



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON
 in association with the
BRITISH CLASSIC YACHT CLUB
17 - 21 JULY 2023
COWES

NOTICE OF RACE

INTERNATIONAL 6M CLASS

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 [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).
- 1.3 [DP] International Six Metre Class Rating Rule and Measurement Instructions.
- 1.4 The RYA National Prescriptions that apply are detailed in Addendum A.
- 1.5 RRS 90.3(e) is applicable, but '24 hours' is replaced by '60 minutes'.
- 1.6 [DP] The Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#).
- 1.7 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 (RC) 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] The use of mobile/cell phones, or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited during racing, except in an emergency

threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

- 3.6 The Organizing Authority (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 (BCW) Regatta for Six Metre (6M) Class Yachts is an invitation event.
- 4.2 The event is open to boats of the International Six Metre Class, with a valid measurement certificate. Copies of the certificates will be displayed on the ONB for both the Open and Classic Divisions.
- 4.3 Boats may enter in either the Open or the Classic Divisions, as specified by the Class Rules.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 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 table below.

	BCYC MEMBER	NON-BCYC MEMBER
RACING ENTRIES	ENTRY FEE	ENTRY FEE
6M CLASS	£1100	£1200

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Class Rule 25 applies. Each boat shall submit a crew list of maximum five people plus one alternative crew when registering. Each boat may use this extra crew member by registering the change by 1900 at the Race Office on the day before the crew change is to take place. Any additional change(s) shall be subject to prior approval by the OA.
- 6.2 A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available on www.rys.org.uk shall be submitted for crew under 18 years of age.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Class Rule 30 applies.
- 7.2 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Not used.

All correspondence should be directed to:

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9. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 9.1 The times shown in the table below are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time - BST). Indicative Tide Times are for High Water (HW) Portsmouth.
- 9.2 No warning signal will be given after 1500 on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 9.3 A maximum of three races may be sailed on a day in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons, provided that the programme does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

DAY HWP (BST)	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Sat 15 July	1200 – 1800		Registration in Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH) at the Race Office.
Sun 16 July HW 1150 – 4.2m	0930 1100 1830 1915		Briefing for Concours. Concours d’elegance past the Royal Yacht Squadron. 6M Briefing in RYS. Welcome Reception.
Mon 17 July HW 1230 - 4.3m	0900 ASAP ASAP	1125 1135	RO Briefing by Telegram and VHF. Race 1 - Open Div Race 1 – Classic Div Race 2 – Open Race 2 - Classic
Tue 18 July HW 1300 – 4.3m	0900 ASAP ASAP	1125 1135	RO Briefing by Telegram and VHF Race 3 - Open Div Race 3 – Classic Div Race 4 – Open Race 4 - Classic
Wed 19 July HW 1330 – 4.4m	0900 ASAP ASAP	1125 1135	RO Briefing by Telegram and VHF. Race 5 - Open Div Race 5 – Classic Div Race 6 – Open Race 6 - Classic
Thu 20 July HW 1400 – 4.4m	0900	1125 1135	RO Briefing by Telegram and VHF. Race 7- Open Div Race 7 – Classic Div
Fri 21 July HW 1440 – 4.4m	0900 1900	1125 1135	RO Briefing by Telegram and VHF. Race 8 - Open Div Race 8 – Classic Div Prizegiving in CYH at event dinner.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Each boat shall produce a current valid measurement certificate, issued by the owner’s World Sailing Member

National Authority (MNA) or by International Six Metre Association ISMA at registration.

- 10.2 Each boat shall arrive with a complete set of correctly placed measurement marks as required by the 6mR class rules.
- 10.3 Each boat may be checked for compliance with her measurement certificate. This may include, but not be limited to; weight, freeboards, overhangs, equipment, rig and sail area measurements and sail dimensions.
- 10.4 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 10.5 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 Not used.

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 from a committee boat in the Central and Eastern Solent. See Addendum B.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The low point scoring system will be used as in RRS Appendix A with the following changes;
- (a) Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When six (6) 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’.
- 16.2 Support person vessels shall register at the Race Office and be marked with identifying flags issued by the OA.
- 16.3 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 Not used.

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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.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 [DP] Boats shall not be launched, re-launched or hauled out after 1730 on Sunday 16 July except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent 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 No person shall undertake any swimming, underwater or diving activities of any kind within the harbour without a valid permit to dive from the Cowes Harbour Master or the manager of the marina you wish to dive at. This prohibited activity is legislated under Cowes Harbour Commission [General Direction 4.4 & 4.5](#).

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the Events (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 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.

23. INSURANCE

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

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each division.
- 24.2 Prizes and awards will be presented at the Regatta Dinner to be held in the Event Centre at Cowes Yacht Haven on Friday 21 July 2023.
- 24.3 Other prizes may be awarded.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

SOCIALS

Contact the Race Office for further information about costs and bookings.

Saturday 15 July – Supper in the BCW Marquee (Pontoon View)

Sunday 16 July – Welcome Reception at the RYS.

Tuesday 18 July – Pontoon Party.

