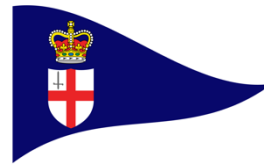


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ORGANISING AUTHORITY ROYAL LONDON YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

Introduction

The Royal London Yacht Club (RLYC) invites metre boats, classic dayboats, classic yachts, Old Gaffers and Spirit of Tradition yachts to enter this regatta to be held in the Central and Western Solent and based at Cowes, Isle of Wight

The Regatta is intended for:

All metre boats including, but not restricted to, 8mR, 6mR, 5.5mR and Daring;

Classic dayboats and one designs including, but not restricted to, International Dragon (classic, vintage and modern), Bembridge/Classic Redwing, Bembridge One Design, Flying Fifteen, International Etchells, Loch Long One Design, Seaview/Classic Mermaid, National Swallow, Solent Sunbeam, Soling, National Squib, Victory and XOD;

Classic dayboats racing under KLR handicaps for one-offs and classes with 6 or fewer 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 (all classes), Contessa 32, 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 divisions based on handicap and/or design.
All racing in this class is under KLR handicaps unless otherwise agreed.*

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.

NOTE: For all classes, it is the intention that classes of 6 or more boats will have their own start.

*In addition to the Cowes Classics Week series, the organisers are pleased to offer:
A Pursuit Race for metre boats, classic dayboats and one designs (see below, and
A Passage Race to Dartmouth in association with the Classic Channel Regatta, for classic yachts,
Old Gaffers and Spirit of Tradition yachts <https://www.classic-channel-regatta.eu>*

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 (PC), 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 RRS 63.7 is changed as follows: In the event of conflicting information between the NoR and the sailing instructions (SIs), the SIs shall be considered the correct information.
- 1.4 The RYA Rules Dispute Process available [on the RYA website here](#) applies. The Post-Race Penalty is 35%
- 1.5.1 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 on the World Sailing website at [World Sailing Special Regulations for Inshore Racing](#).
- 1.5.2 Boats may apply to the Organising Authority (OA) by **Friday 28th June 2024** 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.
- 1.5.3 Part B 5.01.1 is replaced by: '**Personal buoyancy**: personal flotation devices which are adequate for the conditions shall be carried for each member of the crew.
- 1.6 Boats entered in a one design fleet are expected to meet their relevant class and rating requirements, including clothing and equipment.
- 1.7 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;
 - **Flares**: each boat shall carry either an Electronic Visual Distress Signal (EVDS) *or* at least two floating orange smoke flares;
 - **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;
 - **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 throwbag and lifebuoy or similar;
 - **Compass**: all boats shall carry one compass.In the event that the class safety regulations stipulate otherwise, a class may apply to the OA by **Friday 28th June 2024** for written dispensation.
- 1.8 Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem of with any part outboard except when anchoring.
- 1.9 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. Full details are provided in the SIs.

3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND CONDITIONS

- 3.1 The event is open to all metre boats, classics dayboats and one designs, classic yachts, old gaffers and Spirit of Tradition yachts as defined in the introduction this NoR as set out above.
- 3.2 Similar boats, not named above, with sufficient provenance are warmly invited to contact the OA to request entry.
- 3.3 All helms racing in a one design fleet shall be a member of their relevant class association.
- 3.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at [Cowes Classics Week 2024 Enter online](#). To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 3.5 Entrants and crew are granted Temporary Membership of the RLYC for the duration of the regatta and are invited to use all the RLYC facilities.
- 3.6 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.7 Competitors shall allow official sponsors use of the contact information provided to the OA for purposes of marketing.

4. CLASSIFICATION

Does not apply.

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fees including launch service for the regatta, prizes, and tickets to free* competitors' social events are as follows.

5.2 This price does not include berthing and mooring costs.

5.3 The entry fees shown below are for the Cowes Classic Week series as set out in NoR 7.4 below.

5.3.1 Where a metre boat or classic dayboat starting on a committee vessel line wishes to enter the Pursuit Race, the entry fee is included; if competing in the Pursuit Race alone, the Entry Fee for that race shall be £25. (The Pursuit Race is not open to classic yachts, old gaffers or Spirit of Tradition yachts.)

