



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RSYC CONTESSA REGATTA 2023

**CONTESSA 26 CLASS
NOVICES/CRUISERS REGATTA &
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023**

**CONTESSA 28 CLASS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023**

**CONTESSA 32 CLASS
INSHORE POINTS SERIES**

**ALL OTHER CONTESSAS
REGATTA**

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th June 2023

**Royal Solent Yacht Club
Yarmouth, Isle of Wight**

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Saturday 10th June and Sunday 11th June

Times throughout are British Summer Time.

TIDES ~ HW Portsmouth

Saturday 10th 0509 4.2m 1757 4.3m

Sunday 11th 0615 4.1m 1901 4.2m

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club (RSYC).

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 The races will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including subsequent ISAF amendments and including the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the respective Contessa Classes, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

2.2 The regatta is designated Category A in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.

2.3 The Race Management reserve the right to change ratings, if felt necessary, during the event.

3. RRS 44 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

4. PROGRAMME

4.1 The programme of races is set out in the NOR

4.2 Competitors are advised to keep radio watch on VHF channel M1 (37A) from 55 minutes before their warning signal.

4.3 All warning signals will be made five minutes before the starting time.

4.4 The position of the committee boat will be broadcast 45 minutes before the first start on VHF channel M1 (37A).

5. THE START

5.1 Starting Sequence. Amending RRS 26.

Time	Title	Signals	
- 5 mins	Warning	Class Flag displayed	1 sound signal
- 4 mins	Preparatory	Flag 'P' or 'black' displayed	1 sound signal
-1 min		Flag 'P' or 'black' removed	1 sound signal
0 mins	Starting	Class Flag removed	1 sound signal

5.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the main committee boat (dark blue topsides and white deckhouse) and the course side of the outer distance starting mark buoy, a yellow/orange cylindrical buoy

5.3 Classes may be started in any order for second or third races on either day depending on the order of finishes of prior races. Race start times for these races will be announced on VHF channel M1 (37A).

5.4 Start sequences will not commence after 1500 on Sunday.

6. SIGNALS AND FLAGS

- 6.1 Signals ashore will be made from the RSYC flagstaff.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, one minute is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes the AP section of the RRS Race Signals.
- 6.3 The main committee boat *COUNTDOWN* will be identified by a white dodger with "ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB COMMITTEE" thereon.
- 6.4 Boats after the warning signal and whilst racing shall fly their class flag from the backstay;

Contessa 26 Nationals	Numeral Pennant 1
Contessa 26 Novice/Cruisers	Numeral Pennant 2
Contessa 32	International Code Flag "G"
Contessa 28	International Code Flag "W"
All Other Contessas	Numeral Pennant 3
- 6.6 Ensigns shall be struck when racing.

7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 7.1 Notices to competitors will be posted in the RSYC foyer and on the RSYC website.
- 7.2 Changes to Sailing Instructions will be available from the RSYC sailing office.
- 7.3 Failure to receive a change of Sailing Instructions or any other information by VHF radio will not be grounds for redress.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The racing area is within the Western Solent, the area of which is encompassed by the indicative plan shown in Appendix 2.
- 8.2 Boats, in whatever direction they are racing, shall pass to the south of:
 - a) "Cross Boom" and all booms, beacons and posts in the Lymington River entrance including "Jack in the Basket"
 - b) The Royal Lymington Yacht Club starting platform.
 - c) The Sewer Beacon off Pennington.Boats shall not pass through the barrier South of Durn's Point which is an obstruction.
- 8.3 Boats must keep north of the yellow buoy 'Spence Willard' located to the west of Yarmouth pier and the harbour entrance.
- 8.4 Courses will be announced on VHF channel M1 (37A) and displayed at or before the warning signal in a frame on the main committee boat. Letters or numbers on a red background indicate that such marks of the course shall be rounded to port and letters or numbers on a green background indicate that marks shall be rounded to starboard. The numeric or alphabetical designations of marks used are shown in the Appendices at the end of the Sailing Instructions. Courses announced over the VHF radio will prevail.
- 8.5 If symbol "□" is shown as a mark of the course, boats shall pass through the start line from the direction of the last mark.
- 8.6 When 'S' flag over 'H' flag is displayed by a committee boat adjacent to a mark of the course, it denotes that boats shall pass that mark in the required manner and shall then proceed directly to cross the finishing line in the direction from that mark. The committee boat may make repeated sound signals to draw attention to the visual signal.

9. FINISHING LINE

- 9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on finishing committee boat *BEAR* (a blue Duchy 35 motor boat with a white cabin top) and the course side of the last mark.
- 9.2 Boats shall cross the finishing line from the direction of the previous mark.

10. TIME LIMIT and RETIREMENTS

- 10.1 RRS 35 is varied in that the time limit for;
- Contessa 26:** Races 1, 5 & 12 shall be 2 hours after the valid start. The time limit for Race 9 & 16 shall be 3 hours after the valid start.
- Contessa 28:** Race 2, 6 & 13 shall be 2 hours after the valid start. The time limit for race 10 & 17 shall be 3 hours after the valid start
- Contessa 32:** Races 3, 7 & 14 shall be 2 hours after the valid start. The time limit for Race 11 & 18 shall be 3 hours after the valid start.
- All Other Contessas:** Race 4 shall be 2 hours after the valid start. The time limit for Race 8 & 15 shall be 3 hours after the valid start
- 10.2 Retiring boats shall notify the race committee of their retirement on VHF channel M1 (37A).

