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TAITTINGER ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB REGATTA

FRIDAY 4th - SUNDAY 6th JULY 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

to include: IRC Solent Region Championship Event 3

Contessa 32 Inshore Series 4

Services Offshore Regatta



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NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Flag Officers and Members of the Royal Solent Yacht Club extend a warm welcome to competitors as visitors to the Club.

AVOIDING POSSIBLE COLLISION WITH FERRIES

Competitors are reminded that under rule 9 (b) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea “a vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of any other vessel navigating within a narrow channel or fairway”. The approach to Yarmouth Harbour between the Harbour East buoy and the harbour is considered to be a fairway.

Ferries have extreme difficulty in strong winds and tides when approaching or leaving Yarmouth Harbour and competitors should err on the side of safety and give way early if there is any possible doubt.

RYA RACING CHARTER

Competitors should note that the Royal Solent Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be required to undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter, which can be found in the front pages of the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing or at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

Competitors are alerted to the fact that exceptionally strong tides occur in the Western Solent. However well tethered, the buoys in a strong tide are not necessarily vertically above their anchor. Vessels should ensure that they keep well clear especially if they have very deep or winged keels.

START COMMITTEE BOAT LOCATIONS:

These will be announced prior to racing by VHF / WhatsApp by 0830 each day.



The Taittinger Royal Solent Yacht Club Regatta

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Abbreviations:

- RSYC: Royal Solent Yacht Club.
RRS: World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing.
OSR: World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.
NFIA: Nordic Folkboat International Association
UKFCA: UK Folkboat Class Association
RLymYC: Royal Lymington Yacht Club
NoR: Notice of Race

Times: British Summer Time.

Tides: High Water Portsmouth

Date	Time	Height
Saturday 5th July	0758	3.7m
	2030	3.9m
Sunday 6th July	0901	3.7m
	2127	3.9m

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing is governed by the Rules as defined in the RRS.
- 1.2 The following RRS are changed:
- 1.2.1 The Two Turn Penalty is modified to a One Turn Penalty: only one turn, including one tack and one gybe in the same direction, is required. This changes RRS 44.1 & 2.

2. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- 2.1 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 (monohulls) shall apply to all classes, except day boats, with the following amendments:
- 2.1.1 OSR 4.26. is amended to the extent that no class shall be required to carry storm/trysails.
- 2.1.2 OSR 3.14 (lifelines, stanchions and pulpits) shall not apply to IRC Classic Cruiser, IRC Swan or Gaff-rigged yachts.

3. CLASS RULES

3.1 Boats shall comply with their class rules except as specified below:

3.1.1 IRC Rule 22.4. shall not apply. There are no limitations on crew number or weight for IRC classes.

3.1.2 There will be no penalty for Folkboats that do not comply with NFIA Rule 8.20 (headsail furling) and Folkboats are permitted to use spinnakers as per UK Class Regulation Part 11.1.4

3.1.3 All classes when racing shall carry an operational VHF radio. There will be no penalty for any boat that breaches her class rules by complying with this Sailing Instruction.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the RSYC website and may be sent via WhatsApp.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Written changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RSYC website and may be sent via WhatsApp by 0830 each day.

5.2 Competitors are advised to keep a radio watch from 55 minutes before their warning signal.

5.3 Failure to receive a change of Sailing Instructions or any other information will not be grounds for redress.

6. VHF COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 VHF communications will be made to:

- black group competitors on VHF channel 77
- white group competitors on VHF channel 72.

Competitors shall not transmit on these channels during the starting sequences unless in emergencies.

6.2 Retiring boats shall inform their class finish vessel of their retirement on

- black group competitors on VHF channel 77
- white group competitors on VHF channel 72.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RSYC flagstaff.

7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, one minute is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the postponement signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 Each class is scheduled to have two races on Saturday and one on Sunday. If one or both races on Saturday are not completed a second race may take place on Sunday.

Notice of a second race on Sunday will be given on the RSYC website, via WhatsApp and/or VHF not later than 1900 hrs on Saturday 5th July.

On Saturday Race 2 will follow as soon as practicable after the completion of Race 1.

The race committee may decide to have a third race on Saturday. If it does so it will inform the competitors by VHF 77 for black group, 72 for white group, and also via WhatsApp. The third race (if held) will start as soon as practicable after completion of the second race on Saturday. If three races are completed on Saturday, one race may be scheduled on Sunday – to extend the series to four races.

