



Cowes Clubs and Classes Association
Cowes Cruiser and Dayboat Regattas 2021
Cowes Solent Series and the
Cowes Keelboat Championship
Notice of Race



Participating clubs invite boat owners of the Cruisers, Daring, Etchells, Dragon, Sonar, XOD and RS Elite Classes, and other keelboat classes by arrangement, to enter the following 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:

Month	Weekend Dates	Cowes Solent Series	Cowes Keelboat Championship
May	Sat 1/Sun 2	Royal London YC	
May	Sat 8/Sun 9	RORC Cowes	
May	Sat 15/Sun 16		Royal Thames YC 1 # (Etchells)
May	Sat 22/Sun 23	Royal Thames YC	
May	Sat 29/Sun 30	Cowes Corinthian YC	
June	Sat 5/Sun 6	RORC Cowes	
June	Sat 12/Sun 13		Royal London YC 2 # (Etchells & Darings)
June	Sat 19/Sun 20	Island Sailing Club	
June	Sat 19/Sun 20	Island Sailing Club	<i>(Daring Class – Stug Perry Trophy)</i>
June	Sat 26/Sun 27	Royal London YC	
July	Sat 10/Sun 11	Island Sailing Club	
July	Sat 17/Sun 18		Cowes Corinthian YC 3 # (Etchells & Darings)
July	Sat 24	Household Division YC	
July	Sun 25	Royal Yacht Squadron	
Aug	Sat 21/Sun 22	Royal Thames YC	
Aug	Sat 28/Sun 29		Island Sailing Club 4 # (Etchells & Darings)
Sept	Sat 4/Sun 5		RORC Cowes 5 # (Darings & XODs)
Sept	Sat 11/Sun 12		Royal Yacht Squadron 6 # (Darings)
Sept	Sat 18/Sun 19	Cowes Corinthian YC	
Sept	Sat 25/Sun 26	Royal Yacht Squadron	<i>(Daring Class – Roddy Carritt Trophy)</i>
Sept	Sat 25	Royal Yacht Squadron	CCCA Prizegiving

If other classes wish to have committee boat races on these weekend then please contact the organising Club.

Notice of race, entry forms and sailing instructions are found at:

www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/ccca

Results are found at: regattaguru.com/cowes

For general information look at: TeamApp – CCCA

2. Rules

- 2.1 Racing is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including class rules, This notice of race and the sailing instructions (SIs). Changing RRS 90.3(a), a race shall not be scored unless two or more boats start.
- 2.2 In the event of conflict between the sailing instructions, the class rules and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.
- 2.3 All boats intending to race, from the time they leave their moorings/berths until their return after racing or retiring, shall:
- 2.3.1 Give way to all ferries and commercial vessels within the Cowes harbour and its approaches.
 - 2.3.2 Observe the Southampton harbour byelaws (www.southamptonvts.co.uk/port_information/regulations/byelaws) and avoid close quarters situations with any commercial vessel and comply with Byelaw 11.(1). The Moving Prohibited Zone shall be deemed to be an obstruction for the purpose of RRS 19 & 20.
 - 2.3.3 Observe the QHM Portsmouth harbour byelaws relating to the 'area of concern' bounded by West Ryde Middle, Norris, Peel Bank, SE Ryde Middle and South Ryde Middle which is restricted area for commercial traffic as shown on the central Solent racing chart published by the SCRA.
 - 2.3.4 Carry no anchor forward of the stem or with any part of its outboard, except when anchoring.
- 2.4 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 visual means of attracting attention when in distress.
- 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 marine compass.
- First aid.** Each boat shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
- Knife.** It is strongly recommended that all boats carry at least one readily accessible safety knife in a sheath.
- 2.5 When Rule 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by hailing or by VHF radio.
- 2.6 Boats are permitted to carry one or more mobile phones solely for receiving text messages with courses and other race information provided by the Race Committee. In accordance with RRS 87, this changes class rules where applicable.
- 2.7 Chartered or hired boats shall not be able to seek redress in the event of gear or equipment failure.
- 2.8 Support boats shall stay outside areas and extreme lay lines where boats are racing from the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals an AP, 1st Substitute or flag N.
- 2.9 All boats shall comply with any current legislation, government advice and RYA directives relating to Covid-19, including RYA guidance on sailing and racing with participants from different households during Covid-19 in England.

