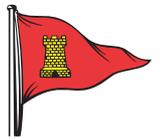




# Round the Island Race

Onboard Race Pack | Saturday 1 July 2017



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## Thank you for entering the Round the Island Race 2017



I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all for the 2017 Round the Island Race organised by the Island Sailing Club in association with Cloudy Bay.

Although we are disappointed not to have a title sponsor this year, we are delighted to welcome Cloudy Bay, as a presenting partner, together with Raymarine, Helly Hansen, Amlin and Chelsea Magazines as Race Partners.

While the lack of a title sponsor has, unfortunately, meant that we have had to cut back on a few things, we have worked very hard to try to make sure that we continue to give competitors the same level of race management and technology that they are used to.

We are hopeful that the winds will be kind to us this year and we will not have to cancel any classes due to adverse weather conditions, however, in an effort to make competitors more aware of our rationale in choosing which classes to cancel, we have allocated a cancellation code to each class, and these codes have been added to Table 1 in these Sailing Instructions. If cancellation is required

for a class you will be Informed by the display of the code's IC Numeral being flown below the Abandonment Signal. So, for instance, if you are in the Sportsboat Class and you see flags N over A with IC Numeral 1 under them you will know that your class has been cancelled along with all other classes that have been allocated that code. If other classes are also to be cancelled their IC numerals will also be displayed. We will also, of course, transmit this information on VHF Ch 22 and send entrants in the classes affected a text message, as well as immediately updating the Race website.

A major change to the finishing line is that we will be using large cylindrical orange inflatable marks as outer limit marks instead of committee boats. This will hopefully make it easier for you to identify the main finishing boat and your correct finish line (North or South).

This year we intend to expand our use of the pre-registered mobile phones to contact competitors so please make sure that you have them well charged, and switched on, even after you have finished, especially if you have been in an incident that might lead to a protest.

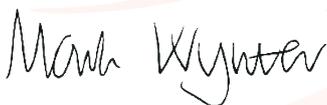
We are also simplifying the admin side of the race. Last year over 7,500 people downloaded the Sailing Instructions, so this year we are dispensing with the glossy printed version and instead putting all our race documents online in the form of an On-board Race Pack. The Race Pack, which will be in an easily printable PDF format, will contain all the documentation you will need to have on board the boat for the Race and will include instructions for declaring by text message and registering for tracking. You will still receive in the post your fleet flag, together with your start time and a reminder as to which finishing line you should cross.

In addition, we are getting rid of the old paper declaration form. With the exception of those boats that have been involved in a protest, or have accepted a time penalty, declarations will only be by text message this year. However, if for some reason something were to happen to your pre-registered mobile phone during the Race, you will still be able to visit the Island Sailing Club or the information point in East Cowes Marina to make your declaration.

Finally, as many of you know, we've asked everyone who wants one to pre-order their tankards this year so that we can send them to you by post directly. This simplifies our post-race admin and means you won't need (or be able) to collect your tankards in person in Cowes.

We hope you have already read through the Safety Booklet which was recently published on line, together with our own Layman's Guide to the Racing Rules. We also gave a link to the Racing Rules 2017 – 2020 which came into force in January this year. It is most important that you are familiar with your rights and obligations under the Rules, and I ask you to be courteous to all other boats around you whether they are racing or not.

Yours sincerely



Mark Wynter  
Commodore, Island Sailing Club





## NOTICES

### 1 Invitation

The Flag Officers and Committee invite all competitors to be visitors of the Island Sailing Club, Cowes on the 30th June, 1st and 2nd July 2017.

### 2 Club Pontoon Restriction

For safety reasons, competitors may not use the club pontoon on the day of the race for mooring or to embark/disembark personnel. The club pontoon will be reserved exclusively for club launches and authorised support vessels.

### 3 Ambulance Casualties

Non-urgent ambulance casualties should be landed at Trinity Landing, off the Parade, unless otherwise directed. Call the Coastguard on VHF Channel 16 to report intentions and arrange for an ambulance, and inform the Island Sailing Club on VHF Channel 22 or telephone 01983 296621.

### 4 Radio Press to Transmit Switch

After making a call on the race VHF radio Channel 22, competitors should ensure that the press to transmit switch has been released.

### 5 Text Declarations

Competitors should familiarise themselves with the format to be used, and send a test declaration in advance of the Race to confirm registration of their phone (see page 9 for instructions).

### 6 Protest Moorings

Boats under 12m (40ft) LOA which are the subject of a protest, and which are not intending to enter Cowes Harbour, may temporarily tie up on the eastern side of the centre pontoon (B1, 2 and 3) in the Royal Yacht Squadron yacht haven.

## NAVIGATION AND SEAMANSHIP

### 7 International Regulations and Byelaws

Attention is drawn to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and to the byelaws issued by Associated British Ports Southampton, Queen's Harbour Master, Portsmouth and Cowes Harbour Master, Cowes as summarised in the SCRA Solent Book 2016/17. These apply at all times of the day and night and shall govern the behaviour of all competitors with respect to other pleasure craft and all commercial vessels.

### 8 Area of Concern

The following is an extract from ABP Southampton Harbour Byelaws 2003:

11.(1) In this byelaw –“the Precautionary Area” means the main navigable channel which lies between an imaginary line drawn between Prince Consort and South Bramble buoys and an imaginary line drawn between Black Jack and Hook Buoys; “Moving Prohibited Zone” means an area extending 1000 metres ahead and 100 metres either side of any vessel of over 150 metres length overall while it is navigating within the Precautionary Area

(2) The master of a small vessel shall ensure that the vessel does not enter a Moving Prohibited Zone.

(3) For the purpose of indicating the presence of the Moving Prohibited Zone, the master of any vessel of over 150 metres length overall shall display on the vessel, where it can best be seen, by day, a black cylinder, and, by night, 3 all round red lights in a vertical line.

### 9 Restricted Anchoring

Boats are warned not to anchor or kedge in the area marked on charts by lines from Egypt Point to Stansore Point and from Thorness Bay to Inchmery House, where there are high-tension cables and gas pipes on the sea bed.

### 10 NEEDLES HAZARDS WARNING

COMPETITORS SHOULD MAKE THEMSELVES AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE SHALLOW ROCK LEDGE WHICH EXTENDS APPROXIMATELY 250 METRES WSW OF THE NEEDLES LIGHTHOUSE AND OF THE DANGEROUS WRECK WHICH LIES SCATTERED OVER THE LEDGE. ANOTHER HAZARD, GOOSE ROCK, LIES 75 METRES TO THE WNW OF THE LIGHTHOUSE. COMPETITORS ARE ADVISED TO NAVIGATE WELL CLEAR OF THESE DANGERS.

### 11 Area of Particular Care - THE FORTS

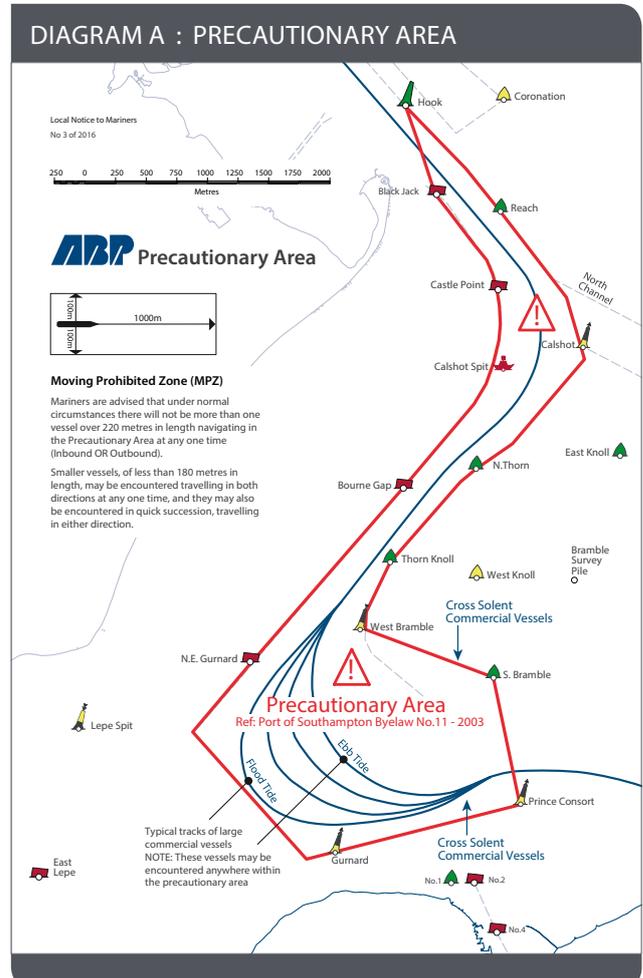
Competitors are referred to the notes in the Safety Booklet about passing No Man's Land Fort and of the extensive wind shadow in its lee.

