

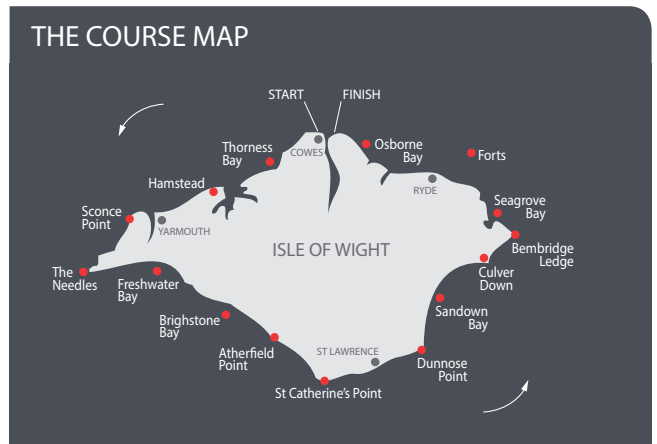
THE COURSE

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.



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	0630 - 0810	Via Ward Ave., Baring Road & Castle Hill to the Parade and the Green either side of the Royal Yacht Squadron.
SCONCE POINT	0800 - 1030	From Yarmouth, drive towards Freshwater. Turn right after 1/2 mile and follow signs to Fort Victoria.
THE NEEDLES	0830 - 1100	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	0915 - 1230	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	1000 - 1400	From Freshwater, Rookley or Ventnor go to Niton. Take loop road to Buddle Inn. Park and walk down cliffs by lighthouse.
VENTNOR	1015 - 1430	Park on Cliff at West End of Esplanade.
BONCHURCH	1030 - 1500	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	1100 - 1630	From Brading, take Bembridge road. After 1 mile, turn right and follow sign for Culver (on a bend, and lane hairpins up!)
RYDE PIER	1200 - 1800	From Ryde Esplanade, drive up pier and park at end. Parking for 1 hour.
COWES Finish	1030 - 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

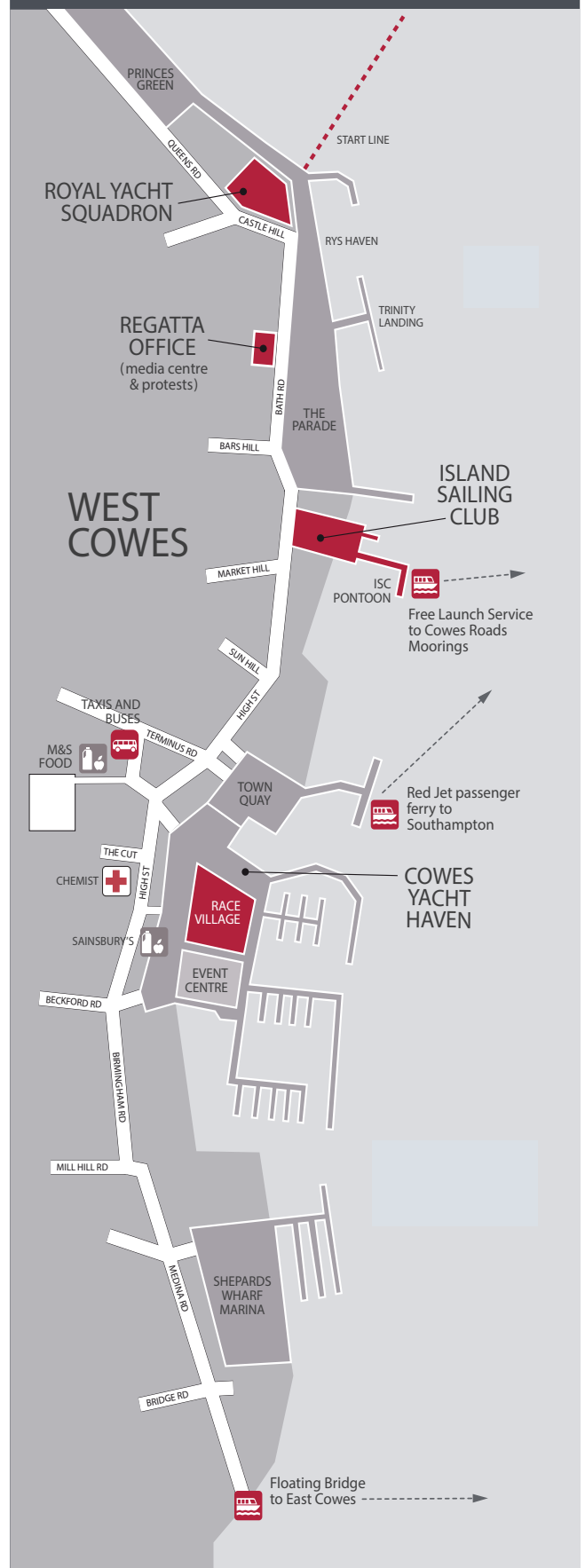
HURST POINT	0800 - 1100	From Lymington drive to Milford on Sea, take road to Keyhaven, but turn right towards Hurst beach after half a mile. Park at end and walk up Hurst Spit to Hurst Castle.
GILKICKER POINT	1200 - 1800	From Gosport drive through Alverstoke towards golf course. Take road through golf course to Gilkicker Point and Fort.



