



**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON**
in association with the
BRITISH CLASSIC YACHT CLUB
16 - 21 JULY 2023
COWES

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race 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.
- 1.4 [DP] Parts A, B and C of the IRC Rules shall apply.
- 1.5 IRC Rule 21.1.5(d) will apply but is amended to permit sail changes for the Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts).
- 1.6 [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.
- 1.7 [DP] Anchors shall not be carried on deck such that they protrude forward of the bow.
- 1.8 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.
- 1.9 [DP] The Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#).
- 1.10 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 3 July 2023. www.rys.org.uk

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard (ONB) is located on the RYS website at: 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 will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio.
- 3.4 The VHF channel to be used will 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The British Classic Week Regatta (BCW) is an invitation event for 'Classic Yachts' 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 Old Gaffer Class. Yachts of the 6 -Metre class are the subject of a separate Notice of Race. Five yachts may collectively choose to race as a separate class using their current CIM rating.
- 4.2 [DP] Except during the Ladies 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 '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'.
- 4.6 The BCYC may decline the entry of any yacht or crew that it considers is not 'within the spirit of the regatta'.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 Entries shall not be open to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality or a boat that is registered with or a member of the National Association in those countries. The Organising Authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.
- 4.9 Subject to entries received, it is the Organizing Authority's intention to sub-divide Classic Yachts and Modern Classics into various classes for racing.
- 4.10 The Entry Forms must be completed and returned to BCYC **by Monday 10 July 2023**.
c/o MSJ Events, Regatta House, 18 Bath Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7QN

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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	BCYC MEMBER	NON-BCYC MEMBER
	ENTRY FEE	ENTRY FEE
Under 9m	£650.00	£750.00
9m to under 10m	£700.00	£800.00
10m to under 11m	£750.00	£850.00
11m to under 12m	£800.00	£900.00
12m to under 13m	£850.00	£950.00
13m to under 14m	£900.00	£1,025.00
14m to under 15m	£1,000.00	£1,100.00
15m to under 16m	£1,050.00	£1,200.00
16m to under 18m	£1,200.00	£1,300.00
18m to under 21m	£1,300.00	£1,450.00
21m to under 25m	£1,500.00	£1,700.00

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 adverse weather conditions.
- 9.3 For classes not wishing to race in The Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts), an alternative around the cans race will be scheduled, but will not count in the overall points scores.
- 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). In addition, overall class winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) from previous British Classic Week Regattas shall have an Endorsed IRC Certificate. One Design or Restricted Class sister ships of previous overall class winners as

defined above, may at the BCYC Regatta Committee's request also be required to have Endorsed IRC certificates. The BCYC Regatta Committee may waive the requirement for an endorsed certificate however, in such a case, a time penalty percentage shall be set and applied to the results of all races for which an endorsed certificate is not available.

- 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 (10th 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. LADIES RACE

- 11.1 Race 4 in Addendum A (19th July) will be the Ladies Race, with a fleet start, but class results.
- 11.2 Class scores in the Ladies Race will count towards the competing yacht's scores for the week.
- 11.3 There will be an overall trophy for the winner of the Ladies Race.
- 11.4 Yachts not so helmed may take part in the Ladies Race but will be scored DNF and 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.

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 directed not later than one hour before the start of that race.

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**

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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 Ladies 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) or more 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 Saturday 15 July to 1200 Saturday 22 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 Organising 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 familiarise 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

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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 will be awarded.
- 24.3 Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners of the Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts) and the Long

Inshore Race (Sponsored by Classic Boat) and the Ladies Race.

- 24.4 Awards will be presented at the Regatta Dinner to be held in the Event Centre at Cowes Yacht Haven on Friday 21 July 2023.
- 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
Sat 15 July	Registration for all classes at the Race Office (1200 to 1800)			
Sun 16 July	1150 (4.2m)	0930 CYH Event Marquee	1100	CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE past the Royal Yacht Squadron.
		0930 CYH Event Marquee	1200	Race 1 Class starts
		1900 RYS Pavilion	Briefing for The Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts) will be held at the RYS Pavilion.	
Mon 17 July	1230 (4.3m)	See above	0800	Race 2 Fleet start with separate Class Results Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts)
			1000	Around The Cans Race (Not part of points) Fleet start [For those [classes] electing not to take part in the Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts).]
Tue 18 July	1300 (4.3m)	0930 CYH Event Marquee	1100	Race 3 Sponsored by One Sails GBR Class starts
Wed 19 July	1330 (4.4m)	0930 CYH Event Marquee	1100	Race 4 – Ladies Race Fleet start with separate Class Results
Thu 20 July	1400 (4.4m)	0900 CYH Event Marquee	1030	Race 5 Fleet start with separate Class Results Long Inshore Race Sponsored by Classic Boat Magazine
Fri 21 July	1440 (4.4m)	0930 CYH Event Marquee	1100	Race 6 Class starts

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