If there is a second race on Sunday, this will start as soon as practicable after completion of the first race on Sunday.

8.2	Black group	Warning signal Saturday	Warning signal Sunday
	Div 1 IRC Handicap [1.191 – 1.060]	1000	0930
	J109 & J111	1005	0935
	Div 2 IRC Handicap [1.059 – 0.997]	1010	0940
	Contessa 32	1015	0945
	Div 3 IRC Handicap [0.996 – 0.910]	1020	0950
	Div 4 IRC Handicap [0.909 – 0.770]	1025	0955

8.3	White group	Warning signal Saturday & Sunday
	IRC Classic Cruisers [1.233 – 0.831]	1000
	RYA NHC A [1.032 – 0.923]	1005
	RYA NHC B [0.922 – 0.819]	1010
	Folkboat	1015
	XOD	1020
	YOD	1025

8.4 Classes may be started in any order for the second race on either day, or the third race on Saturday (if held), depending on the order of finishes for the previous race.

8.5 Start sequences will not begin after 1500hrs on Sunday.

9. RACING AREAS

9.1 The racing area is within the western Solent and its western approaches, as well as the central Solent, part of which is encompassed by the plan shown in Appendix A.

10. COURSES AND EXCLUSION ZONES

10.1 Boats in whatever direction they are racing shall pass to the south of:

- a) The Royal Lymington Yacht Club starting platform.
- b) Cross Boom
- c) Jack in the Basket
- d) all other booms, beacons and posts in the Lymington River Entrance.
- e) the barrier and beacon south of Durns Point.
- f) Pennington sewer outfall beacon**

10.2 Boats in whatever direction they are racing shall pass to the north of the yellow buoy “Roach Pittis” situated to the southeast of the inner trot of moorings located to the west of Yarmouth Pier.

- 10.3 There is an obstruction on the southern shore known as 'The Camel (AKA Harry's Rock) 050° 42' 54.3" North; 001° 29' 26.0" West. It is marked with a black spherical buoy with a red band.
- 10.4 Courses may be announced on VHF channels 77 for black group and 72 for white group at any time from 30 minutes before the start for each class and no later than at or before the preparatory signal for each class. Courses may also be displayed at or before the preparatory signal in a frame on the relevant committee boat, this changes RRS 27.1. 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 such marks shall be rounded to starboard. The numeric or alphabetical designations of marks used are shown in Appendix B.

11. THE STARTS

- 11.1 Whilst racing, boat should fly their class flag and the Regatta pennant on their backstay. If no permanent backstay is present, the flag should be flown prominently from the rig, gallows or similar structure.

11.2 Black group class flags shall be as follows:

Div 1 IRC Handicap [1.191 – 1.060]	NP1
J109 & J111	NP 5
Div 2 IRC Handicap [1.059 – 0.997]	NP2
Contessa 32	G
Div 3 IRC Handicap [0.996 – 0.910]	NP3
Div 4 IRC Handicap [0.909 – 0.770]	NP4

11.3 White group class flags shall be as follows:

IRC Classic Cruisers [1.233 – 0.831]	K
RYA NHC A [1.032 – 0.923]	NP6
RYA NHC B [0.922 – 0.819]	NP7
Folkboat	F
XOD	W
YOD	NN2

- 11.4 The starting line for both groups is formed by a line between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of the outer distance mark, which may be a [MarkSetBot](#).

- 11.5 The black group Committee Boat is '*GEMINI BREEZE*' (an Offshore 105 with blue hull and white topsides) and will be identified with a Taittinger RSYC Regatta pennant and a white dodger bearing the words 'Committee Boat'.

The white group Committee Boat is '*COUNTDOWN*' (a barge with blue topsides and a white doghouse with a raised aft steering position) and will be identified with the words Royal Solent Yacht Club Committee Boat and a Taittinger RSYC Regatta pennant.

- 11.6 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 (five) minutes before the starting signal.

- 11.7 Before a boat's first start of each day, she shall pass by her group Committee Boat so that her sail number is clearly visible to the race committee.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between the last mark of the course and a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing committee vessel. Black group finishing boat is 'PURITAN', a Laurent Giles 38 cutter with black hull. White group finishing boat is 'MOON' an Elan 333 with a dark hull. Both boats will be identified with a Taittinger RSYC Regatta pennant, a large blue finish flag and a white "Committee Boat" dodger. In the event of a shortened course, any other finishing vessel will carry the Taittinger RSYC Regatta pennant and a large blue finish flag.
- 12.2 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.