Friday 21 July – Regatta Dinner in the Event Centre, CYH

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ADDENDUM A. - RYA prescriptions that apply.**Rule 4 Acceptance of the Rules**

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

Rule 6 Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the RYA Anti-Doping Rules, as published on the RYA website.

Rule 67 Damages

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

Rule 88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

Additional RYA prescriptions that apply if no international jury has been appointed.**Rule 40 Personal Flotation Devices**

When a rule requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them.

Rule 70.5 Right of Appeal

1. RYA approval is not required to deny the right of appeal under rule 70.5(a).
2. The RYA will not consider approving the denial of the right of appeal under rule 70.5(b) unless
 1. (a) the RYA decides there is good reason to approve. The cost of an international jury which would otherwise be appropriate for the event is not a good reason.
 2. (b) the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
 3. (c) application to the RYA is made no later than one month before the notice of race is to be issued. In exceptional circumstances, the RYA may consider a later application.

A copy of the RYA letter of approval shall be displayed on the official notice board.

3. However, the denial of appeal shall not apply to a party to a hearing under rule 69.2, Misconduct, but the decision of the protest committee shall determine the results of the event.

Rule 78 Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates

Add new rule 78.3:

The race committee or technical committee may inspect or measure any boat or personal equipment, at any time.

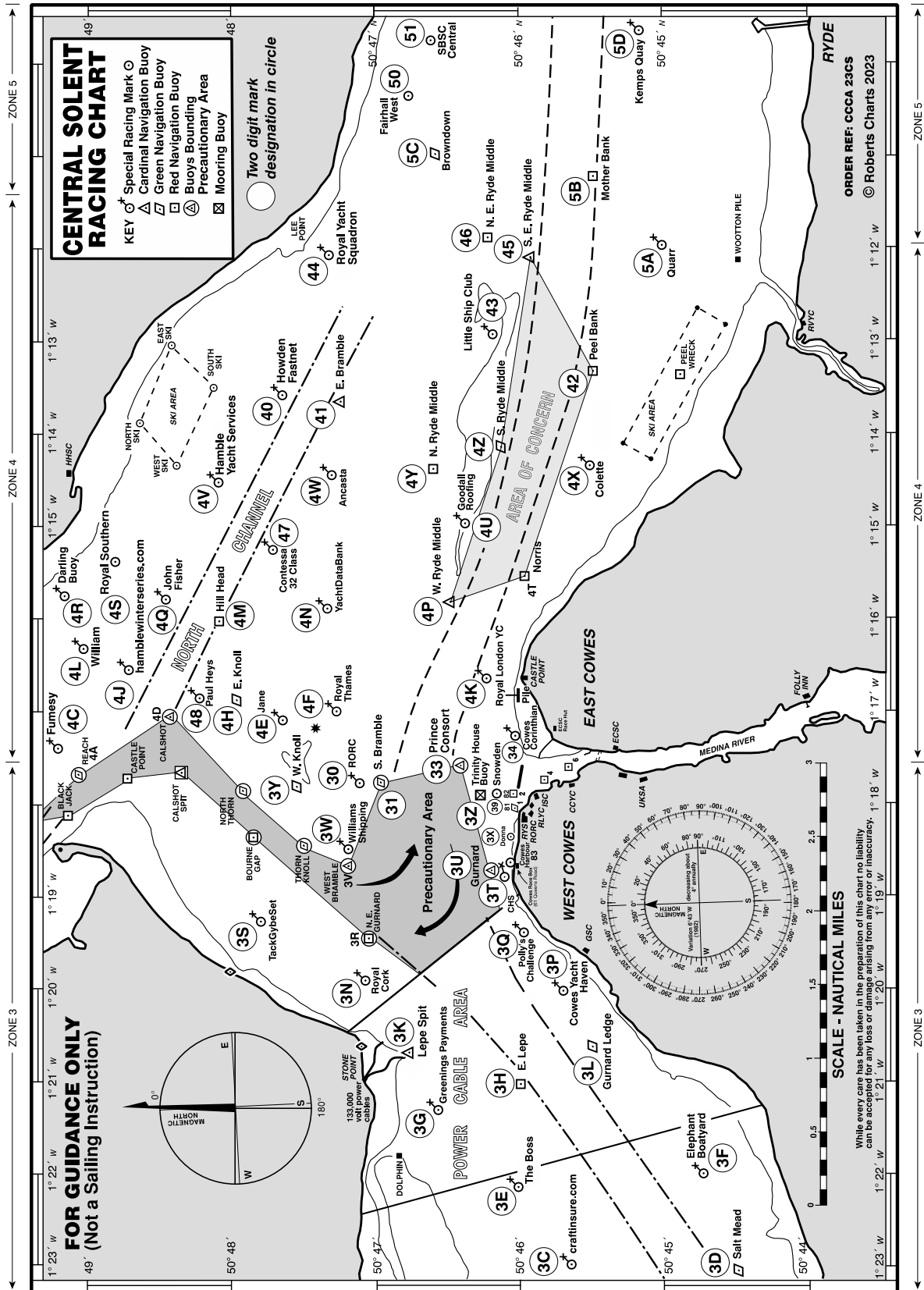
Terms in **bold** are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

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ADDENDUM B – Solent Chartlet with Two Character Codes.



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