



ISLAND
SAILING CLUB

AT THE HEART OF SAILING



Welcome to the Island Sailing Club, organiser of Britain's favourite yachting race - Round the Island Race.

Our Clubhouse has the enviable position of being waterside, overlooking the Cowes start lines and with views all the way to Portsmouth. We pride ourselves on being a friendly club with an active diary of sailing and social events. From April, we run a Tuesday night race series and Thursday and Saturday Club sailing. Our fleet of nine Sonars are available for all members to take out when they want and as much as they want.

We are open all year round and welcome our members and their guests to enjoy a wide selection of drinks and fresh food in our bar, restaurant and terraces. Our pontoon is available for members to moor their ribs during the day and we have crew accommodation too.



**Round the
Island Race**
#RACEFORALL
1st July 2023

**Membership Offer for 2023 Race Competitors
Save £100 (no joining fee)**

JOIN TODAY



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Round the Island Race Member Benefits

By joining the Island Sailing Club we can offer you these great benefits to ensure you enjoy the fabulous race weekend experience:

Weather briefing drinks – Attend the briefing on Friday 30th June and enjoy discounted rates on your bar drinks (15% off).

Accommodation - The ISC's Crew Let accommodation is adjacent to the Club. It provides excellent value for money for Members and visiting yachts people.

Breakfast - A full breakfast is on offer on race day in the Club (from 0600).

Celebrate in style - As home to the Round the Island Race, the ISC is the perfect place to come back and celebrate racing around the Isle of Wight with your family, crew and friends. Book a table and enjoy your discount at the bars and restaurants.

Sailing Kit – Your ISC Clubcard will get you discounts at the chandleries and sailing shops. If you'd like to add your boat branding onto sailing gear (and ISC / Official Round the Island logo) we would be delighted to arrange with our Branding Partner, Crew Kit of Cowes, email: orders@crewkit.co.uk.

Travel – As a Member you will receive discounted ferry tickets for travel with Wightlink and Red Funnel through the Club's website.

Club launch service - Available to local harbour moorings for members over the race weekend.

Changing facilities - The lockers and showers at the Clubhouse are ideal for freshening up after a day on the water.

Boat Maintenance – Ocean Coasts Marine Services specialise in painting, maintenance, boat builds, polishing and re-sprays and Members receive 10% discount on all works completed.

Volunteer - Opportunities to be involved with the race management of the Round the Island Race.



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Sailing is at the heart of what we do!

Our Club has a rich history in yachting and racing, and we strive to provide a wide range of sailing activities for a whole range of tastes and abilities.

The **Tuesday Evening Race Series** is a very popular format attracting over 60 entries for the series of 18 races between April and early September when the nights are starting to draw in. The racing involves several classes including Class 1 boats as well as Flying Fifteens and other dayboats, and all boats in between. Each Tuesday, the first gun is at 18:30 and we try to finish in time for the crews to return to the Club for that after race post mortem over supper and a beer!



Throughout the season we have many other events over several weekends including the very popular **Inshore Series**, Thursday night '**Adult Club Sailing**' as well as running our share of the Cowes Clubs and Classes Association dayboat racing.

As with many clubs, **volunteers** are intrinsic to our success as race organisers and we have many members who love to spend time assisting with the running of the racing and carrying out roles in the Race Teams, both ashore and afloat. It's a great way to meet people, learn new skills. Such roles could be RIB driving, mark laying, race team roles such as Race Officer, Flags, Radio, Recording and Time Keeping.

During the winter months there are several **boating skill courses** which are run to enable our members to learn new skills, maintain those skills and be prepared for the coming season. For example, Rules of Racing; Intro to Meteorology; VHF/DSC Radio; Rib Driving Refresher & Day Skipper.



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Sonar Dayboat Fleet

The Club is very lucky to own a fleet of **nine Sonar dayboats**. These are a one design, three crew minimum / five crew maximum, 7.0m keelboat which are easy to sail, yet exciting to race.

These boats are available to our members to hire for racing, typically on Tuesday nights, Round the Island Race and Cowes Week. Every Thursday during the season, the Club offers newcomers time on the water in Sonars through the Adult Sailing Programme. In addition, if members would like a jaunt on the water they can book a Sonar out for free.

They are moored opposite the Club on the Medina and our iconic yellow launches will shuttle members to and from the boats.

The Sonars are also available for charter as a fleet experience. Races can be run by the experienced Club race team and from the rooftop race box or professionally equipped committee vessels and back-up RIBs.



Following the success of last year's event, the **Swallows & Amazons Sailing Adventure** will return, fun for all the family on the 20th August.

And... whereas in normal cricket it's rain that often stops play, in the **ISC / RSrNYC Bramble Bank match** it's a case of tide always stops play, as the teams compete for less than an hour before the waves wash in and swamp the pitch.





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Our Clubhouse Facilities

The ISC's **main bar and dining room** overlooks the Cowes Fairway with amazing views from the New Forest eastwards to Portsmouth. The dining room is open daily and serves everything from a bite-on-the-go, through to a formal celebratory meal.

The **Clubhouse Bar** serves a range of beers, cocktails, wines, spirits including our gin of the month and the club's favourite, Mermaid Isle of Wight Gin, plus a wide range of soft drinks, teas and coffees. Friday night's Happy Hour is always extremely popular.

Throughout the year we run a series of lunches, evening talks, events and social gatherings.





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All of our outside terraces have incredible views of the Solent.

The **Bar Terrace** adjacent to our main dining room and bar is our most popular outside location, our members and their guests enjoying the best view in Cowes. It's a great year-round option with heaters, rugs and mood lighting to watch the last of the sun disappear across the Solent.



The **Summer Garden** extends onto our Club pontoon and serves cocktails, bar snacks and pizzas, everyone is welcome to enjoy the summer tunes and relaxed vibe.

The **Members Rooftop Terrace** is for the exclusive use of members and private events. Offering a private marquee and terrace to enjoy the best views of the Solent and fabulous sun trap whilst having the best vantage point to watch any racing or enjoying a sundowner.





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Join Today!

Fantastic ISC Clubhouse & events programme



Club Benefits for Round the Island Race



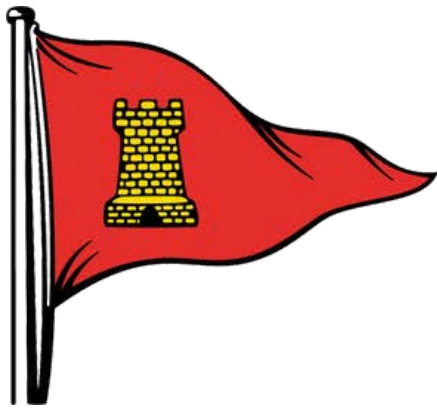


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Your Exclusive Membership Offer

We are offering this year's Round the Island Race Entrants an exclusive Island Sailing Club membership offer. If you become a Sailing Club member anytime whilst the race entry is open we will waive the £100 joining fee.



Annual Membership

Individual Member - age 40 and over
Individual Member - age 30-39
Individual Member - 18 - 29
Joint Membership - age 40 & over
Joint Membership - 30 - 39
Family Membership
Overseas Member

2023 Cost

£355.00
£225.00
£100.00
£532.50
£337.50
£560.00
£185.00

Process to become an ISC Member

To become a Member of the Island Sailing Club you will need to fill out an application form and invite two members to be your proposer and seconder. If you do not have any contacts in the Club please indicate on your form and one of our membership team will be in touch (who will introduce you to a Flag Officer).

**For any questions and to request an application form
please contact Emma Pain, our Membership Officer:**

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