkboat	Dr Bowns Salver
Loch Long	Loch Long Limited Edition Print
National Swallow	Aitken Challenge Cup
Old Gaffers White Fleet	Caprice Half Model
Old Gaffers Silver Fleet	Old Gaffers Model
Solent Sunbeam	Cowes Classics Week Cup
South Coast One Design	Phoenix Challenge Trophy
S&S Swans	Barton Centenary Cup
X One Design	Haines Boatyard Trophy
Solent Grounding	Solent Grounding Trophy
Concours d'Elegance	Classic Boat Magazine Trophy
Ratsey & Lapthorne	Travellers Trophy
The Spirit of Cowes Classics Week Trophy, presented by Ratsey & Lapthorne	To be announced
Seamanship	Classic Boat Magazine Trophy
Cowes Classics Week New Helm	CCW New Helm Trophy
To be announced	The RLYC Anniversary Bowl
Cowes Classics Week Overall Winner	The 1792 Cup

Cowes Classics Week Race Committee

Regatta Chairman	David Gower	
Principal Race Officer	Gill Smith	
PRO Deputy	Anne Taylor and Tom Rusbridge	
Regatta Administration	John Thorn	
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	Circuit 2	Rod Nichols
	Circuit 3	Amanda Harding
	Circuit 4	Jeremy Spencer-Cooper
	Circuit 5	Derek Hodd

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Keith Evans	Barry Pritchard	Yvonne Wright
Ben Ferris	Sarah Richardson	

Regatta Support:	Barry Elliot	Matt Jones
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	Sarah Richardson	Lesley Stannard

Protest Committee	Richard Thompson (Chair)	Penny Carter
		Brian Smith
PC Secretary:	Wendy Peskett	

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Cowes Classics Week 2021

Onshore Programme

Please note that events shown thus in **blue** are free to competitors.

Day	Time	Event	Location & Dress Code (DC)
Sat 3 July	1000-1700	Event Registration	Regatta Office, RLYC
Sun 4 July	1000-1700	Event Registration	Regatta Office, RLYC
	1200 onwards	Skippers & Safety Briefing – Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition & Old Gaffers	Available online due to Covid restrictions
	1200 onwards	Skippers & Safety Briefing – Classic Dayboats & Metre Classes	Available online due to Covid restrictions
		Mary Rose Gin Welcome Drinks Reception	Rescheduled due to Covid restrictions
	2000	Club Dinner – Mediterranean Supper with live background music	London Room, RLYC (DC smart casual)
Mon 5 July	0800-1000	Event Registration	Regatta Office, RLYC
	After Racing	MDL Marina's Tea & Cakes	London Room, RLYC (DC open)
	2000	Hog Roast including Welcome Drink	Cowes Corinthian YC (DC open)
Tue 6 July CLASSICS DAY	After Racing	MDL Marina's Tea & Cakes	London Room, RLYC (DC open)
	1830	Drinks Reception & Day Prize-giving for Monday and Tuesday Subject to restrictions imposed by Covid regulations	The Pavilion, Royal Yacht Squadron (DC smart casual)
	2000	Regatta Dinner Kindly supported by Robert Oatley Wines	London Room, RLYC (DC Reefer/Jacket & tie)
	2030	Spanish Paella Supper including Welcome Drink	Drawing Room and Dining Room, RLYC (DC smart casual)
Wed 7 July	After Racing	MDL Marina's Tea & Cakes	London Room, RLYC (DC open)
	1830	Kendalls Fine Art View followed by Drinks served at tables (booking required)	Kendalls Fine Art Gallery Island Sailing Club or RLYC (DC smart casual)
	2000	"Double Decker" Supper	Dining Room and Rooftop Marquee, Island Sailing Club (DC open)
Thu 8 July	After Racing	MDL Marina's Tea & Cakes	London Room, RLYC (DC open)
	1830	RNLI Shannon Lifeboat Viewing and Day Prizegiving for Wednesday and Thursday followed by Drinks served at tables	Trinity and London Landing The Sugar Store or RLYC (DC open)
	2000	Italian Buffet Supper	The Sugar Store, Shepards Wharf (DC smart casual)
Fri 9 July	After Racing c. 1530	Regatta Prizegiving & High Tea Prize-winners only due to Covid restrictions. See Official Notice Board and event website for updates. We are trying to make arrangements for crew to attend – possibly virtually in another building.	London Room, RLYC (DC open)

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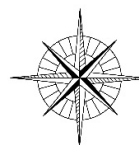
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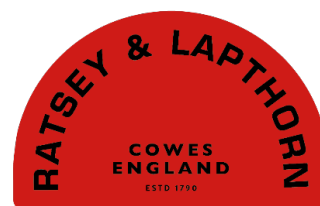


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