### 12 Avoid Fishing Gear

Competitors are reminded of their individual responsibility to avoid damage to fishing gear and should keep a special look out for markers of such gear.

### 13 Dive Sites

Competitors should be aware of a number of Dive Sites in the Western Solent, which are marked with small yellow buoys. See the Safety Booklet for further information.



High Water Portsmouth: 0547 and 1826

All times are BST.

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Prescriptions, together with, as appropriate: the World Sailing (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 (modified), the IRC Rules Parts A, B & C (including sail limitations, but excluding rule 22.4 except for boats rated as one designs), the MOCRA Rating Rule, the Island Sailing Club Rating System (ISCRS), the Class Rules for boats entered in a one design class, the Notice of Race (NoR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 Where there is conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 Advertising will be as detailed in NoR 7.
- 1.4 The "Moving Prohibited Zone" referred to in the Southampton Harbour Byelaw 2003 No. 11 and SI 8.3.3 shall rank as an obstruction to boats racing (see Diagram A on page 3).
- 1.5 All boats shall comply with Southampton, Portsmouth, Cowes and any other relevant Harbour Byelaws, where applicable.

## 2 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

- 2.1 RRS 32 is changed in that the Race will not be shortened.
- 2.2 RRS 44 will not apply. Provided that she has not caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the Race, a boat that may have broken RRS 31 or a rule of RRS Part 2 may accept a time penalty of 2% of her elapsed time rounded to the nearest second (see SIs 14.1 and 14.2).
- 2.3 If the Race Committee sees an infringement by a boat of any of the following Rules: RRS 42 (Propulsion), SIs 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 4.4, 8.3.4, 9.1, 9.2.5, 10.2.2 or 12.2, it may disqualify the boat without a hearing. A boat so penalised shall be entitled to a hearing on request. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 2.4 The Protest Committee may waive any penalty if it decides that a boat has infringed a rule, other than a rule of Part 2 (When Boats Meet), if the infringement has had no significant effect on the outcome of the Race. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 2.5 Boats that have not been given prior approval under Notice of Race 3.8, and are in breach of RRS 77 and Appendix G, may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1
- 2.6 Other changes to the RRS are included in SIs 6.3, 9.3, 10.1.1, 10.1.2, 10.2.1, 13.2, 15.1, 15.2, 15.3 and 15.4.

## 3 SAFETY

- 3.1 Anchors stowed on deck shall not protrude over the bow. Except on trimarans, outboard engines shall not be tilted up so as to protrude beyond the transom. Dan buoy flags shall be rolled up so as not to be visible (see NoR 6.11 and 6.12).

- 3.2 All boats shall comply with RRS 1.2 and the requirements for their Class. It is also recommended that a safety harness for each crew member should be carried on board and worn in foul weather.
- 3.3 When flag "Y" (yankee) is displayed, competitors shall wear lifejackets when afloat and for the duration of the Race (see RRS 40).
- 3.4 All boats shall carry an operational marine VHF radiotelephone equipped with VHF Channels 16, 22, 69 and 72.
- 3.5 Boats failing to observe the conditions of SI 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 may be disqualified without a hearing (see SI 2.3). Photographic evidence may be used for boats failing to comply with these conditions.
- 3.6 In accordance with RRS 42.3(i), a boat may use its engine in order to avoid collision with commercial shipping, provided that the circumstances that led to her use of the engine were entirely outside her control and she does not gain a significant advantage in the Race. Any use of an engine must be reported to the Race Committee on a special form at Cowes Combined Clubs (CCC), Regatta House, Bath Road, Cowes. A boat taking advantage of this rule is not eligible to declare by Text Message (see SI 16.2).

## 4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 A boat is eligible to race in accordance with the requirements of the Notice of Race.
- 4.2 Upon demand, the owner/person in charge of a boat shall present proof of current membership of the Class Association where appropriate.
- 4.3 Upon demand, a boat's valid measurement or rating certificate shall be presented at the Race Office located at the Island Sailing Club, Cowes (see RRS 78.2).
- 4.4 Random safety inspections will be carried out both before and after racing to check compliance with the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. A boat that either refuses an inspection or fails to give all reasonable assistance to an authorised inspector may be disqualified without a hearing (see SI 2.3).
- 4.5 Boats shall, while racing, display from the backstay (or stern if no backstay is fitted) the fleet flag and, below this, any class identification flag assigned by the Island Sailing Club. Fleet and class identification flag assignments are shown in Table 1 on page 10. Fleet flags will be sent by post to the entrant, except for Classes in Fleet 1 and the Sunsail Match First 40 Class who shall provide and display only their own class identification flag.
- 4.6 The sail number dodgers referred to in NoR 6.15 should be displayed when approaching the finishing line on the aft port quarter of the boat for those finishing on the North line and the aft starboard quarter for those finishing on the South line. A held up white board or sheet with stencilled or stuck on large black or blue letters will also be acceptable. Gaffers are requested to use shroud boards if possible.



## 5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

### 5.1 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Internet at [www.roundtheisland.org.uk](http://www.roundtheisland.org.uk) and on the Official Notice Board located outside the Race Office in the lower marquee at the Island Sailing Club (ISC).

### 5.2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1500 on the 30th June 2017 and on the Internet at [www.roundtheisland.org.uk](http://www.roundtheisland.org.uk). At the same time, changes will be indicated by displaying IC flag L from both the Island Sailing Club and the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) gatehouse flagstaffs, together with the numeral pennant denoting the latest amendment. It is the responsibility of all competitors to obtain the amended written instructions from the Race Office at the Island Sailing Club, or from the event website.

### 5.3 Radio Communication

The Race Committee will communicate race information to competitors on VHF Channel 22. No acknowledgement to these announcements will be required and no return traffic will be acknowledged with the exceptions stated in SI 11.1 (Retirements), SI 14.3 (Penalty System) and SI 15.1 (Protests).

### 5.4 Time Check

A time check signal will be broadcast 30 minutes before the first scheduled start on VHF Channel 22.

### 5.5 Race Mobile Communication

The Race Committee may additionally communicate race information to competitors on the Race Mobile Phone referred to in NoR 6.6.

## 6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

### 6.1 Starting Signals

Starting signals will be made from the Royal Yacht Squadron.

### 6.2 Postponement

AP accompanied by two sound signals means that the scheduled starts of all races not started are postponed. Detailed instructions will be given on VHF Channel 22 (see SI 9.2 Special Waiting Areas).

### 6.3 Abandonment

6.3.1 Flag N over A alone accompanied by three sound signals will mean that ALL Classes are cancelled and will NOT be re-sailed. This changes RRS Race Signals – Flag “N”.

6.3.2 Flag N over A over the cancellation International Code Numeral allocated to the Class as shown in Table 1, accompanied by two sound signals, will mean that the race for that class is cancelled and will NOT be re-sailed. This changes RRS Race Signals - Flag “N”.

6.3.3 The Race Committee will additionally inform all boats in the cancelled classes in accordance with Sailing Instructions 5.3 and 5.5.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

Fleet flags, Class Identification flags and Class Cancellation IC Numerals as shown in Table 1 will be displayed by the Race Committee when appropriate.

## 8 THE COURSE

### 8.1 Course Area

Round the Isle of Wight.

