



RSYC CONTESSA REGATTA 2026

Friday 26 June ~ Sunday 28 June 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

CONTESSA 32 CLASS
INSHORE POINTS SERIES 4

CONTESSA 28 CLASS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

CONTESSA 26 CLASS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026
60th ANNIVERSARY REGATTA

CONTESSAS MISC REGATTA

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

Saturday 27 June 1532 3.9m
Sunday 28 June 1620 4.0m

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Royal Solent Yacht 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 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing or here at the RYA: [Racing Charter](#)

AMENDMENTS

Any information displayed on the Noticeboard at the RSYC Clubhouse, may also be displayed on the RSYC website here: [RSYC Contessa Regatta 2026 - Royal Solent Yacht Club](#)

ABBREVIATIONS

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing published by World Sailing
SI: The Sailing Instructions for the event

1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the current RRS including the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the rules of the respective Contessa Classes, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be held under the World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).
- 1.3 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4 shall apply to Contessa 26 class, with the exception of OSR 3.09.1(a) [Self Draining Cockpits]
- 1.4 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4 shall apply to Contessa 32 class.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Yachts of the Contessa 32 Class with a current valid measurement certificate.
- 2.2 All Contessa 32s are required to have a current member of the CO32 Class Association on board whilst racing.
- 2.3 Yachts of the Contessa 26 Class.
- 2.4 Membership of the Contessa 26 Class Association is required by all owners/entrants of Contessa 26s and at least one crew member as well as the owner if on board.
- 2.5 All other Contessas.

3. PROGRAMME

- 3.1 The scheduled start of the first race of each day will not be brought forward.

	Warning signal	Start Time
Saturday 27 June 2026		
Contessa 32 Inshore Series 2	0955	1000
Contessa 28 Nationals	1000	1005
Contessa 26 Nationals	1005	1010
Contessas Misc	1010	1015
Treasure Hunt for boats not racing	1025	1030

Contessas 32, 28 and 26 are scheduled to have three races on Saturday. Subsequent races will take place as soon as practical after their previous race is complete.

Contessas Misc are scheduled to have two races on Saturday. Their second will take place as soon as practical after their first race is complete.

Sunday 28 June 2026

Contessa 32 Inshore Series 2	0925	0930
Contessa 28 Nationals	0930	0935
Contessa 26 Nationals	0935	0940
Contessas Misc	0940	0945

Contessas 32, 28 and 26 are scheduled to have two races on Sunday. The second races will take place as soon as practical after the first races are complete.

Contessas Misc are scheduled to have one race on Sunday.

There shall be no race of that class unless two boats of the same class start.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 If one or more races on Saturday are not run, additional races may be run on Sunday. If the Committee intends to run a third race on Sunday, a notice will be placed on the RSYC notice board and website no later than 1900 on Saturday.
- 4.2 There will be no warning signal made after 1500 on Sunday 28 June.

5. RACING AREA

- 5.1 Racing will be within the Western Solent & Western Approaches.

6. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 6.1 VHF communication will be made on channel 72.
- 6.2 All boats are required to carry an operational VHF radio capable of receiving channels 16/72 at all times while racing.
- 6.3 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 phones.

7. SCORING SYSTEM

- 7.1 The Scoring System will be the low point system in Appendix A of the RRS.
Contessa 32, Contessa 28 and Contessa 26 shall have two races to constitute a series and a single discard once 5 races have been completed.

Contessas Misc shall have one race to constitute a series and a single discard if 3 races have been completed.

8. REGISTRATION

- 8.1 All boats shall register via the Royal Solent Yacht Club website:
[Event Bookings \(royalsolent.org\)](http://royalsolent.org).

Early Bird Registration until 13 May.
Standard Registration 14 May until 17 June.
Closing deadline is midnight 17 June.

Registration Fees 2026

	Contessa 26 & 28	Contessa 32	Contessa 35, 38, 39, 43	Non Racing Contessas
	to include 3 complimentary reception tickets Friday evening	to include 5 complimentary reception tickets Friday evening	to include 7 complimentary reception tickets Friday evening	To include 2 complimentary reception tickets Friday evening
Early Bird Registration 2026*	£114	£125	£140	£50
Standard Registration 2026	£125	£140	£156	£50

**Enter as an early bird before 13 May & your complimentary bottle of Contessa Gin from Jeremy Rogers Ltd will be personalised with your boat name!*

- 8.2 There will be Briefing Notes handed out with the Sailing Instructions at Registration, they will also be sent out electronically beforehand. There will be no In Person Competitor Briefing. Failure to receive the Briefing Notes shall not be grounds for redress.

