

## Big turn-out expected at the Taittinger Royal Solent Yacht Club Regatta 2014

The seventh edition of the Taittinger Royal Solent Yacht Club Regatta will take place from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th July 2104, in Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.



This popular regatta continues to buck the trend of dwindling entry numbers and is becoming a fixture in the South Coast's racing calendar. Last year 170 boats raced in champagne conditions on the Western Solent with diverse fleets including IRC, Classic Swans, IRC Classic Cruisers, Contessa 32, Gaffers, NHC Cruisers, Yarmouth One Designs (YOD), X One Designs (XOD) and sleek International Dragons.

The 2014 event will include a new class for Sports Boats and once again Limited Validity IRC ratings will be accepted. The event is part of the IRC Solent Championships and last year 60 IRC boats raced in four divisions.

The prevailing popularity of The Taittinger RSYC Regatta is easy to define: a diverse fleet and well-organised racing; onshore entertainment with a broad appeal and an informal atmosphere where families are encouraged to join in, all set against a stunning backdrop. Reserved berthing for competing yachts has been arranged in Yarmouth Harbour from Friday 25th July and throughout the regatta.



The Taittinger RSYC Regatta officially opens with the Taittinger Champagne Reception at the RSYC on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. Onshore entertainment is provided in the grounds of the Royal Solent Yacht Club each day of the event, with the social highlight of the regatta, The Towers Party, taking place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> at the famous, landmark, waterfront property adjacent to the RSYC.

Mark Hall, RSYC Commodore, is expecting a record turn-out: "We were gratified by the success of last year's regatta and we're confident that this year we will once again beat recessionary tendencies with this popular, fun, family-friendly and inexpensive event," says Hall. "We look forward to welcoming first-timers and repeat visitors to the loveliest location in the Solent."

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