### 8.2 Course

Boats shall cross the starting line to the Westward, round the Needles Lighthouse, pass St. Catherine’s Point, round Bembridge Ledge Buoy, with all marks being left to PORT and finish by crossing the CORRECT finishing line for their fleet from East to West.

### 8.3 Prohibitions

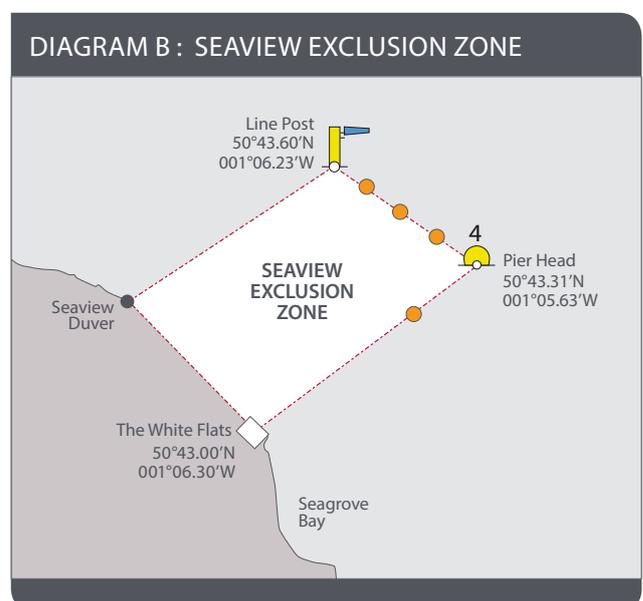
8.3.1 Boats shall not pass inside the outer row of small craft moorings to the west of Yarmouth Harbour entrance. Attention is drawn to Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners Local Notice to Mariners No. 6/2005.

8.3.2 Boats shall not pass to the North of either Horse Sand Fort or the obstructions of the row of iron piles off Durns Point, East of Lymington.

8.3.3 Boats shall not enter the “Moving Prohibited Zone” referred to in Southampton Harbour Byelaw 2003 No 11 (see SI 1.4).

8.3.4 Boats shall not enter the exclusion zone off Seaview.

- a) The exclusion zone consists of a box originating from the shoreline at the North end of Seagrove Bay (the white flats) in approximate position 50°43.00’N, 001°06.30’W, out to ‘Pier Head’ which is a yellow spherical buoy marked with numeral ‘4’ (in approximate position 50°43.31’N, 001°05.63’W), NW to the ‘Line Post’ which is a yellow post with blue windsock (in approximate position 50°43.60’N, 001°06.23’W), then directly back to the shoreline at Seaview Duver.



One orange inflatable will be laid on the Eastern side of the box and three orange inflatables will be equally spaced between Pier Head and the Line Post on the Northern side of the zone (see Diagram B). A Local Notice to Mariners defining this area will also be issued shortly before the Race.

- b) Boats seen to enter the Exclusion Zone will be scored with a time penalty of 5% of the boat's elapsed time rounded to the nearest second, unless the Race Committee decides that the boat has gained a significant advantage in the Race, in which case she may be disqualified without a hearing (see SI 2.3).
- c) RRS 60.1 is changed in that only the Race Committee can protest for infringements of SI 8.3.4 a).

## 9 THE START

9.1 Boats whose fleet warning signal has not been displayed shall keep well clear of the starting line. Boats failing to do so may be disqualified without a hearing (see SI 2.3).

### 9.2 Special Waiting Areas (see Diagram C)

9.2.1 In collaboration with ABP Southampton, two areas clear of the deep-water channel have been designated for boats waiting to start.

9.2.2 Boats shall endeavour to stay within these areas until shortly before the starting sequence for their class. In the event of a postponement, the postponed class/classes shall clear the deep-water channel and proceed immediately (under power if necessary) to the nearest designated waiting area where they should remain until the starting sequence is resumed.

9.2.3 The North waiting area is bounded by imaginary lines between South Bramble, Thorn Knoll Buoy, the Bramble Beacon and Deloitte Sailing Club Buoy.

9.2.4 The South waiting area is bounded by imaginary lines between Prince Consort, Royal London YC Buoy and Snowden.

9.2.5 Race Marshals, who will be stationed aboard vessels flying a Race Marshal flag, are members of the Race Committee and will assist in directing competitors to the two special areas designated for boats waiting to start. Boats failing to respond to directions given by Race Marshals may be disqualified without a hearing (see SI 2.3).

9.3 The Race will be started in accordance with SI 9.4, which changes RRS 26. The Warning Signal will be the Fleet Flag assigned in Table 1, except for Fleet 1 when the Warning Signals will be the Class ID Flags assigned in Table 1.

### 9.4 Starting Times

The starting times for classes and fleets are shown in Table 1 on page 10.

### 9.5 Starting Line (see Diagram C)

9.5.1 The starting line is formed by bringing the RYS FLAGSTAFF into line with the white line on the ORANGE DIAMOND ON THE CASTLE. Vertical light beams are installed at the RYS to identify the starting line transit. These light beams are navigational aids only and do NOT constitute the starting line, nor will their failure cause any start to be postponed.

9.5.2 The outer distance starting mark (ODM) will be a Committee Vessel, displaying an ISC burgee, attached to the Williams Shipping Buoy, which may not lie on the starting line. In the unlikely event of the Committee Vessel not being attached, the ODM will be the Williams Shipping Buoy.

9.5.3 For safety reasons, the outer distance starting mark (ODM) described in Sailing Instruction 9.5.2 will be an inner distance starting mark (IDM) for the following Grand Prix Multihull boat only: Concise 10 (GBR70), All other boats in the Grand Prix and MOCRA Racing Class shall start in accordance with Sailing Instruction 9.5.2.

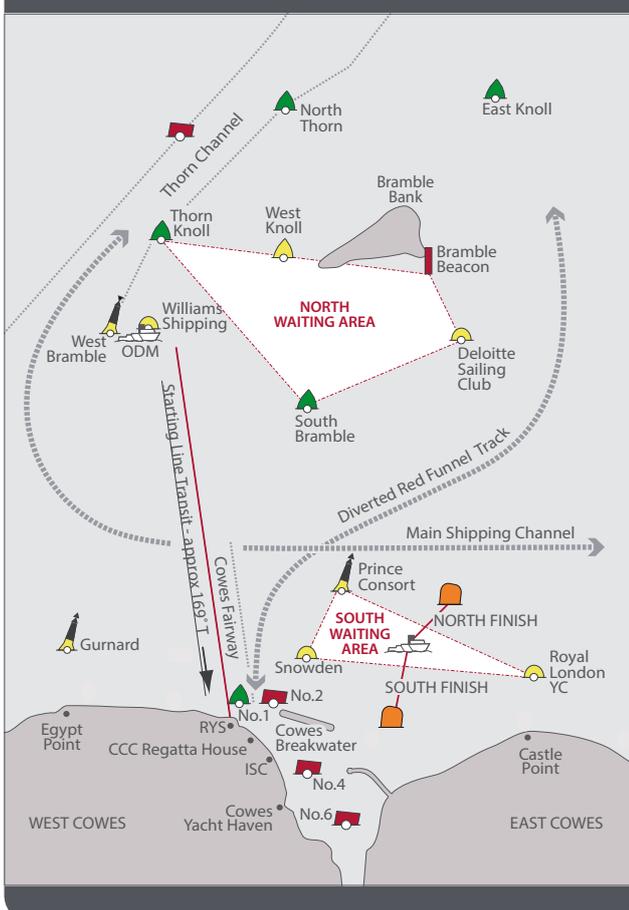
## 10 RECALLS

### 10.1 Individual Recall

10.1.1 The Race Committee may broadcast on VHF Channel 22 sail numbers of boats that were OCS and have failed to start correctly. The broadcast will be made as soon as possible after checking but not before one minute after the start. Any failure to broadcast, or delay in so doing, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.1.2 RRS Appendix A4.2 is changed in that a boat that remains OCS will be scored with a time penalty of 5% of the boat's

DIAGRAM C : START / FINISH LINES & WAITING AREAS





elapsed time rounded to the nearest second, unless the Race Committee decides that the boat has gained a significant advantage in the Race, in which case she will be scored as OCS.

