



**CONTESSA 32 CLASS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014**



Friday 19th to Sunday 21st
September 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

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Saturday 20th &
Sunday 21st September 2014

from
Royal Solent Yacht Club
Yarmouth, Isle of Wight



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The Flag Officers and Members of the Royal Solent Yacht Club extend a warm welcome to competitors as visitors to the Club. They are requested to sign and enter their name and address in the Visitors' Book situated in the entrance hall and should acquaint themselves with the rules of the Royal Solent Yacht Club particularly those concerning dress.

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Times throughout are British Summer Time.

TIDES ~ HW Portsmouth

Friday 19 th	08:56	3.8m	21:14	3.9m
Saturday 20 th	10:05	4.1m	22:07	4.1m
Sunday 21 st	10:43	4.3m	22:49	4.3m

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 of the ISAF (RRS) including the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the rules of the Contessa 32 Class, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The regatta will be held under the category "A" provisions of ISAF regulation 20.
- 2.3 Rule RRS 35; Time limit.
Rule RRS 60; Rights of protest and race committees to initiate a protest, and Race Signals are changed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.4 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two turn penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Yachts of the Contessa 32 Class with a current valid measurement certificate and third party insurance of at least two million pounds sterling and yachts of the Contessa 26 Class and with third party insurance of at least two million pounds sterling may be entered.
- 3.2 All Contessa 32s are required to have a current member of the CO32 Class Association on board whilst racing.
- 3.3 ISAF Category 4 Regulations regarding safety shall apply to Contessa 32s.
- 3.4 ISAF Category 5 Regulations shall apply to Contessa 26s.

4. PROGRAMME

	Warning signal	Start Time
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Friday 19th

Race 1 – Contessa 32	11:50	12:00
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Race 2 will start after a short break from the completion of Race 1.

Saturday 20th

Race 3 – Contessa 32	11:35	11:45
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Race 4 & 5 will start after a short break from the completion of Race 3.

Race 1 - Contessa 26	10.15	10.25
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Race 2 will be started after a short break from the completion of Race 1.

Sunday 21st

Race 6 – Contessa 32	11:10	11:20
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Bart's Bash – Contessa 26	10:55	11:00
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Bart's Bash will run from a Grants start line see SI 5.4, using 5-4-1-0 sequence. Entry for this race must be made online in accordance with the Bart's Bash event rules www.bartsbash.co.uk.

Race 3 – Contessa 26 will start from the Committee boat as soon as practicable after the completion of the Bart's Bash race.

- 4.1 There shall be no race unless two boats of the same class start.
- 4.2 Contessa 26s will start as one fleet as above but results will be extracted and given separately for the IRC division and the non IRC class Handicap division (Spinnaker and non Spinnaker sections).

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 If one or both races on Friday or Saturday are not run an additional race may be run on Sunday. If the Committee decide to attempt a second Sunday race a notice will be placed on the notice board no later than 19:00hrs the previous day.
- 5.2 There will be no warning signal made after 1500hrs on Sunday 21st September.

6. RACING AREA

Racing will be within the Western Solent & Western Approaches.

7. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 7.1 VHF communication will be made on channel M1 (37).
- 7.2 All boats are required to carry an operational VHF radio at all times while racing.
- 7.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

8. SCORING SYSTEM

The Scoring System will be the low point system in Appendix A of the RRS.

Contessa 32 shall have one race to constitute a series and a single discard once 5 races have been completed.

Contessa 26 shall have two races to constitute a series, but no discarded race score.

9. ENTRIES

Entries should be made as follows;

Contessa 32: Online at www.co32.org

Contessa 26: Email to michaelharrison1251@gmail.com or

Post to Endeavour House, 47 Mill Hill Road, Cowes, PO31 7EG.

By Monday 15th September.

10. HANDICAPPING

Contessa 26s must either hold a valid IRC certificate (endorsement is recommended) or if they have not in 2014 been issued with one they will be allocated a Class handicap. If requested, non IRC boats shall complete a Class measurement form before the event. Non IRC Class handicaps may be altered (not retrospectively) during the event.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions are appended to this Notice of Race.