13. TIME LIMITS/Changes to RRS 35 and RRS A5

13.1

All classes	Finish time limit 1 For 1 st boat to finish as RRS 35	Finish time limit 2 Latest time to finish after 1st boat sails the course and finishes
Race 1 and 2	2 hours 30 mins	45 minutes
Race 3 if sailed on Saturday	2 hours 30 mins	45 minutes
Race 3 or 4 if one race on Sunday	3 hours	60 minutes
Race 3 if two races on Sunday	2 hours 30 mins	45 minutes

- 13.2 If no boat finishes within time limit 1 the race committee shall abandon the race.
- 13.3 The finishing window is the time allocated to boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes, (finish time limit 2). Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently retiring, being penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat finished within the finishing window. This changes RRS 35, RRS A5.1, RRS A5.2 and RRS A10.

- 13.4 Boats that have lost contact with the majority of the fleet may be told they need not complete the course. An appropriate finishing position will be recorded.
- 14. DECLARATION** sponsored by aql.com
- 14.1 A Declaration must be made by each boat as soon as possible after finishing each race, and in any case within one hour of their finishing (this may be extended by the Race Committee at their sole discretion).
- 14.2 If no Declaration is received, the boat may be scored as No Declaration (DSQ) and will receive the same points as a DNF. This changes RRS A10.
- 14.3 Text your Declaration to **023 8000 1880** using the formats detailed below.
- 14.4 If correctly finished, send the boat's name, followed by the boat's finish time (hhmm), sail number of the boat ahead; sail number of the boat astern in this format:
e.g. FOXY 1624 GBR123T K987
Please note that the boats ahead and astern may not be in your own class.
- UNKNOWN should be entered if either or both sail number(s) are not seen:
e.g. FOXY 1624 UNKNOWN K987
- NONE should be entered if there is no boat ahead or behind:
e.g. FOXY 1624 NONE K987
- 14.5 If the boat retires, send: boat name RETIRED
e.g. FOXY RETIRED
- 14.6 If the boat did not race, send: boat name DNC
e.g. FOXY DNC
- 14.7 **IMPORTANT:** Wait for a response from “**RSYCRegatta**” confirming that your Declaration has been received. If a response has not been received within 10 minutes, the Declaration has not been received and the boat may be scored as No Declaration (DSQ) in this race. Another attempt to send the Declaration should be made or call the RSYC Sailing Office on 01983 766140 to report the Declaration issue.
- 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the RSYC Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the RSYC Sailing Office within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 For each of black group and white group, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or 90 minutes after the relevant race Committee Boat signals ‘no more racing today’ (AP or N over A) for the last class in the group. Please note you may register a protest with the RSYC Sailing Office by WhatsApp to 07790 401036.
- 15.3 Notices informing competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be communicated via telephone as soon as possible after the protest time limit. The RSYC will use their reasonable endeavours to contact the aforementioned but if this proves unachievable, the RSYC reserve the right to hold a protest without them in their absence.

- 15.4 For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2 or specified in the rule itself, the penalty may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 When the Y flag/board is displayed, all competitors must wear a personal flotation device.
- 16.2 A boat racing shall, where applicable, comply with her class rules with regard to safety.
- 16.3 All boats shall keep clear of the starting line during any preceding start sequences.
- 16.4 No boat shall race with an anchor protruding beyond her bow/bowsprit or bumkin; any class rule to the contrary is changed by this SI.