- 10.1.3 A boat that is scored with an OCS time penalty will not be eligible for any 'Line Honours' prizes, and a boat which is scored as OCS will be ineligible to receive a finishing position.
- 10.1.4 The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Channel 22 at 0800 and 0900 a list of boats which have been scored with an OCS time penalty or have been scored as OCS (see SI 10.1.2). In the event of a postponement, the times of these broadcasts may be altered by the Race Committee, and the revised schedule will be notified to competitors on VHF Channel 22.

## 10.2 General Recall

- 10.2.1 The starting signal for a recalled class will be not less than twenty minutes after the scheduled start of Fleet No 11 Purple. Additional details will be given on VHF Channel 22. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 10.2.2 Boats returning after a General Recall shall keep clear of classes about to start. Boats seen to infringe this rule may be disqualified without a hearing (see SI 2.3).

## 11 RETIREMENT

- 11.1 Boats are requested to report their retirement to the Island Sailing Club, Cowes at the earliest opportunity by one of the following methods:
  - a) by Text Message (see page 9 for instructions)
  - b) by telephone to 01983 296621
  - c) by VHF Radio on Channel 22 (Call sign "Island Link") between 0715 and 2200 hours only (see SI 5.3).
- 11.2 On retirement from the Race, boats are requested to wear an ensign and to keep well clear of boats that are still racing.

## 12 THE FINISH

### 12.1 Finishing Lines (see Diagrams C and D)

There are two Finishing Lines which will be situated just North of the East Cowes Breakwater. Boats are required to finish as designated below:

- a) The finishing line for Fleet 1, Fleet 2 (Day-Glo Orange), Fleet 4 (Green), Fleet 6 (Blue), Fleet 7 (Silver Grey), and Fleet 10 (Day-Glo Green) will be the NORTH line between a yellow and black striped board on a central committee boat (displaying an ISC Burgee and a blue flag) and a large orange inflatable mark laid approximately 250 metres to the North of the central committee boat. For ease of identification the central committee boat will also carry a large Day-Glo Pink banner.
- b) The finishing line Fleet 3 (Pink + Sunsail Match First 40), Fleet 5 (Black), Fleet 8 (Turquoise), Fleet 9 (White), and Fleet 11 (Purple) will be the SOUTH line between a yellow and black striped board on a central committee boat (displaying an ISC Burgee and a blue flag) and a large orange inflatable mark laid approximately 350 metres to the South of the central committee boat. For ease of identification the central committee boat will also carry a large Day-Glo Pink banner.

### 12.2 Finishing Line Infringements

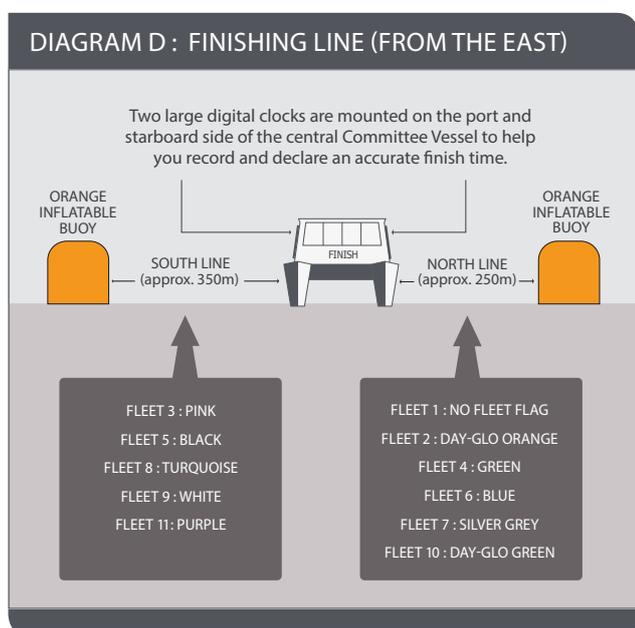
- 12.2.1 After crossing and clearing a finishing line, a boat that re-crosses either finishing line in any direction before the time limit may be disqualified without a hearing (see SI 2.3).
- 12.2.2 A boat crossing the wrong finishing line will be disqualified without a hearing and therefore will not be entitled to receive a prize or a finishing position (see SI 2.3).

## 13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the Race is 2200 hours.
- 13.2 RRS 35 will not apply. Any boat that does not complete the course and finish before 2200 will be scored DNF.
- 13.3 When no boat finishes within the prescribed time limit, the Race will be abandoned and will NOT be re-sailed.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44 will not apply. A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 (When Boats Meet) while racing may accept a time penalty, unless she has caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the Race in which case she shall retire. The time penalty will be 2% of her elapsed time rounded to the nearest second.
- 14.2 A boat that has broken RRS 31 (Touching a Mark) may accept a time penalty, unless she has caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the Race in which case she shall retire. The time penalty will be 2% of her elapsed time rounded to the nearest second.
- 14.3 A boat accepting a time penalty shall:
  - a) Display a yellow flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident.



- b) As soon as possible after the incident, but not before 0715, inform the Race Committee by VHF Radio on Channel 22 (call sign 'Island Link'), or by other means, such as mobile telephone to 01983 296621 or 01983 248004, of her acceptance of the time penalty.
  - c) Report her acceptance and identify any other boat(s) involved to the Race Committee within two hours of her finish or by 2300 on the day of the Race, whichever is earlier. This acceptance shall be lodged on a specific form available at Cowes Combined Clubs (CCC), Regatta House, Bath Road, Cowes.
  - d) Declare at Cowes Combined Clubs (CCC), Regatta House, Bath Road, Cowes in accordance with SI 16.1.
- 14.4 A boat that has not complied with SI 14.3 may acknowledge an infringement before a hearing provided she did not cause injury or serious damage or gain a significant advantage. She will receive a penalty of 5% of her elapsed time, rounded to the nearest second.
- 14.5 A boat seeking to take a time penalty under SI 14.1 or 14.2 which has neither fully complied with the provisions of SI 14.3 nor acknowledged her infringement under SI 14.4 shall be deemed to have retired.

## 14.6 Limits on Penalties

- 14.7 When a boat intends to take a penalty as provided in SI 14.1, and in the same incident has touched a mark, she need not take the penalty provided in SI 14.2.
- 14.8 A boat that takes a penalty shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless she failed to retire after causing injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the Race.
- 14.9 A boat may only accept one time penalty under SI 14.1 during the Race. After a second infringement, a boat shall either retire or protest and, in so doing, shall make clear her intention to the other boat involved.
- 14.10 Any boat that takes a time penalty under SI 14.1 or 14.2 shall not be eligible for any 'Line Honours' prizes.
- 14.11 A boat shall not be scored as having finished outside the time limit solely by the application of a time penalty.

## 15 PROTESTS

- 15.1 RRS 61.1(a) is changed by adding the following: "The protesting boat shall additionally, as soon as reasonably possible following the incident, but not before 0715, inform the Race Committee by VHF Radio on Channel 22 (Call sign "Island Link"), or by other means, such as mobile telephone to 01983 296621 or 01983 248004, of her intention to lodge a protest. Competitors involved in incidents on or near the finishing line should ensure that notification of their intention to protest is made promptly in order that the boat being protested can be informed as soon as possible."
- 15.2 A protest shall be written on an official ISC form and shall be lodged at Cowes Combined Clubs (CCC), Regatta House, Bath Road, Cowes within 2 hours of her finish or by 2300 on the day of the Race, whichever is the earlier. The Protest Committee may exceptionally extend this time limit. This changes RRS 61.3.

