



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

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 See Notice of Race 1.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) made ashore will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB). The ONB will be online at [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk).
- 3.2 The Race Committee (RC) intends to broadcast race and course information by VHF Ch 05 and repeated on the Event Telegram group. See SI Addendum A.
- 3.3 Competitors wishing to communicate with the RC should do so on VHF Ch 77.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT





- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RYS Flagstaff and advised on the event Telegram group.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes". This changes Race Signals AP.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 See Notice of Race 9 and Notice of Race Addendum A (Schedule).

### 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flags are shown below.

Class 1	Modern Classic Yachts	NP 1 
Class 2	Classic Yachts	NP 2 
Class 3	Classic Yachts	NP 3 
Class 4	Classic Yachts	NP 4 

### 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The Racing Area shall be the waters of the Solent and Approaches. A racing chartlet will be provided for information purposes at registration. This should not be used for navigation.

### 9. COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be announced by the Race Committee (call sign: Castle One) on VHF Channel 05 before the Warning Signal and again as soon as possible after the Preparatory Signal. There will be no visual course boards.
- 9.2 [DP] A boat shall avoid passing through the Royal Yacht Squadron Finishing Line unless she is starting or finishing on that Line.

### 10. MARKS

- 10.1 The Race Committee intends to set courses in the Solent using fixed navigation buoys, racing marks and inflatable buoys using the Solent Two Character Codes. See more details in the racing chartlet supplied at registration.
- 10.2 The Race Committee may also use Virtual Marks if required.
- 10.3 World Sailing RRS Appendix WP (Rules for racing around waypoints) will apply if virtual marks are included in courses. Further information may be found at: [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforWaypointsMay2021-\[27276\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforWaypointsMay2021-[27276].pdf)

### 11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 All yachts shall comply with [Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 06 of 2023](#) giving details of a Precautionary Area and Moving Prohibited Zone (MPZ). The MPZ shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20.
- 11.2 [DP] Yachts, in whatever direction they are racing, shall not pass:
  - North of the barrier off Durns Point east of Lymington.
  - North of Horse Sand Fort.
  - South of No Man's Land Fort.
  - South of Cowes breakwater.
- 11.3 [DP] Yachts shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes Harbour fairway or within the area denoting power cables and gas pipes between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay, as shown on Admiralty Chart 2040, or within the mining ground area northeast of Ryde Sand.

### 12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.





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- 12.2 Classes will normally start at **ten-minute** intervals. The starting signal for one class will be followed five minutes later by the warning signal for the next class to start. However, in the event of a long postponement or other reason, the Race Committee may reduce this to a five-minute sequence so that the start of one class will be the warning signal of the next class. Any change to the ten-minute sequence will be announced on VHF CH 05.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined by an area 100 metres either side of the starting line.
- 12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF CH 05 after Flag X has been displayed.
- 12.5 All classes shall start on the RYS Start Line unless otherwise directed by the Race Committee not later than one hour before the start of that race.
- 12.6 The starting order will be as follows but is also subject to SI 12.14.

- (a) When Classes 1-4 have individual class starts (as shown in the schedule of races):

Start	Class	Class Flag	Time
1	One		Start
2	Two		Start + 10mins
3	Three		Start + 20mins
4	Four		Start + 30mins

- (b) When Classes 1-4 have a fleet start (as shown in the schedule of races):

