

THE COURSE

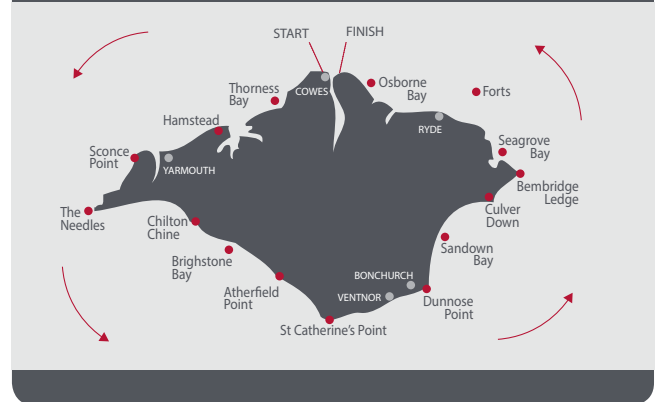
The Round the Island Race course really couldn't really be much simpler!

The boats cross the start line at Cowes in eleven separate groups, starting every 10 minutes from 0530 until 0710 and heading in a westerly direction towards Yarmouth.

The boats pass round the Needles Lighthouse, along the south-west coast of the Island to St. Catherine's Point and then up across Sandown Bay to round the Bembridge Ledge Buoy.

The fleet then makes its way either side of No Man's Land Fort and across Osborne Bay to the finish line back at Cowes.

THE COURSE MAP



DISTANCES AND VANTAGE POINTS

WAY POINT	LOCATION	DISTANCE (NM)	CUMULATIVE DISTANCE (NM)
1	START	0	0
2	HURST	10	10
3	NEEDLES	3.3	13.3
4	ST CATHERINES	12.8	26.1
5	DUNNOSE	5.3	31.4
6	BEMBRIDGE LEDGE BUOY	7.1	38.5
7	FORTS	3.9	42.4
8	FINISH	7.7	50.1

ISLAND VANTAGE POINTS	APPROX. TIMES YACHTS WILL PASS AND HOW TO GET THERE	
COWES Start	0530 - 0710	Via Ward Ave., Baring Road & Castle Hill to the Parade and the Green either side of the Royal Yacht Squadron.
SCONCE POINT	0700 - 0930	From Yarmouth, drive towards Freshwater. Turn right after 1/2 mile and follow signs to Fort Victoria.
THE NEEDLES	0730 - 1000	From Freshwater or Totland follow signs to the Needles Car Park. Park and walk up West High Down to Needles Battery. Best view to south of Coast Guard Station.
CHILTON CHINE	0815 - 1130	From Freshwater or Totland follow signs to the Needles Car Park. Park and walk up West High Down to Needles Battery. Best view to south of Coast Guard Station.
ST. CATHERINE'S POINT	0900 - 1300	From Freshwater, Rookley or Ventnor go to Niton. Take loop road to Buddle Inn. Park and walk down cliffs by lighthouse.
VENTNOR	0915 - 1330	Park on Cliff at West End of Esplanade.
BONCHURCH	0930 - 1400	Take lane down to sea opposite Bonchurch pond. Take left turn and park in car park at bottom, which is the best view.
CULVER DOWN	1000 - 1530	From Brading, take Bembridge road. After 1 mile, turn right and follow sign for Culver (on a bend, and lane hairpins up!)
RYDE PIER	1100 - 1700	From Ryde Esplanade, drive up pier and park at end. Parking for 1 hour.
COWES Finish	0930 - 2200	Via Ward Ave., Baring Road & Castle Hill to the Parade and the Green either side of the Royal Yacht Squadron.