- 15.3 RRS 66 is changed in that a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 2 hours after being informed of the decision, or by 2300 on the day of the Race, whichever is the earlier.
- 15.4 Protest hearings will take place at Cowes Combined Clubs (CCC), Regatta House, Bath Road, Cowes on the day of the Race unless the Protest Committee exceptionally adjourns the hearing. This changes RRS 63.
- 15.5 The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Channel 22, from 0800 onwards, a list of boats which have notified their intention to lodge a protest and of protested boats (see SI 15.1). The name and/or sail number of the boats involved will be broadcast on two separate occasions at hourly intervals as soon as possible after each notification has been received by the Race Committee. It is also intended that boats being protested will be informed by Text Message on their pre-registered Race Mobile Phone. Boats whose names or sail numbers are broadcast must declare at Cowes Combined Clubs (CCC), Regatta House, Bath Road, Cowes in accordance with SI 16.4. Failure of the Race Committee to transmit all or some of this information shall not be grounds for redress or reopening the hearing should the Protest Committee proceed with a hearing under RRS 63.3(b).
- 15.6 The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Channel 22 at 0800 and 0900 a list of boats disqualified in accordance with SI 2.3. Infringements seen during the Race, or at the finish, may not be broadcast. Boats whose names or sail numbers are broadcast should declare at Cowes Combined Clubs (CCC), Regatta House, Bath Road, Cowes in accordance with SI 16.4.
- 15.7 In the event of a postponement, the times of broadcasts made in accordance with SIs 10.1.4, 15.5 and 15.6 may be altered by the Race Committee, and the revised schedule will be notified to competitors on VHF Channel 22. Failure of the Race Committee to transmit all or some of this information shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.8 The pre-registered Race Mobile Phone number may be used by the Protest Committee to inform boats of protests that have been lodged against them and times for protest hearings. Competitors should therefore continue to check their Race Mobile Phones for messages for several hours after finishing.

## 16 DECLARATIONS

- 16.1 Every boat must declare her finishing time by Text Message, in the correct format (see Figure 1), which must be sent from the pre-registered Race Mobile Phone within 30 minutes of her finishing time. Boats that are unable to use their registered phone on Race day should go to one of the information points at either the Island Sailing Club or East Cowes Marina in order to lodge a paper Declaration Form ashore.
- 16.2 Except in exceptional circumstances, boats that fail to submit a valid declaration in accordance with SI 16.1 will not be given a finishing position.
- a) Notwithstanding SI 16.1, any boat which has been involved in an incident that may have resulted in contact with another boat, or has used its engine in accordance with SI



## FIGURE 1 : TEXT DECLARATION INSTRUCTIONS

A complete set of instructions regarding SMS text declarations can be downloaded from the race website (<http://rtir.me/declarations>). Here are the essentials:

1. Within 30 minutes of finishing, reply to your welcome message or send a new message to **07860 020 132**.
2. If you finish the race correctly send your finish time, the boat ahead and the boat astern in this format :  
**1624 GBR1234T K987**
3. If you retire from the race, send: **RETIRED**
4. If you do not start the race, send: **DNS**
5. Wait for a response confirming that your declaration has been received.
6. If you have not received a response within 10 minutes, your declaration has not been received! You must either send your declaration again or call **01983 296621** to report your declaration problem.

3.6, or has accepted a time penalty in accordance with SI 14 or has been informed of a protest under RRS 61.1 or is likely to be a party to a protest, should not declare by Text Message, or ashore, but go directly to Cowes Combined Clubs (CCC), Regatta House, Bath Road, Cowes. (see SIs 3.6, 14.3, 15.5 and 15.6.) It is intended that these boats will be reminded of the need to go to the CCC by Text Message.

## 17 SCORING

### 17.1 Corrected Time

In sequence from the shortest time after the elapsed time has been multiplied by the relevant time correction factor.

### 17.2 Elapsed Time

For one-design classes, times will be shown in chronological sequence from the shortest recorded time.

17.3 Boats whose sail numbers are not identified will be timed on the basis of their declaration.

## 18 RESULTS

The provisional results of the corrected or elapsed times will be posted on the display board system in the lower marquee of the Island Sailing Club and on electronic results boards as soon as possible. The final results will ONLY be published on the Round the Island Race website [www.roundtheisland.org.uk](http://www.roundtheisland.org.uk)

## 19 RECORDS

The Race Committee will ratify separate race records for multihull and monohull boats, based on elapsed time. The current records stand at 2h 23m 23s (multihull) and 3h 43m 5s (monohull).

## 20 PRIZES

The trophies and prizes for 1st in each class and/or division will be presented at the Island Sailing Club on Sunday 2nd July 2017 at 1200 noon (see Table 2 on page 11). Second prizes in each division may be collected from the Race Office. Other prizes, where applicable, may be collected from the Race Office.

Prizewinners are requested to inform the Island Sailing Club office by 1100 on Sunday 2nd July if they, or their representatives, will be attending the Prize Giving (tel: 01983 296621).

## 21 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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;"

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) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 sterling against third party claims.

## 22 RYA CHARTER

Competitors should note that Island Sailing Club events implement the RYA Racing Charter and that competitors are required to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020) or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter) (see NoR 17).

**TABLE 1 : CLASSES, FLAGS and START TIMES**

Fleet Start Order	Fleet Flag	Class	Class ID Flag (provided by entrant)	Cancellation Flag	Warning Signal	'P' Flag	1 Minute Remove 'P'	Start Time
1	No Fleet Flag	Open 60	 T	 IC7	0520	0525	0529	0530
		IRC Group 0 (1.110 and above)	 H	 IC7				
		Class 40	 Class Flag	 IC7				
		Clipper Yachts (Clipper 68 and Clipper 70 Class Yachts)	 Class Flag	 IC7				
2	Day-Glo Orange	Multihulls Grand Prix and MOCRA Racing (LOA 9.15m and over)	None	 IC5	0530	0535	0539	0540
		Multihulls Grand Prix and MOCRA Racing (LOA under 9.15m)	 M	 IC1				
		Multihulls Bridgedeck Catamaran Cruiser (LOA 9.15m and over)	 NN8	 IC2				
		Multihulls Bridgedeck Catamaran Cruiser (LOA under 9.15m)	 NN1	 IC1				
		Gaffers Division 1 - LWL of 28ft and above	 NN4	 IC5				
		Gaffers Division 2 - LWL of 23ft and above but below 28ft	 R	 IC3				
Gaffers Division 3 - LWL of less than 23ft	 NN9	 IC1						
3	Pink	Sportsboat	 NN5	 IC1	0540	0545	0549	0550
		J/70	 NN7	 IC1				
		Sunsail Match First 40	 Class Flag	 IC6				
4	Green	IRC Group 1 (1.032 to 1.109)	None	 IC7	0550	0555	0559	0600
5	Black	ISC Rating System Group 4 (1.013 and above)	None	 IC7	0600	0605	0609	0610
6	Blue	IRC Group 2 (0.971 to 1.031)	None	 IC6	0610	0615	0619	0620
		J/80	 NN0	 IC4				
		J/88	 NN6	 IC4				
7	Silver Grey	IRC Group 3 (0.970 and below)	None	 IC5	0620	0625	0629	0630
8	Turquoise	ISC Rating System Group 5 (0.992 to 1.012)	None	 IC6	0630	0635	0639	0640
		Nicholson 32	 NN3	 IC5				
9	White	ISC Rating System Group 6 (0.975 to 0.991)	None	 IC5	0640	0645	0649	0650
		Classic Racing Yachts racing under ISCRS (LOA 9.6m and over)	 K	 IC2				
		Classic Racing Yachts racing under ISCRS (LOA under 9.6m)	 J	 IC3				
		Modern Classic Racing Yachts racing under IRC (LOA of 30ft and over)	 L	 IC3				
10	Day-Glo Green	ISC Rating System Group 7 (0.931 to 0.974)	None	 IC4	0650	0655	0659	0700
		Folkboat	 NN2	 IC4				
11	Purple	ISC Rating System Group 8 (0.930 and below)	None	 IC3	0700	0705	0709	0710

IC = International Code NN = Naval Numeral



## RAYMARINE WEATHER BRIEFING



Raymarine is proud to maintain strong ties to this iconic race as technical partner for the 2017 Round the Island Race in association with Cloudy Bay. All competitors are invited to the Island Sailing Club at 18:00 on Friday 30th June, for the live Raymarine Weather Briefing. Presented by Simon Rowell, the meteorologist to the British Sailing Team, Simon will share his tactical advice, providing you with the latest weather and tidal information, vital for the race. Can't make it to the ISC? Sign up at [www.raymarine.co.uk/rtir-weather](http://www.raymarine.co.uk/rtir-weather) for useful articles, all weather reports as well as a reminder to watch the Raymarine Weather Briefing streamed live to you.