17. SCORING SYSTEM

- 17.1 The low point scoring system will be used except there will be no discard. This changes RRS 90.3 and Appendix A2.
- 17.2 To constitute a series, one completed race is required.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes for each class will be presented at the prize giving on Sunday 6th July at the Royal Solent Yacht Club. Prize giving will take place as soon as practical after racing.
- 18.2 A bottle of Taittinger Champagne will be awarded to each overall class winner.
- 18.3 A Jeroboam of Taittinger Champagne will be awarded to the overall Regatta winner.
- 18.4 The first XOD race on Saturday will count towards the George Cup. The first and last race of the Regatta will count towards the Allot Cup Series and the Golden Tiller Series. The second race of the Regatta will be a Persephone race. Only those eligible Lymington/Yarmouth boats will be entitled to compete in the George Cup Series/Allot Cup Series/Persephone race.
- 18.5 The Regatta will be the Folkboat Summer Weekend Series 2.
- 18.6 The Regatta will include the IRC Solent Championship Event 3.
- 18.7 The Regatta will be the Contessa 32 Inshore Series 4.
- 18.8 The Regatta will include the Services Offshore Regatta Inshore Series. 1st prizes will be presented at the RSYC on Sunday 6th July 2025; SOR Overall/Offshore/Inshore Winners.
- 18.9 The winning boat of each class will be entered into a ballot for the prize of a stay for two people at the Edelweiss & Gurgl hotel in Obergurgl, Austria. However, only those present at prize giving will be able to win this prize. Conditions apply.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20 RISK STATEMENT

20.1 Rule 3 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.

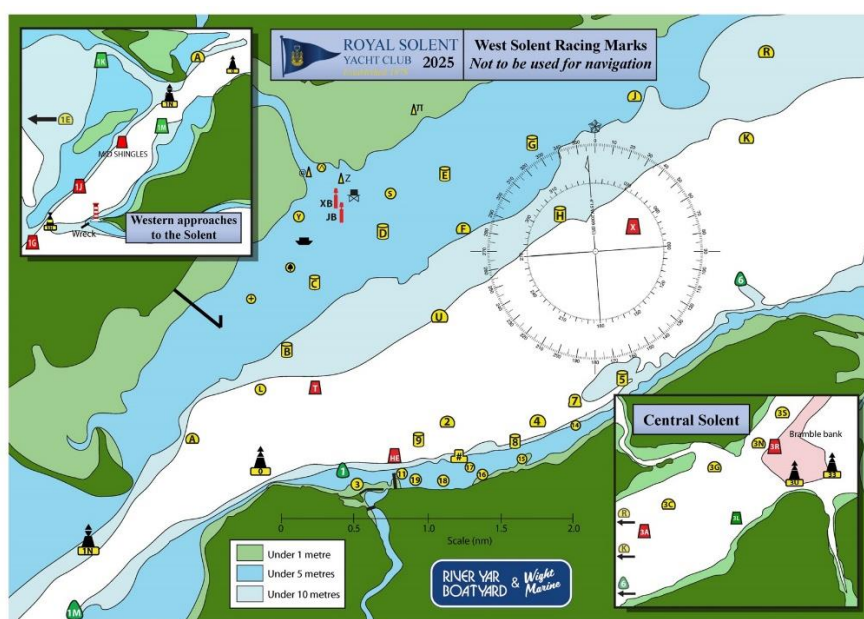
By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (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) 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.
- (h) Boats shall comply with their class safety regulations (if any).
- (i) All boats should carry a visual means of attracting attention when in distress, a suitable tow rope and secure means of attachment to enable a tow.

21. INSURANCE

21.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least £5,000,000 (five million pounds sterling) per incident.

Appendix A (an A4 laminated version is included in the welcome pack, available at registration)



RSYC Solent Racing Marks 2025

	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	Embley School	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	Lymington Yacht Haven	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	50 44.30	01 28.16	Yellow cylinder
J	Zwerver	Zwerver	50 45.11	01 27.34	Yellow sphere
K	Greenings Fintech		50 44.83	01 26.09	Yellow sphere
L	RLymYC	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	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	Now	Now Students	50 42.86	01 28.42	Yellow sphere
5	Jeremy Rogers Contessa	Jeremy Rogers Ltd	50 43.15	01 27.49	Yellow cylinder
6	Hamstead Ledge		50 43.87	01 26.18	Green SHM conical
7	In Memory of Adam Harding-Domeney	Yarmouth One Design Class	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 & Wight Marine	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	Craftinsure		50.45.64	01.23.12	Yellow sphere
3G	Cowes Week 2026		50.46.58	01.21.46	Yellow sphere
3L	Gurnard Ledge		50.45.51	01.20.59	Green SHM conical
3N	MDL Marinas	MDL Marinas	50.47.07	01.19.88	Yellow sphere
3R	North East Gurnard #		50.47.06	01.19.42	Red can
3S	TeamO		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	Yarmouth XODs	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			