9. HANDICAPPING

- 9.1 Contessa 26, 28 and 32 will be racing level within their Classes.
- 9.2 Contessas Misc will be racing with NHC base handicaps.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1 It is intended that the Sailing Instructions will be available Monday 22 June

11. RESULTS AND PRIZES

11.1 Results will be posted daily on the RSYC website.

11.2 There will be prizes for the winners of each class, and a prize for the Overall Regatta winner.

11.3 Prizes for each series will be presented on the Royal Solent Yacht Club lawn as soon as possible after racing on Sunday.

11.4 There will also be a prize for the winner of the Treasure Hunt for non-racing Contessas.

11.5 For the Contessa 26 Class, there will be a Concours d'elegance held over the weekend with a prize presented by Fiona Rogers of Jeremy Rogers Ltd at Sunday's prize giving.

12. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

12.1 All competitors and members of Contessa classes are invited to join in the social programmes at the Royal Solent Yacht Club;

Friday 26 June 2026

1700 ~ 1800 Registration

1800 ~ 1900 Reception Drinks, complimentary tickets included in registration fee (see table above).

Extra tickets £10.00 per person.

Supper in RSYC Clubhouse from 1900 ~ 2030 £20.95 per person.

Saturday 27 June 2026

1800 ~ 1915 Complimentary Rum Punch Party sponsored by Jeremy Rogers Ltd on the RSYC lawn.

1930 ~ 2030 Supper in RSYC Clubhouse

2030 ~ 2300 Dancing to The Accelerators Band until 2300 £22.95 per person.

Sunday 28 June

1300 onwards Wightwood Pizza van will be at the RSYC Clubhouse after racing:

[Home | Wightwood Pizza](#)

Prize Giving on the lawn.

13. RISK STATEMENT.

13.1 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.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5 million sterling or the equivalent. By entering, entrants declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the Regatta and agree to allow the RSYC, at its discretion, to pass on their contact details to third party insurers in the event of a possible insurance claim.

15. EMERGENCY CONTACT

- 15.1 For safety reasons, all entrants shall provide via the online registration form, the details requested therein of a shore-based person who will be contactable during the Regatta and who will have an up to date list of the boat's skipper and crew and their emergency contact details.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Berthing

Contessas have a group booking in Yarmouth Harbour, please book your harbour requirements online through the Royal Solent Yacht Club website;
[RSYC Contessa Regatta 2026 - Royal Solent Yacht Club](#).

Additional days can be booked through harbour.
Arrival is midday Friday through to 1700 Sunday.