For 2017, Raymarine will be showing the new Axiom Multifunction Displays with Lighthouse III at the event. A powerful new multifunction navigation system from Raymarine, with built-in RealVision 3D™ sonar, the all new LightHouse 3 operating system, and blazing fast quad core performance, AXIOM will transform your time on the water. Compatible with the New FLIR Advanced FLIR M132 and M232 thermal cameras boaters can now experience the exclusive ClearCruise™ intelligent thermal analytics. ClearCruise™ delivers a superior level of awareness and safety by visually and audibly alerting the operator when “non-water” objects such as boats, obstacles, or navigation markers are identified in the scene. For more go to : [www.raymarine.co.uk/axiom](http://www.raymarine.co.uk/axiom)



## THE ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY

Whilst we employ a professional marine photographer, Paul Wyeth ([www.pwpictures.com](http://www.pwpictures.com)), to capture all aspects of the race, participants and spectators are encouraged to record their own unique experiences too.

Our online photo gallery allows anyone to share their pictures of the race with fellow competitors and sailing fans around the world. Last year thousands of images were uploaded to the gallery by people taking part, and many wonderful shots were featured on our gallery home page.

If you'd like to share your pictures of the 2017 race, you'll just need to select your favourite images and visit the official website to upload them to the gallery. Once they've been approved by the ISC, your pictures will be available for everyone to see - and because each image will be tagged with the name of the boat featured, you'll also be able to see who has captured pictures of your own race around the Island. Don't forget your cameras on race day!



photo : Annick Debuyscher

## LIVE STREAMING OF THE EVENT

The Round the Island Race in Association with Cloudy Bay will once again include live streaming of the race to a worldwide audience via RTI TV.

A dedicated outside-broadcast production unit will provide live, commentated coverage of the starts and early finishes on race day. This live coverage will be broadcast on EventTV in Cowes and on the event website for viewers around the world to watch.

The live show will feature pre-race interviews with key competitors and race officials, full coverage of each of the 11 starts (from 0530), action from key parts of the racetrack, audio interviews with leading competitors during the race and live coverage of the first winning boats, along with fleet tracking graphics, key results, weather updates and other features. Two commentators will anchor the show and keep viewers updated with the latest race progress information and news from the race.

## WATER TAXIS

### Cowes Water Taxis

Channel 06 Tel 07551 431993  
Runs between East and West Cowes and moorings

### Folly Waterbus

Channel 77 Tel 07974864627  
Runs between Island Harbour, The Folly Inn and Cowes

### Folly Launch

Channel 72 Tel 07884 400046  
Runs between The Folly visitors pontoon and The Folly Inn

### ISC Launch

Channel 37A (M)  
Runs between the moorings east of the Club and the ISC pontoon. This service will run from 0400 - 2200 on race day and is free.

## RED JET CROSSINGS

### SATURDAY 1ST JULY

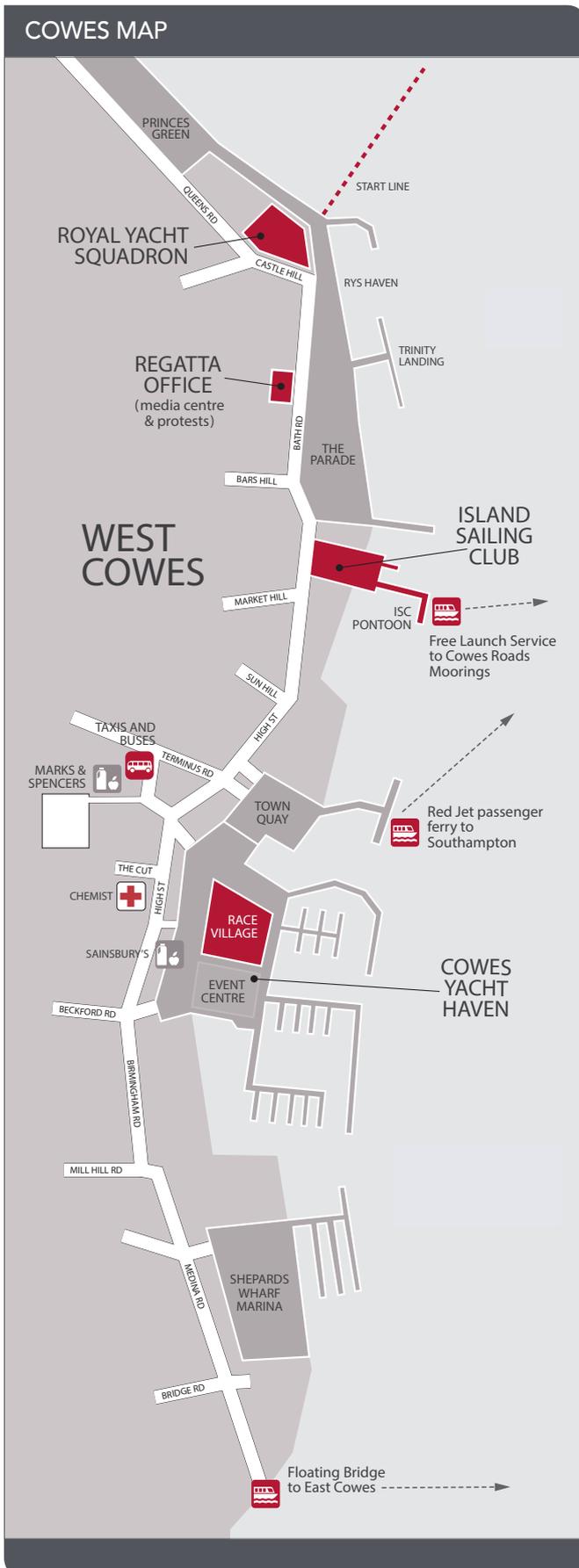
#### Southampton to Cowes (departures)

0615, 0715, 0815  
then every 30 mins (15 & 45 mins past the hour) until 1845  
then hourly (45 mins past the hour) until 2345

#### Cowes to Southampton (departures)

0645, 0745, 0845  
then every 30 mins (15 & 45 mins past the hour) until 1915  
then hourly (15 mins past the hour) until 2315

Crossing time is approximately 23 minutes



## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY

1000 - 0000	ISC bar open
1600 - 0030	Race Village and bars open
1800 - 1900	<b>Raymarine Weather Briefing</b> (at the Island Sailing Club)
1800 - 1900	DJ set
1900 - 2100	<b>Lazer Hearts</b> Contemporary chart-topping gold dust
2100 - 2130	DJ set
2130 - 2330	<b>The Outfit</b> Top musicianship with a party vibe - Jazz to Rock, Funk to Rap
2330 - 0000	DJ set

### SATURDAY

1000 - 0000	ISC bar open
1000 - 0030	Race Village and bars open
1100 - 1800	<b>Busking on the High Street</b> An eclectic company of musicians will be entertaining the crowds along the High Street at the following locations: outside PHG (at the bottom of Market Hill), along The Cut, by the Wishing Well on Shooters Hill and on The Parade by the Compass Rose
1600 - 1800	<b>Highway One</b> Acoustic duo to chill out to on a summer's afternoon
1830 - 1900	DJ set
1900 - 2100	<b>The Rockafellahs</b> High energy Rock and Pop
2100 - 2130	DJ set
2130 - 2330	<b>Blonde Bombshell</b> Dance classics from across the decades
2330 - 0030	DJ set

### SUNDAY

1000 - 1600	ISC bar open
1200 - 1300	<b>Prize Giving</b> (at the Island Sailing Club)

The above events will take place in the Race Village unless otherwise stated

## CLOUDY BAY



At the heart of the Round the Island Race event village in Cowes Yacht Haven, competitors and spectators will have the opportunity to relax and unwind at the Cloudy Bay Yacht Bar.

