



**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:  
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON**  
in association with the  
**BRITISH CLASSIC YACHT CLUB**  
**15 - 19 JULY 2024**  
**COWES**

## NOTICE OF RACE

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) 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).
- 1.2 Class Rules as appropriate.
- 1.3 [DP] The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Category 4 will apply except as modified below or by Class Rules for all IRC, Level Rating and Cruiser Classes, except that: Delete paragraph 5.01.1 and replace with: "Each crew member shall have a lifejacket in accordance with ISO 12402 - 3 (Level150) or equivalent, including EN 396 or UL 1180, clearly marked with the boat's or wearer's name, and if inflatable, shall have a gas inflation system and have crotch /thigh straps."
- 1.4 [DP] Parts A, B and C of the IRC Rules shall apply.
- 1.5 [DP] Yachts unable to comply with IRC 14.1 or RRS77 must inform the Organising Authority who may, in exceptional circumstances, permit the display of a sail number dodger with numerals and suffix letters at least 375mm high for yachts of 8.5m or greater LOA, and at least 300mm high for yachts less than 8.5m LOA as an alternative. The dodger does not need to include national letters. Alternatively, equivalent sized sail numbers with suffix letters may be displayed on both sides of the hull in such a way as to be visible to the Race Committee at the start and finish.
- 1.6 [DP] Anchors shall not be carried on deck such that they protrude forward of the bow.
- 1.7 World Sailing OSR 3.09.1, 3.09.2, 3.09.4 (cockpit self-draining capability, watertight integrity, and cockpit sole above LWL) and 3.14 (pulpits stanchions and lifelines) shall not apply.
- 1.8 [DP] The Notices to Mariners for the Ports of Southampton, Portsmouth and Cowes.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the RYS website by 1 July 2024. [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk)
- 2.2 If a race is not started due to weather, or is abandoned for any reason and can't be resailed that day, the RC may schedule two races on a subsequent day.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard (ONB) is located online on the RYS website at: [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk). There will be no physical ONB.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal International VHF Channels. All VHF communication shall be on International VHF channels.
- 3.3 On the water the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio.
- 3.4 The VHF channel to be used may be stated in the SIs.
- 3.5 [DP] Whilst racing (from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day), except in an emergency, a yacht shall not make a voice or data transmission nor receive a voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.6 The OA and Race Committee will use a Telegram Group to make courtesy communications regarding their intentions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. A link and QR code will be made available in the Sailing Instructions. Failure to make or receive these communications shall not be grounds for redress.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The British Classic Week Regatta (BCW) is an invitation event for 'Classic Yachts', 'GRP Classic & S.O.T.' and 'Modern Classics' with either (i) a current IRC Rating Certificate or a Single Event Rating Certificate or (ii) a current OGA rating, if racing in the Gaff Class. Five yachts may collectively choose to race as a separate class using their current CIM rating.
- 4.2 [DP] Except during the Female-Helmed Race, all yachts shall be helmed during racing by the owner/charterer or an amateur member of her regular crew except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 4.3 All yachts shall have a minimum LH of 7.32m (24ft).
- 4.4 A 'Classic Yacht', for the purpose of the Regatta, is a monohull designed, built or adapted for recreational purposes in wood, steel or aluminium to a pre-1970 design by traditional build methods.
- 4.5 A GRP Hull is 'Classic' if to a pre-1970 design, or 'S.O.T.' if with the appearance of a 'Classic Yacht'.
- 4.6 A 'Modern Classic' for the purpose of the Regatta is a Spirit Yacht or yacht that the BCYC considers to be built with the appearance of a 'Classic Yacht'.
- 4.7 The BCYC may decline the entry of any yacht or crew that it considers is not 'within the spirit of the regatta'.
- 4.8 In exceptional circumstances Classic Yachts or Modern Classics unable to meet the eligibility criteria in 4.1 – 4.5 may apply to the BCYC for consideration.
- 4.9 Subject to entries received, it is the Organizing Authority's intention to sub-divide Classic Yachts, GRP and Modern Classics into various classes for racing.