START TIMES

FLEET FLAG	CLASS	START TIME
No Fleet Flag	Open 60 IRC Group 0 (1.110 and above) Class 40 Clipper Yachts (Clipper 68 and Clipper 70 Class Yachts)	0630
Day-Glo Orange	Multihulls Grand Prix and MOCRA Racing (LOA 9.15m and over) 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) Diam 24 Gaffers Division 1 - LWL of 28ft and above Gaffers Division 2 - LWL of 23ft and above but below 28ft Gaffers Division 3 - LWL of less than 23ft	0640
Pink	Sportsboat HP30 J/70 Sunsail Match First 40	0650
Green	IRC Group 1 (1.032 to 1.109)	0700
Black	ISC Rating System Group 4 (1.013 and above)	0710
Blue	IRC Group 2 (0.972 to 1.031) J/80 J/88	0720
Silver Grey	IRC Group 3 (0.971 and below)	0730
Turquoise	ISC Rating System Group 5 (0.992 to 1.012) Nicholson 32	0740
White	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) Modern Classic Racing Yachts racing under IRC (LOA of 30ft and over)	0750
Day-Glo Green	ISC Rating System Group 7 (0.931 to 0.974) Folkboat	0800
Purple	ISC Rating System Group 8 (0.930 and below)	0810

COWES MAP



ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

1000 - 0000	ISC bar open
1600 - 0030	Race Village and bars open
1800 - 1900	Raymarine Weather Briefing (at Cowes Yacht Haven Event Centre)
1800 - 1900	DJ set
1830 - 2100	Happy Hour at the ISC 15% off all drinks for competitors
1900 - 2100	Close to Home Playing all genres from all eras, this band are guaranteed to get you dancing.
2100	Prize Draw at the ISC Win £2000 of Raymarine equipment!
2100 - 2130	DJ set
2130 - 2330	The Rockafellahs A high energy band playing anything from 60's classics to modern day rock and pop.
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.
1200 - 1600	DJ set
1600 - 1830	Black Daniels One of the most popular duos on the Island, playing blues the way it should be played.
1830 - 1900	DJ set
1900 - 2100	Rhythm Valley A four piece band playing funk, soul, pop and blues in a groovy set.
2100 - 2130	DJ set
2130 - 2330	Blonde Bombshell A much sort after band playing high energy songs 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)

0545, 0745, 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)

0615, 0715, 0815, 0845
then every 30 mins (15 & 45 mins past the hour) until 1915
then hourly (15 mins past the hour) until 0015

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 2018 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 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 0630), 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.