12. PRIZES

12.1 Contessa 32 Prizes for each race will be presented at the Annual Contessa 32 Class Association Dinner.

12.2 Contessa 26 results will be announce as soon as practicable after racing on 21st September. The prize giving will be at the Contessa 26 AGM.

12.3 Results will be posted daily on the official Notice Board at the Royal Solent and finalised results published on the website;

http://www.royalsolent.org/event_calendar/

13. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Members of the Contessa 26 and Contessa 32 Class Associations are invited to join in the social programmes at the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

Friday 19th BBQ 18:30hrs

Saturday 20th Dinner 19:30hrs for 20:00hrs

(After a pontoon party organised by the Contessa Association)

14. RISK STATEMENT.

Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 race organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) For offshore races, they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew .

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million sterling or the equivalent.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Berthing

Berths will be at Harold Hayles Boatyard and reservations should for CO32s be made directly on (01983) 760373. CO26s have a group booking, please contact your Class secretary for further information.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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2. RULES

- 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 Contessa 32 Class Rules, 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 following changes are made to the RRS in these SIs: -
RRS 26 Start Sequence by SI5.1,
RRS 35 Time Limit and scores by SI 10,
RRS 60 by SI 11.4 and Race Signals by SI 6.2.

3. DISCLAIMER AND DISPUTES

Competitor's attention is drawn to Paragraph 10 of the Notice of Race attached.

4. PROGRAMME

4.1 Contessa 32

Race 1 is scheduled to start at 12:00 hrs on Friday 19th September with Race 2 following shortly on.

Race 3 at 11:45 hrs on Saturday 20th September, with Races 4&5 shortly after.

Race 6 at 11:20hrs on Sunday 21st September.

4.2 Contessa 26.

Race 1 is scheduled to start at 10:25 hrs on Saturday 20th September with Race 2 following shortly after.

Sunday 21st September will be Bart's Bash at 11:00hrs. The start line will be from Grants and entry for this race must be made online in accordance with the Bart's Bash event rules www.bartsbash.co.uk.

Race 3 will follow as soon as practicable after completion of Bart's Bash and from the RSYC Committee boat.

- 4.3 All warning signals will be made ten minutes before the starting time, in exception of Bart's Bash that will follow the 5-4-1-0 starting sequence.
- 4.4 The position of the committee boat will be broadcasted 45 minutes before the first start on channel 37.

5. THE START

5.1 Starting Sequence. Amending RRS 26.

Time	Title	Signals	
- 10 mins	Warning	Class Flag displayed	1 sound signal
- 4 mins	Preparatory	Flag 'P' or 'T' or 'Z over I' or 'black' displayed	1 sound signal
-1 min		Flag 'P' or 'T' or 'Z over I' or 'black' removed	1 sound signal
0 mins	Starting	Class Flag removed	1 sound signal

5.2 In the event of a general recall or a postponement before the start or an abandonment soon after the start, RSS 26 will be reinstated (5-4-1-Go). Removal of a delay signal will be broadcast on the VHF channel M (37).

5.3 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 starting mark buoy.

5.4 Bart's Bash (Grants Starting Line)

The starting line at Grants, is approximately 200 metres to the East of the Royal Solent Yacht Club. The starting line is formed by bringing the signal flagstaff bearing a horizontally striped orange and white diamond shape into line with a white post topped with a white diamond framed orange cross which is about 15 metres to seawards from the sea wall.

5.5 Limit Marks

(a) The inner limit mark for all races is the seaward post with a diamond shaped top of the starting line transit. Please note that this mark may not necessarily be in water deep enough for some boats.

(b) The outer limit mark for all races (except for dinghy classes) is a yellow cylindrical buoy marked with '9' in black thereon with a yellow X top-mark, located approximately 450 metres northwards of the signal flagstaff.

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 Race Signals.

