



## Royal Solent Yacht Club Briefing notes from RC Sailing

Yacht Racing is an inherently dangerous sport and as such both Race Officials and competitors must take responsibility for their actions.

As the race organisers we provide as much support and guidance as is possible. As competitors you must also act in a safe and seaman like fashion and conform to the bye laws of the Precautionary Zone and also of the Cowes Harbour Authority.

1. You must have your VHF radio on Channel 37. (M1) and keep a listening watch throughout the race.
2. In the precautionary zone and in the mouth of the Cowes Harbour entrance it will be allowable to use your engine or other means of propulsion to get out of the way of commercial traffic that may not be able to manoeuvre easily. (See NoR for penalties)
3. A support vessel will be in the vicinity to tow you out of trouble if required.

**Call Marksman or Solent Rib on VHF 37. (M1) for assistance.**

4. For any major incident use VHF 16 in the usual way.
5. Ensure that you have on board the safety gear as required by your class.
6. Watch out for other competitors that appear to have serious problems and be prepared to assist or call for assistance.

The weather looks like it will be a good race with enough winds to provide a great race. So enjoy the day and don't forget the sun cream!

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