3. Conditions of Entry

- 3.1 Before racing the first named boat owner shall enter their boat on the official entry form or online at www.cowesharbourcommission.org/CCCA, pay the applicable fee, sign the declaration and risk statement indicating that they have read and understood this notice of race posted on the website www.cowesharbourcommission.org/CCCA or on the organising club's official notice board, and that they agree to be bound by the contents.
- 3.2 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. No dedicated patrol boats are provided for this series, see section 17 (f).
- 3.3 Before racing the first named boat owner shall ensure that there is adequate insurance for racing risks including third party indemnity of at least £3 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. Class Flags

The following Code (IC) or Naval Numeral (NN) warning flags apply unless flags with class insignias are used instead:

Cruiser Class	IC flag A	Dayboats	IC flag R	Etchells	IC flag E
Contessa 32	IC flag G	Daring	IC flag O	Dragon	IC flag D
Flying 15	NN pen 6	RS Elite	NN pen 4	Sonar	IC flag T
Sigma 33	IC flag E	Sigma 38	NN pen 1	XOD	IC Flag W
Squib	NN pen 9	J/70	IC flag J	J/80	IC flag H

5. Sailing Instructions, Flag Signals made Ashore and Start Lines

Sailing instructions will be available from each organising club on the Friday of the weekend prior to their regatta weekend. Flag signals and shoreline start lines for the Cowes Corinthian YC, Royal Thames YC and the Household Division YC will be located at RORC Cowes, Royal London YC and Royal Squadron respectively. On some days flag signals may not be made ashore but only announced on VHF radio.

6. Racing Area, Courses and Communications

- 6.1 The racing area is The Solent.
- 6.2 The course will consist of fixed Solent marks which have been allocated code letters and numbers as listed in the sailing instructions and on the SCRA website: <https://www.scra.org.uk/solent-marks/solent-marks2>.
- 6.3 Boats are required to carry a marine VHF handheld set on board and to keep a radio watch whilst racing. RRS 27.1 is changed in that the course to be sailed will be communicated by VHF Radio Channel 37A (M1) for shoreline starts and VHF Radio Channel 77 for committee boat starts, when practical before the warning signal or immediately after the preparatory signal for the class. Safety and race information will also be broadcast on VHF.
- 6.4 Courses will also be texted on most shore line weekends. It is intended to text each course from approximately 30 minutes before each class warning signal. Entrants are asked to submit on the entry form all the mobile telephone numbers that might be used on the boat during the season.
- 6.5 Changing RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a) delay or failure to receive or hear VHF transmissions or to receive texted courses shall not be grounds for redress. From the first warning signal until the of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 6.6 The QR system will be used in the sailing instructions to gain access to this notice of race.

7. Rating System

The cruiser class and the different dayboat classes starting together will use recognised handicap rating systems. A boat's TCF (to three decimal places) may be adjusted after every fourth race. Changing RRS 62 an adjustment in rating is not grounds for redress.



The Island Sailing Club
are inviting all Dayboats to enter
The Windeler Cup
on Saturday, 3rd July 2021

Boats will start after the main Round the Island fleet on a Solent Course from the RYS Line.

For further details contact ISC on 01983 2926621 or email ben@islandsc.org.uk

8. Warning Signal Times

Unless otherwise advised in Part 2 of the SIs, or in any amendment to the SIs, the following warning signal (WS) times will apply to all Saturdays and Sundays. There will be no racing on the May Bank Holiday Mondays:

WS Flag	Class	Warning Signal Times	
		Saturday	Sunday
A	Cruiser Handicap (shoreline)#	1300	1200
E	Etchells (committee boat) (a)	1300	1200
O	Daring	1310	1210
R	RS Elite 1 st Race Dragon & Sonar	1315	1215
TBA	One Design Class with 6 boats (b)	1320	1220
W	XOD	1325	1225
NN4	RS Elite 2 nd Race	Asap after 1 st race	Asap after 1 st race

The Cruiser Class WS may be merged with the 15 past the hour WS by a VHF announcement on the day by the race committee of the organising club.

Note (a) Etchells on committee boat weekends: 15/16 May, 12/13 June, 17/18 July, 28/29 August.

Note (b) If a class wishes to have their own start on a day, they shall have 6 boats or more and advise the appropriate race committee.

On committee boat weekends there will be two races per day with the second race following as soon as possible after the first race. If only one race is completed on the Saturday, three races may be held on the Sunday.

9. Course Restrictions and Obstructions

- 9.1 Boats shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 9 of 2021. The Moving Prohibited Zone in the Precautionary Area which shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel noting SIs 1.4 and 1.5.
- 9.2 Boats, in whatever direction they are racing, shall not pass:
- (i) South of the Cowes harbour breakwater
 - (ii) north of the barrier off Durns Point, east of Lymington
 - (iii) north of Horse Sand Fort.
- 9.3 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes harbour fairway and in the area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay as indicated on the racing chart in these sailing instructions and on the Admiralty Chart 2040. Gas and water pipes, telephone cables and electricity cables lie on the seabed.
- 9.4 The race committee may set courses that do not permit boats to sail rhumb lines courses between marks, particularly over the central Solent Bramble Bank. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

10. Penalty System

Changing RRS 44.1, a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

11. Marks

- 11.1 Marks will either be selected from the fixed navigation buoys and yellow racing marks listed in these sailing instructions or be laid marks as described in Appendix 1D, or a combination of both.
- 11.2 Boats racing shall use all reasonable endeavours to avoid contact with navigation buoys, whether marks of the course or not. In case of contact, whether or not leading to damage to the buoy, the circumstances of the incident and details of any damage must be reported to the race committee within the protest time limit. RRS 31 and 44 shall remain in force. If the navigation buoy has been damaged the race committee will advise the Chairman of the SCRA. The race committee may also protest the boat.

