



COWES Clubs and Classes Association

COWES Dayboat Regattas 2017

Solent Series & COWES Keelboat Championship

Notice of Race



Participating clubs invite boat owners of the Six Metre, Daring, Etchells, Dragon, Flying 15, Sonar, XOD and RS Elite Classes, and other keelboat classes by arrangement, to enter the Cowes Keelboat Regattas at Cowes to be held on the dates shown below.

1. Organising Authority

The organising authority is the club indicated below on the weekends shown:

Weekend Month	Organising Club Dates	Solent Series Shoreline	Cowes Keelboat Championship Committee Boat
April/May	Sat 29/Sun 30/Mon 1	Royal London YC	
May	Sat 6/Sun 7		RORC Cowes 1
May	Sat 13/Sun 14	Island Sailing Club	
May	Sat 20/Sun 21		Cowes Corinthian YC 2
May	Sat 27/Sun 28/Mon 29	Island Sailing Club	
June	Sat 3/Sun 4		Royal London YC 3
June	Sat 10/Sun 11	Royal Thames YC	
June	Sat 17/Sun 18	RORC Cowes	
June	Sat 24/Sun 25		Royal Yacht Squadron 4
July	Sat 8/Sun 9	Cowes Corinthian YC	
July	Sat 15/Sun 16	Island Sailing Club	
July	Sat 22	Household Division YC	
July	Sun 23	Royal Yacht Squadron	
Sept	Sat 2/Sun 3		Island Sailing Club 5
Sept	Sat 9/Sun 10	Cowes Corinthian YC	
Sept	Sat 16/Sun 17		Royal Thames YC 6
Sept	Sat 23/Sun 24	Royal London YC	CKC Prizegiving on Sat 23 Sep at ISC
Sept/Oct	Sat 30/Sun 1	Royal Yacht Squadron	

2. Rules

Racing is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including class rules. Boat safety equipment shall comply with the following:

General. All safety equipment shall be of a suitable size and type for the boat and all equipment and fittings (including outboard engines if carried) shall be securely fastened.

Buoyancy. Each boat shall either be self-draining or be equipped with a suitable means for bailing or pumping.

Personal buoyancy. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be carried for each member of the crew (wetsuits do not count as personal buoyancy).

Radio. Each boat shall carry a suitable marine band VHF transceiver.

Flares. Each boat shall carry at least two in-date red hand and 2 orange smoke flares in a waterproof pack.

Anchor. Each boat shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient chain/warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.

Compass. Each boat shall carry a compass.

First aid. Each boat shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.

3. Conditions of Entry

Before racing the first named boat owner shall enter their boat on the official entry form or online at <https://goo.gl/hx8jla>, pay the applicable fee, sign the Declaration and Risk Statement indicating that they have read and understood this Notice of Race for the Keelboat Regattas at Cowes, posted on the website www.cowes.co.uk and www.cowesonline.com or in the organising clubs and that they agree to be bound by the contents.

Upon demand by the relevant host club, entrants shall present a valid measurement certificate and/or proof of membership of the class association. Boats may be checked for safety equipment before or after each race at the discretion of the race committee. There shall be no race unless two boats start. No dedicated patrol boats are provided for this series, see 8. Risk Statement (f).

Before racing the first named boat owner shall ensure that there is adequate insurance for racing risks including third party indemnity of at least £2 million and that co-owners and co-helms, if any, and the crew are made aware of the undertakings in these conditions of entry.

4. Sailing Instructions, Flag Signals made Ashore and Communications

Sailing Instructions will be available from each organising club on the Saturday of the weekend prior to their regatta weekend. Sailing Instructions, flag signals and the race committee for the Cowes Corinthian YC, Royal Thames YC and Household Division YC will be located at RORC Cowes, Royal London YC and Royal Yacht Squadron respectively. Safety and race information will be broadcast on VHF. The channel to be advised in the Sailing Instructions. Boats are required to carry a marine VHF handheld set on board and to keep a radio watch whilst racing. It is intended to broadcast each course from approximately 30 minutes before each class warning signal subject to radio traffic and/or other reasons for any delay in announcing the course. Courses will also be texted on most shore line weekends. Delay or failure to receive texted courses shall not be grounds for redress. Entrants are asked to submit on the entry form all the mobile telephone numbers that might be used on your boat during the season.

5. Warning Signal Times

Unless otherwise advised in Part 2 of the SIs, or in any Amendment to the SIs, the following warning signal times will apply to all Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays:

Fleet No	Class	Warning Signal Times	
		Saturday	Sunday & Monday
1.	International Etchells*	1250 *	1150 *
2.	Daring	1300	1200
3.	International Dragon	1310	1210
4.	RS Elite**	1315	1215
5.	Flying 15***	1320 *	1220 ***
6.	XOD	1325	1225

* Only if requested by the class to the organising club of the day

** On weekends: April 29/30/May 1; **May 20/21**; June 10/11; **September 2/3**; **September 16/17**
(CB weekends in **bold**)

*** Committee Boat Cowes Keelboat Championship **Sundays** only

On committee boat weekends there will be two races per day with the second race following as soon as possible after the first. If only one race is completed on the Saturday, three races may be held on the Sunday. On the Saturday of committee boat weekends a 'race home' for the Daring Class only will be started as soon as practical after the finish of the second race. Darings in this race shall take their own finishing order at the last mark of the course.

6. Scoring, Penalty System, RYA Arbitration and Results

Class associations are to score their own class seasonal points series. For any club trophies the scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A with one discard allowed from each club's Solent Series. If 3 or fewer races are completed then all shall count. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. RYA Arbitration will be available for this series. The exoneration penalty will be a 30% scoring penalty implemented in accordance with rule 44.3(c). Results will be posted at: <http://regattaguru.com/cowes>. Unless otherwise determined by a class, in the event of a Cowes Keelboat Championship race being changed to a shore line race, the points will count towards the Solent Series.

7. Prizegiving Dates

The **Cowes Keelboat Championship** prize giving will be held on **Saturday 23 September 2017 at 6.30pm** at the **Island Sailing Club** followed by an optional two course supper.

Club prizegiving dates for the **Solent Series** are planned as follows:

Household Division YC	- Sat 22 July at RYS	Royal Thames YC	- Tue 7 November
Island Sailing Club	- Sat 23 September	Royal London YC	- Sat 11 November
RORC Cowes	- Sat 4 November	Cowes Corinthian YC	- Sat 28 October

8. Risk Statement

Rule 4 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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 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;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as is available in Cowes, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 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 safety briefing held for the event.

9. Entry

An **Entry Form (hard copy or on-line at: <https://goo.gl/hx8jla>)** for the series with details of the boat and the **Entry Declaration and Risk Statement shall be signed by a representative of the boat** and sent, **before racing**, to 'CCCA' c/o Island Sailing Club (address on Entry Form) together with the entry fee. The entry fee will be *either* **£360 per boat for the season in advance** for all classes for **both** the Solent Series and Cowes Keelboat Championship provided the seasonal entry fee is paid to the 'CCCA' **before first day raced by your boat this season or £22 per day** for the Solent Series and **£30 per day** for the Cowes Keelboat Championship. Any additions or changes to the entry (including, but not limited to sail number changes) shall be notified to the CCCA' c/o Island Sailing Club no later than the Thursday before the weekend concerned. Entry fees may be transferred by BACS to:

HSBC Sort Code: 40 18 63
A/C Number: 80016187

Account: Cowes Clubs and Classes Association
Reference: your Class and Sail Number.

Please return the Entry Form to:

Cowes Clubs and Classes Association

c/o Island Sailing Club, 70 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7AS

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