Start	Class	Class Flag	Time
1	One, Two, Three, Four.		Start

- 12.7 The RYS starting line consists of an **inner line**, an **outer line** or a **combined line** and will be announced with the course.
- 12.8 The RYS Start Line is formed by bringing the RYS Main Flagstaff into line with the white line on the orange diamond on the Castle, on a bearing of approximately 346°(T) from the RYS Flagstaff and limited by limit marks.
- 12.9 Vertical light beams are installed to help identify the starting line transit. The intensity of the light beams intensifies as the transit is approached and at the approximate point of transit, the flagstaff momentarily obscures the lower rear light. These lights are a navigational aid only and do not constitute the starting line, nor will a start be postponed because of any failure of the lighting equipment.
- 12.10 Start Line descriptions.
- (a) For classes starting on the **RYS Outer Line** the limit marks are **Williams Shipping Buoy** to the north and **'Alpha'**, to the south.
- (b) For classes starting on the **RYS Inner Line** the limit marks are **'Alpha'** to the north and the **IDM** to the south.
- (c) For classes starting on the **Combined Line** the limit marks are **Williams Shipping Buoy** to the north and the **IDM** to the south.
- 12.11 The limit marks, all of which rank as starting marks and may not be precisely on the transit, are:
- (a) **'Alpha'** (a large Orange Inflatable mark approximately 500m to the north of the RYS Flagstaff)
- (b) **Inner Distance Mark (IDM)** (a large Orange Inflatable mark approximately 80m to the north of the RYS Flagstaff)
- (c) **Williams Shipping Buoy** (a yellow spherical racing buoy in approximate position 50° 47.20 N, 001° 18.55 W)
- 12.12 Direction of start:
- (a) The Race Committee will announce the intended direction of start not less than fifteen minutes before the start of each race. A signal displayed at the RYS Lodge Flagstaff will also indicate the direction of the start. A red flag indicates starting to the East. A green flag indicates starting to the West.
- (b) After a postponement this signal may be changed to reverse the direction of subsequent starts. Any such announcement will also be made on VHF Channel 05.
- 12.13 The Race Committee intends to announce a start sequence countdown for each start on VHF Channel 05 accompanied by sound signals and signal flags displayed from the RYS flagstaff.
- 13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 13.1 Not used.
- 14. THE FINISH**
- 14.1 Unless shortened in accordance with RRS, yachts shall finish on the Royal Yacht Squadron Finishing Line.
- 14.2 The Royal Yacht Squadron Finishing Line will be between the RYS main flagstaff and 'Alpha' a large Orange Inflatable buoy approximately 500m north of the RYS Main Flagstaff.
- 15. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 15.1 See Notice of Race 14.
- 16. TIME LIMITS**
- 16.1 The following time limits will apply to each class.
- (a) Race Time Limit. The time limit for all boats in each class to sail the course and finish is 210 minutes with the exception of the Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts), which will be 2000 for all classes and Long Inshore Race which will be 1800 for all classes.
- (b) Finishing Window for boats in all races, excluding the Nab Tower and Long Inshore race, is 60 minutes after the first boat in their class finishes.
- 16.2 If no boat has finished within the Race Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.4 The Race Committee may, in exceptional circumstances, extend the Race Time Limit or Finishing Window and this

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will be announced on VHF Ch 05. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

#### **17. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 The protest limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.2 Hearing forms will be available at the Race Office in CYH.
- 17.3 Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit. Contact mobile phone numbers should be included on the protest form.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the CYH.

#### **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 See Notice of Race 15.

#### **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF Ch 77 or by hailing an official regatta support boat or RIB.

#### **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment, excluding small chandlery, is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

#### **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time.

#### **22. SUPPLIED BOATS**

- 22.1 Not used.

#### **23. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 23.1 Mark laying vessels will be RYS RIBs.
- 23.2 The CV will be a 10m blue hulled motor catamaran – Call Sign Castle Two.

#### **24. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 24.1 See Notice of Race 16.

#### **25. TRASH**

- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

#### **26. BERTHING**

- 26.1 See Notice of Race 18.

#### **27. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 27.1 See Notice of Race 19.

#### **28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 28.1 See Notice of Race 20.

#### **29. PRIZES**

- 29.1 See Notice of Race 24.

#### **30. RISK STATEMENT**

- 30.1 See Notice of Race 22.

#### **31. INSURANCE**

- 31.1 See Notice of Race 23.

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**ADDENDUM A – Telegram Instructions.**



**Telegram**

We have set up an official [Telegram](#) group for receiving general information from the Race Office and Race Committee.

If you do not already have the Telegram app installed on your device, please follow the instructions below:

- **Apple iPhones – download and install via the App Store.**  
<https://apps.apple.com/app/telegram-messenger/id686449807>
- **Android Phones – download and install via the Google Play Store.**  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.telegram.messenger>

To join the Telegram group please use either the link or the QR code below:

**LINK:** [https://t.me/+\\_rZxJCi-lUBiM2Rk](https://t.me/+_rZxJCi-lUBiM2Rk)

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