All correspondence should be directed to:

**BRITISH CLASSIC WEEK**

c/o Jessica Gray, Tel: +44 (0) 7986254502 Email: [office.britishclassicweek@gmail.com](mailto:office.britishclassicweek@gmail.com)

- 4.10 The Entry Forms must be completed and returned to BCYC **by Monday 1 July 2024.**

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Email: [office.britishclassicweek@gmail.com](mailto:office.britishclassicweek@gmail.com)

Late entries: There may be an additional late entry fee of £150 after this date.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee (which includes the cost of berthing for the regatta) shall be as per the tables below.

RACING ENTRIES (Calculated on LOA)	BCYC MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
	ENTRY FEE	ENTRY FEE
Under 9m	£590	£670
9m to under 10m	£630	£710
10m to under 11m	£690	£790
11m to under 12m	£760	£860
12m to under 13m	£820	£940
13m to under 14m	£880	£1,020
14m to under 15m	£950	£1,100
15m to under 16m	£1,010	£1,180
16m to under 18m	£1,120	£1,290
18m to under 21m	£1,280	£1,450
21m to under 25m	£1,500	£1,700

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Not used.

## 7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [DP] Advertising is permitted in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.  
7.2 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Not used.

## 9. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 9.1 The schedule of racing is shown in Addendum A of this NoR.  
9.2 The Race Committee may alter the schedule of races to cater for the weather conditions, it is a 'Dynamic Plan'.  
9.3 For Classes not wishing to race in The Around Island Race (Sponsored by Global Forecaster), an 'Inside Island' Long Course, or shorter alternative around the cans race will be scheduled.  
9.4 The Race Committee may cancel a race for any class in the event of adverse weather conditions relative to the safety characteristics of the class.  
9.5 No warning signal will be given after 1430 on the last scheduled day of racing.  
9.6 Times in this NoR are for BST (UT + 1). Tide times are for Portsmouth.

## 10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 All yachts which are required under paragraph 4.1 above to have an IRC certificate shall have a current IRC Rating (or

Single Event Rating which can be obtained from the RORC Rating Office).

- 10.2 With the permission of the IRC Rating Authority, IRC Rule 8.2 is modified to include yachts holding Single Event Ratings (SER).  
10.3 A copy of the current IRC Rating Certificate shall accompany every entry form or indicate on the entry form that a Single Event Rating has been applied for via the RORC Rating Office.  
10.4 In accordance with IRC Rule 8.2.1, a boat that has two valid rating certificates shall advise the Race Committee in writing no later than 10<sup>th</sup> July entry deadline whether she is declaring her primary or secondary certificate for the event. She shall not change her declaration during the course of the event.  
10.5 All yachts may be subject to measurement at BCYC's request by an official RORC measurer with respect to their IRC certificate and observance of IRC Rule 21.1.5 throughout the regatta.  
10.6 Boats may be inspected at any time.

## 11. FEMALE-HELM RACE

- 11.1 Race 3 in Addendum A (17<sup>th</sup> July) will be the Female-Helm Race, with a fleet start, but class results.  
11.2 Class scores in the Female-Helm Race will count towards the competing yacht's scores for the week.  
11.3 There will be an overall trophy for the winning Female Helm.  
11.4 Yachts not so helmed may take part in the Race and score Class points, but will not be eligible for the overall trophy for that race.

## 12. VENUE

- 12.1 The venue for the regatta will be Cowes Yacht Haven and the Race Office will be in the downstairs area of the Event Centre.  
12.2 Racing will take place within the Solent and surrounding waters, including around the Isle of Wight.

## 13. COURSES

- 13.1 The courses to be sailed will use a combination of specially laid inflatable marks, fixed racing marks, navigation marks and virtual marks. A list of available marks will be included with the Sailing Instructions.  
13.2 World Sailing RRS Appendix WP (Rules for racing around waypoints) will apply if virtual marks are included in courses.  
13.3 All Classes will start from the Royal Yacht Squadron Line, unless otherwise posted on the ONB as an amendment to the SIs not later than one hour before the start of that race. The RC may also broadcast any change on VHF and on the Telegram Group.