12. Time Limits

Changing RRS 35, the race committee may award a finishing position or DNF to any boat not finishing within 30 minutes (on corrected time if applicable) after the first boat finishes to enable further race(s) to be sailed or racing to be concluded. Changing RRS 35, should no boat finish by the time limit, the result of the race may be determined from the previous time the start/finish line was crossed or the order of boats at a rounding mark or their position at the time limit.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 One design class associations are to score their own points series. For any club trophies or prizes the scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A with one discard allowed from each club's shoreline Cowes Solent Series (CSS). If 3 or fewer of a club's Cowes Solent Series races are completed then all shall count.
- 13.2 Boats in the CKC committee boat series will be scored from the best two-thirds of the CKC races completed (to the nearest completed race) to count towards CCCA prizes. If 6 or fewer races are completed then all shall count. 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 Cowes Keelboat Championship.
- 13.3 Cruisers will be scored from their best two-thirds of the CSS shoreline races completed (to the nearest completed race) to count towards CCCA prizes. If 6 or fewer races are completed then all shall count.
- 13.4 RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 13.5 Scoring for the Daring Class Stug Perry Trophy (ISC committee boat on 19/20 June 2021) will be as follows: Six races are scheduled. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. If fewer than three races are completed, the Stug Perry Trophy will not be awarded. If four or more races are completed, one discard will be allowed. If fewer than 4 races are completed, then all races shall count. This changes Appendix A Scoring.

14. RYA Arbitration, Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Arbitration is described on the RYA website (www.rya.org.uk) under Rules Disputes. The exoneration penalty will be a 30% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c). Arbitration, protests and requests for redress shall be delivered within 90 minutes (60 minutes on the last day of a regatta) of the time of the last boat to finish the last race of the day in her class.
- 14.2 Breaches of NoR 2.8 or sailing instructions 4.3, 7.2, 7.4 and 10 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches and a breach of RRS 55 and RRS 40 while **not** racing, may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. Any such penalties will be scored DPI.

15. Results

Results will be posted on the club notice board or website as soon as practical after the last boat has finished. Results will be posted at: <http://regattaguru.com/cowes>.

16. Prizegiving Dates

The **Cowes Keelboat Championship and Cruiser Class** prize giving will be held on **Saturday 25 September 2021 at 6.30pm** at the **Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS)**.

Club prizegiving dates for their **Cowes Solent Series** shoreline races are planned as follows:

Household Division YC	- Sat 24 July at RYS	Ryal Yacht Squadron	- Sat 25 September
Island Sailing Club	- Sat 25 September	Royal London YC	- Sat 6 November
Cowes Corinthian YC	- Sat 25 September	Royal Thames YC	- Thurs 11 November

17. Risk Statement

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."

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:

- (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 as is available in Cowes, 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 safety briefing held for the event.

18. Entry

Please enter **on-line** at: www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/ccca with details of the boat. The entry declaration and risk statement shall be completed by a representative of the boat, **before the first day raced by the boat**. A hard copy of the entry form is available for sending to 'CCCA' c/o Island Sailing Club at the address below and on the entry form. The entry fees are as follows:

Block entry Darings class, for the Cowes Keelboat Championship & Cowes Solent Series:	£500.
Block entry for Etchells for the nominated Cowes Keelboat Championship weekends:	£250.
Block entry for all other classes for Cowes Solent Series (shoreline) weekends only:	£180.
Cowes Solent Series <u>day rate</u> (shoreline):	£20/day.
Cowes Solent Series <u>weekend rate</u> (shoreline):	£30/weekend.
Cowes Keelboat Championship day rate:	£70/day.
Cowes Keelboat Championship weekend rate:	£100/weekend.

Entry fees should preferably be transferred by BACS to:

HSBC Sort Code: 40 18 63 Account: Cowes Clubs and Classes Association
A/C Number: 80016187 Reference: your Class and Sail Number.

If you are unable to enter on-line, please return the Entry Form with any cheque, payable to 'CCCA' to:
Cowes Clubs and Classes Association, c/o Island Sailing Club, 70 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7AS

Amendment 1 to the Notice of Race

Delete NoR 5 and insert:

5. Sailing Instructions, Flag Signals made Ashore and Start Lines

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Insert:

6. Racing Area, Courses and Communications

6.7 VHF Radio may be used by participants to communicate for room to tack at an obstruction.

Delete:

8. Warning Signal Times

In the table, on Saturday delete warning signal time 1300 under Cruiser Handicap (shoreline).

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