6.3 Signals afloat will be displayed from the main Committee Boat. RRS Race Signals "L" only means 'follow this boat'. Flag "third substitute" means "a change has been made to the Sailing Instructions". When the committee boat flies flag "Third Substitute" it is the responsibility of each competitor to obtain the change in instructions from the committee boat either orally or by VHF radio. Such alterations will be designated by a sequential number the numeral pennant for which will be flown inferior to Flag "third substitute". RRS 90.2 (c) refers.

6.4 The main Committee Boat will be identified by a white dodger with "ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB COMMITTEE" thereon.

- 6.5 Boats after the warning signal and whilst racing shall fly their Class Flag from the backstay;
Contessa 32 International Code Flag "G"
Contessa 26 IC Numeral Pennant 2.
- 6.6 Ensigns shall be struck when racing.

7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 7.1 Notices to competitors will be posted in the Royal Solent Yacht Club foyer.
- 7.2 Changes to Sailing Instructions will be available from the Royal Solent Yacht Club and the main Committee Boat on request.
- 7.3 Oral changes to Sailing Instructions may be given in accordance with Sailing Instruction 6.2 and will be by broadcast on VHF Channel M1 (37).

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The racing area is within the Western Solent, the area of which is encompassed by the plan shown in Appendix 3.
- 8.2 Boats, in whatever direction they are racing, shall pass to the Southwards of:
- "Cross Boom" and all booms, beacons and posts in the Lymington River entrance with the exception of "Jack in the Basket"
 - The Royal Lymington Yacht Club starting platform.
 - The Sewer Beacon off Pennington.
- 8.3 Boats shall not pass through the barrier South of Durn's Point which is an obstruction to sea room.
- 8.4 Courses will be 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.
- 8.5 When two or three diamonds are displayed with the course signal, the course shall be sailed two or three times round respectively. Boats shall pass through the start/finish line at the end of each round.
- 8.6 If symbol "□" is shown as a mark of the course boats shall pass through the start/finish line from the direction of the last mark.
- 8.7 If Numeral 9 is flying from the committee boat, SI 8.2 - 8.6 will not apply, but the course will be in accordance with the diagrams in Appendix 2. At the end of a round after leaving Mark 3 all boats shall pass through the Start / Finish line. Marks will be orange inflatable marks with 'ROYAL SOLENT' thereon. The Start/finish line marks are not marks of the course on a leg ending at mark 3.
- 8.8 Courses will be announced over the VHF radio.
- 8.9 During Windward/Leeward races boats shall not pass through the Start/Finish line on the downwind leg.

9. FINISHING LINE

- 9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of the finishing mark. Unless otherwise notified, the finishing line will be in the approximate position of the starting line.
- 9.2 Boats shall cross the finishing line from the direction of the last mark.

10. TIME LIMIT

RRS 35 is varied in that:

- a) The time limit for;
Contessa 32: Races 1 to 5 shall be 2½ hours after the valid start. The time limit for Race 6 shall be 3.5 hours after the valid start.
Contessa 26: Races 1 shall be 2½ hours after the valid start. The time limit for Race 2 shall be 3.5 hours after the valid start. The time limit for Race 3 shall be 4.5 hours after the valid start.
- b) When the first boat in her race finishes within the time limit the race shall be valid only for those boats which finish within the time limit or within 30 minutes of the first boat in that race whichever is the later.
- c) For the races of more than one round when the first boat in her race fails to finish within the time limit, but has completed one or more rounds of the course, the results of the race will be determined by the placing's at the end of the last completed round. If letter 'S' is shown as a mark of the course and competitors are conforming to SI 8.6 this shall be deemed to be the end of a round.