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**14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing or that has broken RRS 31 shall take a **Scoring Penalty** instead of a One or Two Turns Penalty. The Scoring Penalty will be to add 2% of her elapsed time to her elapsed time, rounding the increased time to the nearest second. For example, the value 23.5 gets rounded to 24. This changes RRS 44.3.
- 14.2 Prior to a hearing, and provided that she did not cause injury or serious damage or gain a significant advantage, a yacht that did not comply with NoR 14.1 may acknowledge the infringement by accepting a time penalty of 3%.

**15. SCORING**

- 15.1 Low points scoring system will apply to all classes.
- 15.2 Finishing places in all races will be determined using IRC TCCs or, where appropriate, OGA or CIM Ratings.
- 15.3 The Female-Helm Race results will count towards the scoring for the overall points series.
- 15.4 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.

**16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 16.1 [DP] All support vessels must carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.

**17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

- 17.1 RRS G3 applies.

**18. BERTHING**

- 18.1 Berthing for valid entries has been reserved in Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH) from 1200 Sunday 14 July to 1200 Saturday 20 July inclusive. All yachts, unless constrained by depth or length, or with the written permission of the BCYC, shall be berthed in CYH.
- 18.2 Yachts with draft over 3.5 metres should contact the regatta office and alternative berthing arrangements will be made.

**19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 19.1 [DP] All boats shall be afloat by 1730 the day before the first race.
- 19.2 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the Event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

**20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 20.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event without the prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 20.2 [DP] Competing boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

**21. DATA PROTECTION**

- 21.1 The Royal Yacht Squadron, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of RYS event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.
- 21.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing (*or change on front page to be consistent*) Authority, 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.
- 21.3 [DP] The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Limited (RYSL) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RYS.

**22. RISK STATEMENT**

- 22.1 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."
- 22.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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;
- (h) 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.

**22.3 COVID Statement**

- (a) By taking part in any of the events covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force at that time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Royal Yacht Squadron COVID-19 procedures.
- (b) [DP] The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).

**23. INSURANCE**

- 23.1 All entrants shall be covered by a minimum Third-Party Liability indemnity of £3 million and declare that such cover will be maintained throughout the event.

**24. PRIZES**

- 24.1 An overall points series will be run for each class, and prizes will be awarded to the first three yachts in each class.

- 24.2 An overall regatta trophy may be awarded.

- 24.3 Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners of the Around Island race (Sponsored by Global Forecaster), the Female-Helm Race (Sponsored by Classic Boat), the Long Inshore Race (Sponsored by OneSails GBR), and the Pursuit Race (sponsored by xxxxx).

- 24.4 Awards will be presented at the Regatta Dinner to be held in the Event Centre at Cowes Yacht Haven on Friday 19 July 2024.

- 24.5 Other prizes may be awarded.

**25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 25.1 Further information requests or completed entries should be sent to the address below.

## ADDENDUM A

## BRITISH CLASSIC WEEK SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	PORTSMOUTH HW BST	SKIPPER'S & NAVIGATORS' BRIEFING	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	CLASSES 1 – 4
Sun 14 July	Registration for all classes at the Race Office (1200 to 1800)			
Mon 15 July	06:40, 1910 (3.7m)	1000 Pontoon View	1115	CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE past the Royal Yacht Squadron.
		1000 Pontoon View	1200	Race 1 Fleet start with separate Class courses and results
		1900 RYS Pavilion	Briefing for The Around Island Race (Sponsored by Global Forecaster) will be held at the RYS Pavilion.	
Tue 16 July	0740 (3.7m)	See above	0740-0940	Race 2 Staggered Class Starts with separate Class Results Around Island Race (Sponsored by Global Forecaster)
			0930-1040 or 1000	Inside Island, or round The Cans Race Fleet start <i>[For those classes electing not to take part in the Around Island Race (Sponsored by Global Forecaster).]</i>
Wed 17 July	0840 (3.7m)	1030 Pontoon View	1200	Race 3 – Female-Helm Race Sponsored by Classic Boat Fleet start with separate class results
Thu 18 July	0950 (3.8m)	1000 Pontoon View	1130	Race 4 Fleet start with long/short course groups and Class Results Long Inshore Race Sponsored by OneSails GBR
Fri 19 July	1100 (4.0m)	1030 Pontoon View	1148-1327	Race 5 Pursuit format start, Class and Overall result

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