Soak up the atmosphere of the race whilst experiencing a selection of our finest Cloudy Bay wines, including the renowned Sauvignon Blanc and the intriguing and seductive Pinot Noir served with delicious food pairings.



Whether celebrating your day's achievement, or looking for the perfect place to relax ashore, come and join the crew at the Cloudy Bay Yacht Bar and enjoy the live entertainment on the main stage, against the fantastic back drop of the race yachts in the marina. #comesailaway.

We are open Friday 30th June from 11am – midnight & Saturday 1st July 11am – midnight.

## OFFICIAL RACE CHARITY



Support the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust, the official race charity, and help young people aged between 8-24 regain their confidence on their way to recovery from cancer and leukaemia.



Visit the Trust stand in the Race Village and get involved in fun activities and learn more about the support provided to young people in recovery from cancer. Currently for every young person the Trust supports, there are nine we can't. Yet. Learn how your generosity can help change that 'yet' and ensure more young people across the country have access to the Trust's life changing sailing trips and long term support as a way to help rebuild their lives after the devastation of illness.

To find out more head over to [www.ellenmacarthurcancertrust.org](http://www.ellenmacarthurcancertrust.org).

## CHELSEA MAGAZINES



Chelsea Magazines, publishers of leading sailing magazines Classic Boat, Sailing Today and Yachts & Yachting, are proud to be the Official Media Partner of the Round the Island Race. Competitors are invited to pick up a complimentary copy of the latest issue of their favourite sailing magazine from various distribution points including the Island Sailing Club and Yacht Haven and take advantage of our special Round the Island Race subscription offer. For our latest race news, please visit [www.yachtsandyachting.co.uk](http://www.yachtsandyachting.co.uk), see us on [Facebook.com/sailingmagazine](https://www.facebook.com/sailingmagazine) and follow us on Twitter @YandYMagazine. To get our special subscription offer please visit [www.chelseamagazines.com/RTI7](http://www.chelseamagazines.com/RTI7).

## HELLY HANSEN



Helly Hansen has been making professional grade gear to help people stay and feel alive for almost 140 years. Helly Hansen sailing gear is worn by world-class sailors across all five oceans, and we're proud to partner with Round the Island Race as the Official Race Clothing Partner. On the Helly Hansen stand, within the race village, we shall have the official Helly Hansen Round the Island Race merchandise collection.



Visitors to our stand will also be able to "Feel Alive" and experience the exhilaration of being on board one of the UK's fastest racing boats, Concise 10 with Team Concise. Using 360-degree filmed reality, Samsung's VR headsets and Samsung S7 smartphone, visitors can join Helly Hansen ambassador, Ned Collier-Wakefield, Team Concise's Skipper, to truly experience the rush of racing at up to 40 knots in the Solent. We look forward to welcoming you to our stand.

## MS AMLIN



One of the UK's leading providers of boat insurance, MS Amlin are proud to be a partner for this year's race. They can arrange cover for the full spectrum of marine craft, from a much loved family dinghy, day boats, racing yachts, RIBs, all manner of cruising and motor boats, to brand new multi-million pound super yachts. Based in the UK, they also look after clients in the Mediterranean, Caribbean and even further afield in places like the Southern Pacific and Indian Ocean.

Visit [boatsure.co.uk](http://boatsure.co.uk) to enter their "What's in a Name" competition to win tickets to this year's Southampton Boat Show. And remember, all MS Amlin policyholders can have their cover extended free of charge if they are taking part in the race.



Our SMS declaration service has become a firm favourite among regular competitors and is now the required way to make your declaration. Whether you're new to the race or just need a reminder on what to do, this document tells you everything you need to know...

## DECLARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Within 30 minutes of finishing you should make a declaration by texting this number (new for 2017):

**07860 020 132**

If you finish the race correctly you need to send a text message containing your finish time (in 24hr format) and the sail numbers of the boat ahead and the boat astern as you crossed the line.

Don't use any punctuation, just put a space between each bit of information like this:

**1624 GBR1234T K987**

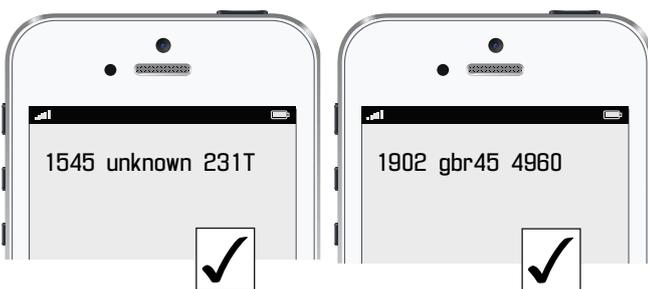
If you can't identify a boat ahead or astern type **UNKNOWN** instead of the sail number.

If you retire from the race, simply text **RETIRED**

If you do not start the race, just text **DNS**

You should wait for a response confirming that your declaration has been received. If this does not happen within 10 minutes you should resend your message or call **01983 296 621** to report your problem.

Here are some examples of correct declarations...



and some incorrect ones...



## MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE IS REGISTERED

You can only send us your declaration from your registered race mobile phone. If you need to change this number, you must either visit the Update Your Entry page on the official website or call the Island Sailing Club on **01983 296 621** well before the race.

If we don't have the correct number for the mobile you are using, you will not be able to declare.

## IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE A TEXT DECLARATION

If you are unable to make a text declaration using your phone, you **must contact us** and make your declaration verbally within two hours of finishing.

You can do so in person at the Island Sailing Club in West Cowes or at the Race information point in the car park at East Cowes Marina. If you are not coming ashore, you may also call the Island Sailing Club on **01983 296 621**.

Please note that if you are involved in a protest or are accepting an alternative penalty under SI 14 you must go straight to Cowes Combined Clubs, Regatta House (see the Sailing Instructions for details). If you don't, you may not get a result!

## TANKARDS

We've asked everyone who wants one to pre-order their tankard this year so that we can send the items to you by post directly from the production facility. This simplifies our post-race admin and means you won't need (or be able) to collect your tankard in person in Cowes.

## TRY IT OUT

The system is available for you to try out now. Simply text us a test declaration on **07860 020 132** and wait for a reply to confirm that we received and understood your message.

You'll be sure that your phone is registered correctly with us and you'll have the number in your phone ready for race day.

# A GUIDE TO TRACKING

Our popular GPS tracking facility will be in action again this year. If you or your crew have an Android device or iPhone, you'll be able to track your race around the Island. Family and friends will be able to keep up-to-date with your progress and you'll have the opportunity to replay the race after you've finished to see where you gained (or lost) time on your rivals!

## DOWNLOAD & REGISTER

To get started, you'll need to load our free tracking app to your mobile device.

For **iPhone** users, just open the App Store on your phone and find and install the **ngTrack** app.

If you're an **Android** user, you'll find the **ngTrack** app on the Google Play store.

**For detailed instructions specific to your device go to [rtir.me/track](http://rtir.me/track)**

Once you've downloaded the app to your device, you'll need your unique registration code to get up and running. If you're the entrant and you haven't already received your code by email, you can access it on the 'Update Your Entry' page of the official Round the Island Race website. If you're a crew member, just ask the person who made the entry to send it to you.

Then it's simply a matter of entering the registration code and confirming the name of the boat you are racing on. Once this is done you'll be able to run some tests to make sure the tracking is working correctly.

## TRY IT OUT

Make sure you test the app before the race to avoid any surprises on race day!

We suggest you start the app before you go for a walk or a drive. When you get home, go to the Race Player page of the official Round the Island Race website at **[rtir.me/livetracking](http://rtir.me/livetracking)** and load up the Race Player.

Click the "Add Tracked Boat" button, enter your boat name and a little yacht will appear on the map, tracing the journey you have just made (which will look a little strange if you're in the middle of Manchester!) Note that the app will only be logging your position every 5 minutes, so your route won't be mapped in exact detail.

If you can, try out the app on your boat as well. You need to make sure that the phone is on deck at all times and can "see" the satellites in the sky, otherwise the tracking won't work. Putting your phone in a waterproof pocket in your sailing gear will probably produce the best results but it's worth experimenting to establish where on the boat it is most reliably getting a fix from the GPS system.