5.3.2 The entry fee for the Cowes-Dartmouth Classic Race for classic yachts, Old Gaffers and Spirit of Tradition yachts wishing to continue to the Classic Channel Regatta (CCR) and Five Lights Series is included for any boat entered for Cowes Classics Week but registration for this Race must be through the [CCR website here](#).

5.4 Fees

Class	Entry Fee when paid on or before Friday 17 th May 2024	Entry Fee when paid on or after Saturday 18 th May until 21 st June 2024	*Free tickets included
Bembridge OD, Classic Dayboat, Flying Fifteen, Loch Long, National Squib, Bembridge and Classic Redwing, Seaview and Classic Mermaid, Star, Victory, XOD	£280	£325	3
Solent Sunbeam, Soling, Swallow	£310	£355	3
Dragon (all divisions), Classic Yachts less than 30 feet LOA, Old Gaffers less than 30 feet LOA, Spirit of Tradition Yachts less than 30 feet LOA	£345	£395	4
5.5mR, Daring, International Etchells, Classic Yachts 30 feet LOA and over, Old Gaffers 30 feet LOA and over, Spirit of Tradition Yachts 30 feet LOA and over	£365	£420	4
6mR	£415	£475	5
8mR	£520	£595	7

Other metre classics are welcome to compete in the regatta on application to the OA.

5.5 Entries will be accepted after **Friday 21st June** and before **1155 on 3rd July 2024** but an additional £75 administrative charge will be added.

5.6 The closing date for entries will be **1155 on Wednesday 3rd July 2024**.

5.7 Entry Cancellation and Refunds: if written cancellation of entry is received at the RLYC Office by 1700 on **Friday 21st June 2024** the whole fee less a £75 administrative charge will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will be at the discretion of the OA.

5.8 Further details of social events and ticket prices can be found on the Cowes Classics Week website [here: Socials](#)

5.9 The nominated regatta charities are Autism on the Water and the National Coastwatch Institution. A £20 charitable donation will be added to each fee at the point of entry unless the entrant opts out.

6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration shall take place in the Regatta Office located in the RLYC Arundel Room at the following times:

Date	From	To
Saturday 6 th July	1000	1700
Sunday 7 th July	1000	1700
Monday 8 th July	0800	1000

7.2 Race and safety briefings will take place as follows:

Class	Time & Date	Location
Shoreline start classes: Old Gaffers, Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition Yachts	1800 Sunday 7 th July	London Room, Royal London Yacht Club
Pursuit Race: all metre boats, Classic Dayboats and One Designs	1230 Monday 8 th July	RLYC Flagstaff (if wet in London Room)
Committee Vessel start classes:	1800 Monday 8 th July	London Room, Royal London Yacht Club

At least one representative from each boat shall attend unless prior permission is granted by the OA.

7.3 Racing will take place from Monday 8th to Friday 12th July inclusive.

7.4 Racing programme and number of races:

Class	Racing programme	Maximum Number of Series Races	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Shoreline start classes: Classic Yachts, Old Gaffers, Spirit of Tradition Yachts	Monday 8 th July to Friday 12 th July CCW Regatta Series Races	5	1	1
Committee Vessel start classes: all Metre boats, Classic Dayboats and One Designs	Monday 8 th July Pursuit Race	N/A	1 (Monday)	N/A
	Tuesday 9 th July to Friday 12 th July CCW Regatta Series Races	7	2 (Tuesday to Thursday) 1 (Friday)	3
Shoreline start classes: Classic Yachts, Old Gaffers, Spirit of Tradition Yachts	Sunday 14 th July Cowes-Dartmouth Classic Race	1	1	1

7.5.1 For the Shoreline start classes, the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July 2024 is **1100**.

The scheduled warning signal for the Cowes Dartmouth Classic Race will be advised in a separate Notice of Race.