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 Royal Solent Yacht Club 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.
- 11.3 The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the Notice board in the hall of the Royal Solent Yacht Club. 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 Channel M (37) and may also give on this frequency the sail numbers of any competitors who are recalled for a premature start or changes.
- 12.2 Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be given out over the radio. 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

Racing Marks 2014					
	Name	Sponsor	N Lat	W Long	
1E(W)	Christchurch Ledge		50.41.56	01.41.50	Yellow sphere
1G(W)	SW Shingles		50.39.35	01.37.45	Red pillar
1H(W)	Bridge		50.39.63	01.36.88	YBY Pillar
1J(W)	Shingles Elbow		50.40.36	01.36.05	Red can
1K(W)	North Head		50.42.68	01.35.51	Green Can
1N	NE Shingles		50.41.96	01.33.40	East cardinal
1M	Warden		50.41.48	01.33.55	Green Can
A	Hurst	Echopilot	50.42.79	01.32.53	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	Folkboats UK	50.44.58	01.29.43	Yellow cylinder
F	Berthon	Berthon	50.44.20	01.29.22	Yellow sphere
G	Tanners	Bridgefords	50.44.79	01.28.47	Yellow cylinder
H	Jackson	Paul Jackson	50.44.30	01.28.16	Yellow cylinder
J	Sowley	Zwerver	50.45.11	01.27.33	Yellow sphere
K	Quod Possumus!	Quod Possumus!	50.44.83	01.26.09	Yellow sphere
R	Durns	Durns	50.45.43	01.25.89	Yellow sphere
T	Lymington Bank		50.43.10	01.30.85	Red Can
X	Solent Bank		50.44.23	01.27.37	Red Can
0	Sconce		50.42.52	01.31.43	North Cardinal
1	Black Rock		50.42.58	01.30.59	Green cone
2	George Hotel	The George Hotel	50.42.86	01.29.40	Yellow sphere
3	Harbour	Yarmouth Folkboats	50.42.47	01.30.43	Yellow sphere
4	The English Summer Berry Co	The English Summer Berry Co	50.42.86	01.28.42	Yellow sphere
5	Harken	Harken	50.43.15	01.27.49	Yellow cylinder
6	Hamstead Ledge		50.43.86	01.26.18	Green conical
8	Bouldnor	Harwoods	50.42.73	01.28.69	Yellow cylinder
9	R Sol YC ODM	Charles Stanley	50.42.72	01.29.70	Yellow cylinder
HE	East Fairway Buoy		50.42.64	01.29.88	Red can
#	Towers		50.42.63	01.29.26	Yellow pillar
3A(E)	West Lepe		50.45.23	01.24.09	Red Can
3C(E)	Cratinsure.com		50.45.64	01.23.12	Yellow sphere
3D(E)	Saltmead		50.44.52	01.23.04	Green
3G(E)	SevenStar Yacht Trans		50.46.58	01.21.46	Yellow
3H(E)	East Lepe		50.45.93	01.21.07	Red Can
3L(E)	Gurnard Ledge		50.45.51	01.20.59	Green Can
3N (E)	Quinnell		50.47.07	01.19.88	Yellow
33(E)	Prince Consort		50.46.41	01.17.56	North Cardinal
Lymington shore					
+	Plus Mark	BHG	50.43.78	01.31.53	Yellow sphere
⬆	West Mark	Scott Bailey	50.43.99	01.30.99	Yellow sphere
⬇	Baverstock	Lym Town SC	50.44.17	01.30.86	⬇
JB	Jack in the Basket		50.44.28	01.30.57	Red post
XB	Cross Boom		50.44.36	01.30.58	Red post
Y	Black & Orange		50.44.31	01.30.81	Black/orange sphere
@	West Reach	Jeremy Rogers Yacht	50.44.59	01.30.92	Yellow cone
Λ	East Reach		50.44.63	01.30.80	Yellow cylinder
Z	Black & White	Ropewalk Marine	50.44.51	01.30.56	Black/white cone
⚓	RLYC Platform		50.44.42	01.30.42	⚓
S	East Mark	Sanders Sails	50.44.51	01.30.00	Yellow sphere
π	Pylewell Inner		50.44.92	01.29.70	Yellow cone
Yarmouth shore					
11	Pier		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					
M	Moveable mark				Orange inflatable
N	Moveable windward mark				Orange inflatable
□	Gate - start/finish line when used to mark the end of a round and not the finish				
(E) – off chart to the East, (W) – off chart to the West					