## TRACKING ON RACE DAY

The tracking system is fairly power hungry and for this reason we recommend that you don't try to use your phone for anything except sending tracking data, at least for the duration of the race.

Providing you charge your phone the night before, you should have plenty of power to track your course around the Island and make a few short phone calls, but don't expect to get a full day's extended use out of your device.

Ideally, use a different phone for all your normal communications and register that phone as your 'race mobile' for making your declaration at the end of the race (see overleaf).

The more tracking devices you have on board, the more accurate the track will be, so encourage other crew members to register. You'll also have some backup in case someone forgets to charge their phone before they set off from home!

## VIEWING

On the day of the Race, family and friends will be able to see how you're getting on using the Race Player on the official Website at **[rtir.me/livetracking](http://rtir.me/livetracking)**

They can watch the full race as it unfolds using the 'View Entire Fleet' mode, whilst simultaneously following the very popular race blog, which provides live commentary of what's happening out on the water.

The 'Add Tracked Boat' feature also allows ten individual boats to be highlighted as they progress around the 50 nautical mile course.

Tracking will commence from the first start time of 0530 right through to the finish at 2200.

Replay and pause facilities will also be available for those interested in comparing detailed performances.



## A LAYMAN'S GUIDE TO THE RACING RULES

This guide is not a substitute for the Racing Rules, but aims at explaining your rights and obligations in certain situations and covers the acceptance of penalties and lodging of protests for this event.

By entering the Round the Island Race, which is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, you agreed to some basic principles and fundamental rules:

- you agreed to compete in compliance with recognised principles of sportsmanship and fair play
- you agreed that when you break a rule you would promptly take a penalty, which, if you cause serious damage or injury, may be to retire.
- you agreed to accept the penalties imposed by a protest committee and any other action taken under the rules. The rules in this context also include those in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- you agreed to give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger. This means that you must stop to help in, for instance, a man overboard situation. You should stand by until the person is either back on his boat or if necessary recover them onto your own boat. Make a note of the length of time that you were forced to stop racing, and when you have finished go to the protest desk at the CCC Regatta Centre and fill in a Request for Redress form. The Protest Chairman will ask you some questions and, if they agree, you will have the time you spent assisting deducted from your elapsed time.
- you agreed to avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible. It is important to remember that this applies to the right-of-way boat as well as the give-way one.

The Racing Rules are re-issued every 4 years and the new 2017 - 2020 edition (with a few changes) came into force in January 2017. The Rule Book is a daunting read for many people but everyone taking part in the Race should have, at least, read the rules of Part 2 (When Boats Meet). The Rules of Part 2 apply between you and any other boat in the Race. If you meet a boat that is not racing in the Round the Island Race but is obviously racing in another race, they also apply.

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If you meet a boat that is just cruising then the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (the Col Regs.) apply - you do not have any rights over them because you are racing. Please be aware that you are likely to meet several boats that are not racing as you go round and, quite apart from your obligations under the rules, you should accord them every courtesy. We all have equal rights of enjoyment on the water and we expect you, as a competitor, to respect these rights.

One of the more difficult aspects of the Race for competitors to come to terms with is the huge diversity of sizes and design types of boats entered. The majority are monohull racing or cruising yachts, of differing sizes, but with similar angles of sail, however, you must also be prepared to meet multihulls and sportsboats which sail at different angles, particularly those with asymmetric spinnakers, and some Classics and Old Gaffers which do not manoeuvre as easily. This means that if you are not sure of exactly how a boat is able to respond you should be very careful when changing course or acquiring right-of-way and make sure that the "room" you give them is adequate in all conditions. "Room - the space a boat needs in the existing conditions, including to comply with her obligations under the rules of Part 2 and 31, while manoeuvring promptly in a seamanlike way."

### Rule 10 On Opposite Tacks (Port and Starboard rule)

"When boats are on opposite tacks, a port-tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard-tack boat." The obligations of the port-tack (give-way) boat are clear but the starboard-tack (right-of-way) boat also has some obligations. In a cross tacking situation you are expected to hold your course, keep a good lookout, and to take avoiding action if it becomes clear that the other boat is not keeping clear. A hail of "starboard" is not required but is helpful. The port-tack boat must remember that, even if she thinks there will not be a collision, but the starboard-tack boat has doubt, changes her course and protests, the starboard-tack boat will very likely win her protest. A port-tack boat in this situation might well be wise to take her yellow flag time penalty.

### Rule 11 On the Same Tack, Overlapped (Windward/Leeward rule)]

"When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat." Here the windward boat is the give-way boat and has to keep clear. However, the leeward boat, although she is the right of way boat, cannot change her course without giving the windward boat room to keep clear - so be careful when luffing and watch spinnakers when sailing downwind.

## Rule 12 On the Same Tack, Not Overlapped (Clear ahead, Clear astern rule)

“When boats are on the same tack and not overlapped, a boat clear astern shall keep clear of a boat clear ahead.” If you are the boat that is clear astern you are the give-way boat and should not sail so close that you might run into the boat clear ahead if she happens to be “stopped” by a wave. Note the words “on the same tack”. If the boats are on opposite tacks, the Port and Starboard rule applies, NOT this one.

## Rule 20 Room to Tack at an Obstruction

There are several areas of the course (such as Cowes Green and Ryde Sands) where the shoreline, and lack of water depth, becomes a continuing obstruction for boats racing and our competitor feedback tells us that not all of you understand how you should respond when another boat asks for room to tack. When boats are on the same tack on a beat and come to such an obstruction the leeward boat gets to decide which way they are going to pass it. If the leeward boat hails for “Room to Tack” the other boat must give it to her but the leeward boat must give the other boat time to respond before she tacks. If the other boat believes that the call is unjust she cannot just ignore the hail but may reply “You tack” and then give room for the leeward boat to tack and avoid her.

## Going Aground and Outside Assistance

If you are unfortunate enough to go aground, perhaps on Ryde Sands, which is a trap for many, then there are some rules you should be aware of. You may get clear by using force from your own crew and any equipment other than a propulsion engine, and then continue racing (rule 42.3 (h)). If, however, you accept a tow from another vessel then this becomes accepting outside help (rule 41) and you must retire. If you use your engine to get clear then this breaks rule 42 and you must retire.

## Penalties

Penalty turns do not apply in this event. Make sure you have a yellow penalty flag on board. If you have an incident involving the rules of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) and believe you may have been at fault then, provided you have not caused serious damage or injury, it is wise to take your alternative penalty. This entails displaying your yellow flag straight away, which tells the boat, and others in the Race, that you have infringed and are accepting a penalty (an addition of 2% of your elapsed time) and that they do not need to protest you. Then you must inform the Race Committee as soon as possible (but not before 0715), and go to the CCC Regatta Centre to fill in a special form which must be within two hours of your finishing time. If you believed you were in the right when you were on the water but later decided that you had been at fault then you can still take a slightly higher penalty (5%) ashore after the Race and get a finishing position. If you take neither penalty and find yourself the subject of a protest then, if you were at fault, you will be disqualified from the Race.

If you touch a mark (rule 31) during the Race you should follow the yellow flag instructions above.

## Protests

No one likes having to protest but it is important not to allow those who disregard the rules to get away with it.

Make sure you have a red protest flag on board. If you have an incident and believe you are in the right then you must do three things. You must immediately both display your protest flag and hail the word “protest”. The protest committee will almost certainly rule your protest invalid if you have to take time to go below to get the flag out of a locker - so have it handy and show it quickly. Then you must inform the Race Committee as soon as possible (but not before 0715) that you intend to lodge a protest. They will broadcast this information by VHF radio so that the other boat knows she is being protested (see Sailing Instructions for transmission times). After the Race, if you intend to go ahead with lodging the protest, you will need to go to the CCC Regatta Centre where you will be guided through the procedure and given a time for the hearing. The written protest must be lodged at the Regatta Centre within two hours of your finishing time.

Enjoy your Race - Please sail safely and responsibly and obey the Racing Rules of Sailing