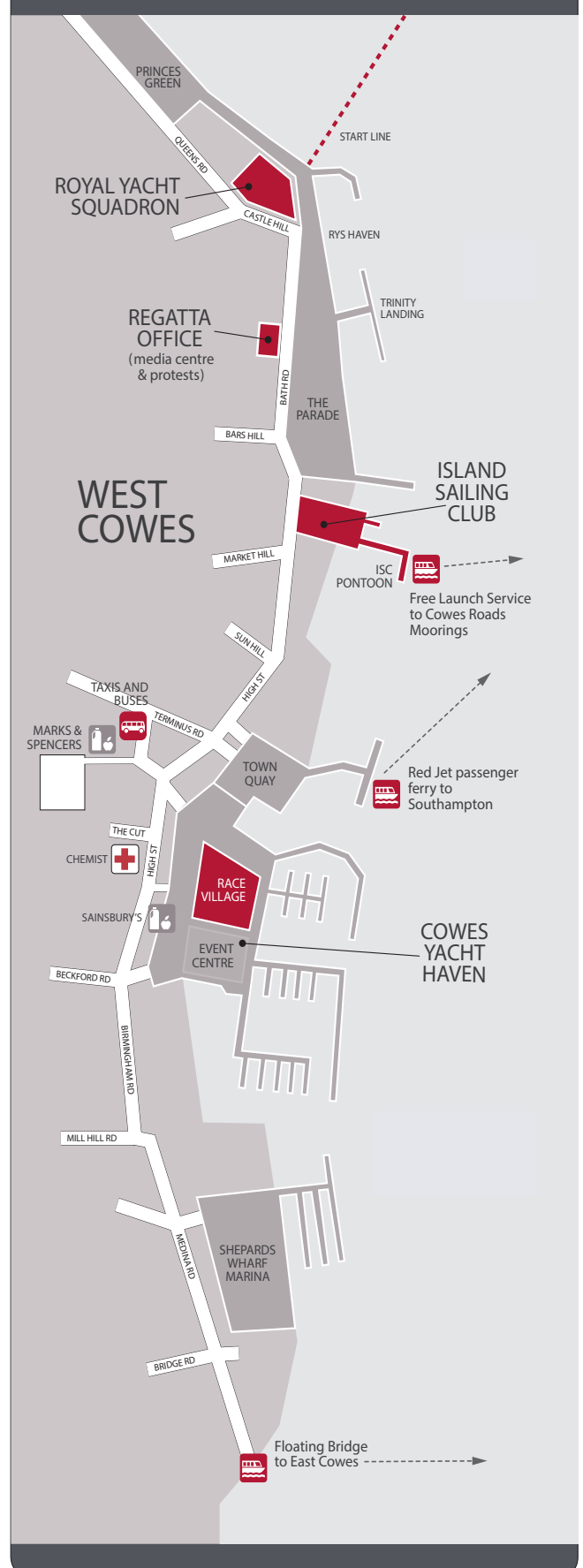
MAINLAND VANTAGE POINTS	APPROX. TIMES YACHTS WILL PASS AND HOW TO GET THERE	
HURST POINT	0700 - 1000	From Lymington drive to Milford on Sea, take road to Keyhaven, but turn right towards Hurst beach after half a mile. Park at end and walk up Hurst Spit to Hurst Castle.
GILKICKER POINT	1100 - 1700	From Gosport drive through Alverstoke towards golf course. Take road through golf course to Gilkicker Point and Fort.



START TIMES

FLEET FLAG	CLASS	START TIME
No Fleet Flag	Open 60	0530
	IRC Group 0 (1.110 and above)	
	Class 40	
	Clipper Yachts (Clipper 68 and Clipper 70 Class Yachts)	
Day-Glo Orange	Multihulls Grand Prix and MOCRA Racing (LOA 9.15m and over)	0540
	Multihulls Grand Prix and MOCRA Racing (LOA under 9.15m)	
	Multihulls Bridgedeck Catamaran Cruiser (LOA 9.15m and over)	
	Multihulls Bridgedeck Catamaran Cruiser (LOA under 9.15m)	
	Gaffers Division 1 - LWL of 28ft and above	
	Gaffers Division 2 - LWL of 23ft and above but below 28ft	
Pink	Gaffers Division 3 - LWL of less than 23ft	0550
	Sportsboat	
	J/70	
Green	Sunsail Match First 40	0600
	IRC Group 1 (1.032 to 1.109)	
Black	ISC Rating System Group 4 (1.013 and above)	0610
	IRC Group 2 (0.971 to 1.031)	
Blue	J/80	0620
	J/88	
	IRC Group 3 (0.970 and below)	
Silver Grey	ISC Rating System Group 5 (0.992 to 1.012)	0630
Turquoise	Nicholson 32	0640
	ISC Rating System Group 6 (0.975 to 0.991)	
	Classic Racing Yachts racing under ISCRS (LOA 9.6m and over)	
	Classic Racing Yachts racing under ISCRS (LOA under 9.6m)	
White	Modern Classic Racing Yachts racing under IRC (LOA of 30ft and over)	0650
	ISC Rating System Group 7 (0.931 to 0.974)	
	Folkboat	
Day-Glo Green	ISC Rating System Group 8 (0.930 and below)	0700
Purple		0710

COWES MAP



ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

1000 - 0000	ISC bar open
1600 - 0030	Race Village and bars open
1800 - 1900	Raymarine Weather Briefing (at the Island Sailing Club)
1800 - 1900	DJ set
1900 - 2100	Lazer Hearts Contemporary chart-topping gold dust
2100 - 2130	DJ set
2130 - 2330	The Outfit 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	Busking on the High Street 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	Highway One Acoustic duo to chill out to on a summer's afternoon
1830 - 1900	DJ set
1900 - 2100	The Rockafellahs High energy Rock and Pop
2100 - 2130	DJ set
2130 - 2330	Blonde Bombshell Dance classics from across the decades
2330 - 0030	DJ set

SUNDAY

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

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

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

THE ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY

Whilst we employ a professional marine photographer, Paul Wyeth (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!

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 RTITV.

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.