7.5.2 For the Committee Vessel start classes, the scheduled time of the first warning signal for the Pursuit Race is **1400**.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day on Tuesday 9th July to Friday 12th July 2024 is **1100**.

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

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 [DP, NP] Upon demand, entrants in one design classes shall present a valid measurement certificate and/or proof of membership of the class association.
- 8.2 Boats may be inspected by a member of the OA at any time during the event.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The SIs will be available from the Cowes Classics Week [online Official Notice Board here](#) after 1700 on **Friday 7th June**.

10. COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online on the [Cowes Classics Week website here](#).
- 10.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels and channel 37A (M1).
- 10.3 On the water the race committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 10.4 [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.
- 10.5 It is the intention of the OA and RC to use one or more WhatsApp group(s) to communicate with competitors and further details will be contained in the SIs.

11. VENUE AND COURSES

- 11.1 Racing will take place in the Solent.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 Details of fixed marks can be found on the [SCRA website here](#).

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 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 SIs. RRS 44.3 is not used.
Further details of the penalty system will be contained in the SIs.

13. SCORING AND HANDICAPPING

- 13.1 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
Shoreline start classes: Classic Yachts, Old Gaffers, Spirit of Tradition Yachts	1	1-4	5
Committee Vessel start classes: all Metre boats, Classic Dayboats and One Designs	1	1-5	6-7

- 13.2 For Classic Yachts, Classic Dayboats, and Spirit of Tradition Boats, the Klassiker Rennwert (KLR) Formula will be used, unless a class requests an alternative handicapping system. It is the responsibility of the entrant to apply for a KLR handicap or to provide details of the alternative class-specific handicap. Information on how to apply for a KLR handicap is provided on the [Cowes Classics Week website here](#). More information on the system can also be found on [their own website here](#).
- 13.3 For Old Gaffers the Solent Old Gaffers Association T(H)F system will be used. For further information or assistance with obtaining a handicap, please contact Ms Sue Pennison by [email here](#).
- 13.4 For 8mR, the IRC system will be used unless otherwise requested by the class.

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

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

15. BERTHING

- 15.1 Berthing is the responsibility of each competing boat and berthing costs are not included in the entry fee.
- 15.2 Arrangements for swinging moorings for Bembridge OD, 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](#).
- 15.3 A launch service will be run from Trinity Landing opposite the RLYC Clubhouse to boats on swinging moorings and to Shepards Wharf Marina.

16. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1 [DP] Boats shall be afloat before the end of the registration period and shall not be hauled out during the event without the prior written permission of the RC.

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1 [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 RC.
- 17.2 [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](#).
- 17.3 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.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

See NoR 10.4.

19. RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 19.1 Results will be posted on the online ONB on the Cowes Classics Week [website results here](#).
- 19.2 A prize or prizes will be awarded for the Pursuit Race.
- 19.3 Trophies will be awarded for the first overall in each class. The method of scoring, and details of trophies and prizes will be set out in the SIs.
- 19.4 The New Helm Trophy will be awarded to a helmsman who has not previously helmed at Cowes Classics Week. The Trophy winner may be from any class, calculated using a formula which will be set out in the SIs.
- 19.5 The David Gower Bowl will be awarded to the youngest average age crew in the event, subject to an upper average age limit of 45. Details of eligibility will be set out in the SIs and must be declared on the Registration form.
- 19.6 For Classic yachts, including Classic S&S designs, 30' LOA and over, a No-Spinnaker division is available. Entries in this division will require a revised KLR number and should contact [Iain McAllister at KLR Handicapping](#) to obtain this. Intention to race in this division must be indicated on the Registration form.

20. DATA PROTECTION

- 20.1 The personal information you provide to the OA will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS 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 OA'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.

- 20.2 Competitors automatically grant to the OA, 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.
- 20.3 The 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.

21. RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1 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."
- 21.2 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 organiser 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.

22. INSURANCE

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

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 23.1 For further information, visit the [Cowes Classics Week website](#) or contact the OA by email at regattasecretary@ccw-team.org or telephone +44 1983 300 727.

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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
 - (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.
 - (b) the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
 - (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.