11. PROTESTS

- 11.1 A protesting boat shall notify the race committee aboard the main committee boat of her intention to protest as soon as possible after finishing or as soon as possible after retiring from a race and advise the number(s) of the protested boat(s) and receive acknowledgment.
- 11.2 Amending RRS 61.2, protests shall be in writing on RYA style protest forms, available from the RSYC Sailing Office and the completed protest form shall be lodged at the Sailing Office within 60 minutes of the finishing time of the last yacht to finish racing in their class that day.
- 11.3 The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the notice board in the hall of the RSYC. It is responsibility of the protestors and protestees to acquaint themselves of this information and to present themselves at the appropriate time with any witnesses they may wish to call. In the event of either party failing to be present at a hearing the protest may be heard in their absence.
- 11.4 The Race Committee and the Protest Committee may open a hearing or initiate a protest when they are advised by any means of injury or damage caused in an incident even if notification is by way of an invalid protest. This changes RRS 60. In the event of conflict between RRS 60 and this Sailing Instruction, this Sailing Instruction shall prevail.

12. RADIO

- 12.1 The main committee boat will keep a listening watch on VHF channel M1 (37A) and may also give on this frequency the sail numbers of any competitors who are recalled for a premature start.
- 12.2 Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be given out over VHF channel M1 (37A) Any failure by the committee boat to make such transmissions will not be a breach of the Sailing Instructions. Any failure of a competitor to receive a signal will not be grounds for redress.

APPENDIX 1

WEST SOLENT RACING MARKS 2023					
	Name	Sponsor	Lat N	Long W	Colour/Shape
Western approaches to the Solent					
1E	Christchurch Ledge Buoy		50.41.50	01.41.60	Yellow sphere
1G	SW Shingles		50.39.29	01.37.52	Red pillar
1H	Bridge		50.39.63	01.36.88	YBY Pillar
1J	Shingles Elbow		50.40.37	01.36.05	Red can
1K	North Head		50.42.69	01.35.52	Green Can
1M	Warden		50.41.48	01.33.55	Green Can
1N	NE Shingles		50.41.96	01.33.41	East cardinal
West Solent Racing Marks					
A	Hurst	Chewton Glen	50.42.77	01.32.43	Yellow sphere
B	Pennington	Dunford	50.43.38	01.31.54	Yellow cylinder
C	Oxey	Colten	50 43.83	01 30.86	Yellow cylinder
D	Royal Lymington	Yacht Haven	50 44.17	01 30.10	Yellow cylinder
E	Pylewell	Circle Marine	50 44.49	01 29.32	Yellow cylinder
F	Berthon	Berthon	50 44.20	01 29.22	Yellow sphere
G	Tanners	Bridgeworks	50 44.79	01 28.47	Yellow cylinder
H	H	Draycott's	50 44.30	01 28.16	Yellow cylinder
J	Sowley	Zwerver	50 45.11	01 27.34	Yellow sphere
K	Cowes Radio	Cowes Radio	50 44.83	01 26.09	Yellow sphere
L	RLymYC		50 43.143	01 31.945	Yellow sphere
R	Durns	Powder Byrne	50 45.43	01 25.89	Yellow Sphere
T	Lymington Bank		50 43.10	01 30.85	Red Can
U (new for 2023)	Tuakana		50 43.67	01 29.50	Yellow sphere
X	Solent Bank		50 44.23	01 27.37	Red Can
0	Sconce		50.42.53	01.31.43	North Cardinal
1	Black Rock		50 42.57	01 30.59	Green SHM conical
2	Charles Stanley	Charles Stanley	50 42.86	01 29.40	Yellow sphere
3	Folkboats Forever	Yarmouth Folkboats	50.42.47	01.30.43	Yellow sphere
4	Hall Hunter	Hall Hunter	50 42.86	01 28.42	Yellow sphere
5	Caldwells Estate Agents	Caldwells Estate Agents	50 43.15	01 27.49	Yellow cylinder
6	Hamstead Ledge		50 43.87	01 26.18	Green SHM conical
7	Generation	Generation	50.42.97	01.28.16.	Yellow sphere
8	Bouldnor	Harwoods	50.42.73	01.28.69	Yellow cylinder
9	RSYC ODM	River Yar Boatyard	50 42.72	01 29.70	Yellow cylinder
HE	East Fairway Buoy		50 42.64	01 29.88	Red can
#	Towers	John Caulcutt	50.42.63	01.29.26	Yellow sphere
Central Solent					
3A	West Lepe		50 45.24	01 24.09	Red Can
3C	crafinsure.com		50.45.64	01.23.12	Yellow sphere
3G	Greenings Payments		50.46.58	01.21.46	Yellow sphere
3L	Gurnard Ledge		50.45.51	01.20.59	Green SHM conical
3N	Royal Cork		50.47.07	01.19.88	Yellow sphere
3R	North East Gurnard		50.47.06	01.19.42	Red can
3S	TackGybeSet		50.47.81	01.19.25	Yellow sphere
3U	Gurnard		50.46.22	01.18.84	North Cardinal
33	Prince Consort		50.46.41	01.17.56	North Cardinal
Yarmouth inshore					
11	Delphie	Delphie Lakeman Trust	50.42.48	01.29.94	Yellow sphere
14	Stone pier	XOD Yarmouth	50.42.82	01.28.05	Yellow sphere
15	Hallmark		50.42.63	01.28.70	Yellow sphere
16	St Swithins		50.42.52	01.28.99	Yellow sphere
17	Camel		50.42.57	01.29.17	Yellow sphere
18	Mount		50.42.44	01.29.43	Yellow sphere
19	Dinghy ODM		50.42.44	01.29.82	Yellow sphere
Marks not charted					
N	Moveable windward mark				Inflatable buoy
M	Moveable mark				Inflatable buoy
P	Moveable mark				Inflatable buoy
Q	Moveable mark				Inflatable buoy
□	Gate	Start/finish line			

APPENDIX 2