APPENDIX 1 – RSYC Race Buoy List

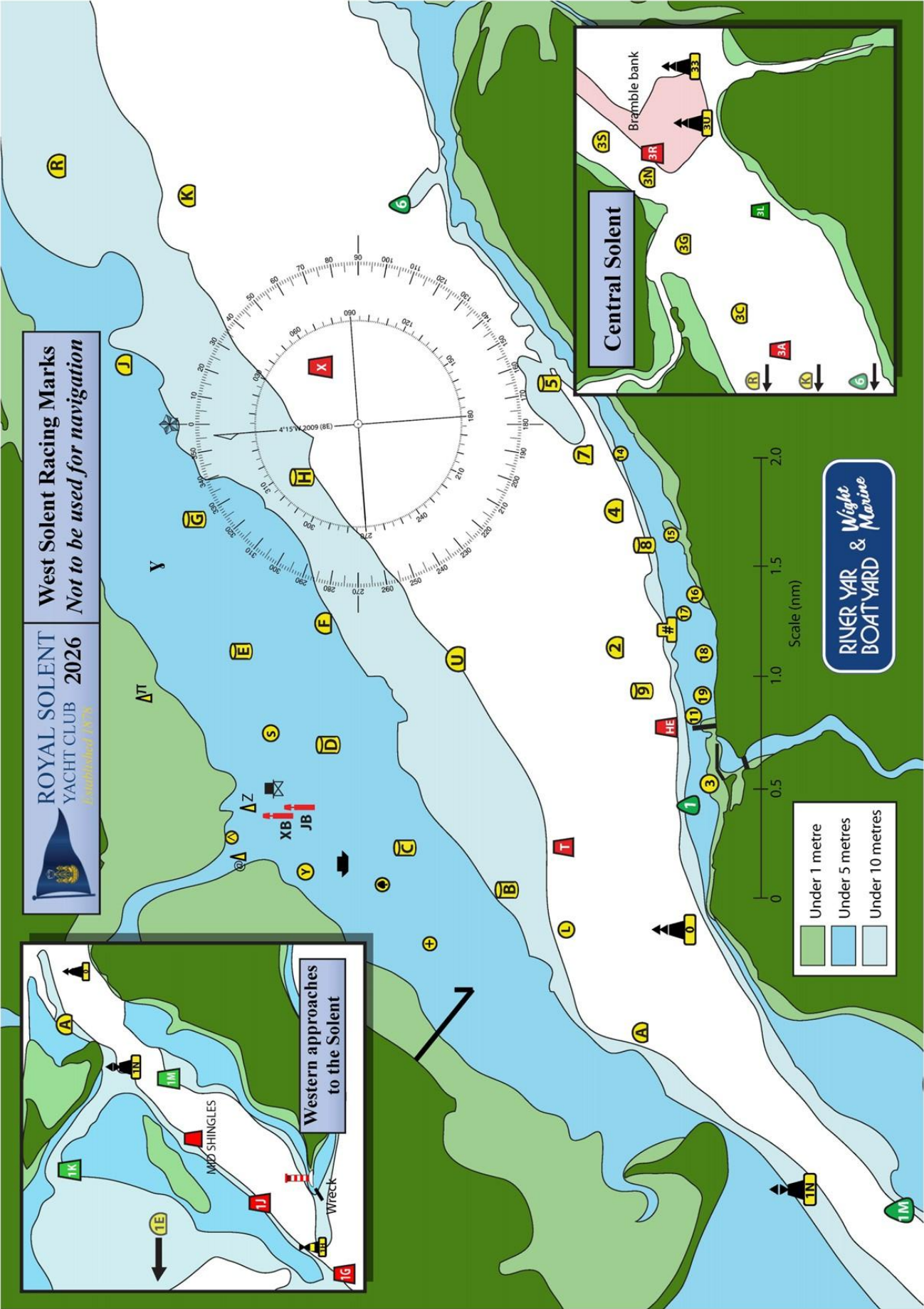


RSYC Solent Racing Marks 2026



	Name	Sponsor	Lat N	Long W	Colour/Shape
Western approaches to the Solent					
1E	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	Hill Robinson	50.42.77	01.32.43	Yellow sphere
B	Dunford	Dunford Construction	50.43.38	01.31.54	Yellow cylinder
C	Colten	Colten	50 43.83	01 30.86	Yellow cylinder
D	Lymington Yacht Haven	Lymington Yacht Haven	50 44.24	01 29.90	Yellow cylinder
E	Pylewell	Circle Marine Insurance	50 44.49	01 29.32	Yellow cylinder
F	Berthon	Berthon	50 44.20	01 29.22	Yellow sphere
Y	Gamma		50 44.94	01 29.19	Yellow Cylinder
G	Bridgeworks	Bridgeworks WAN Acceleration	50 44.79	01 28.47	Yellow cylinder
H	Draycott	Draycott Chartered Surveyors	50 44.30	01 28.16	Yellow cylinder
J	Zwerver	Zwerver	50 45.11	01 27.34	Yellow sphere
K	Greenings	Greenings Fintech	50 44.83	01 26.09	Yellow sphere
L	RLymYC	RLymYC	50 43.14	01 31.95	Yellow sphere
R	Powder Byrne	Powder Byrne	50 45.43	01 25.89	Yellow Sphere
T	Lymington Bank		50 43.10	01 30.85	Red Can
U	Tuakana	Tuakana Construction	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	Raymond James Charles Stanley	Raymond James Charles Stanley	50 42.86	01 29.40	Yellow sphere
3	Folkboats Forever	Yarmouth Folkboats	50.42.47	01.30.43	Yellow sphere
4	BDM CX	BDM CX	50 42.86	01 28.42	Yellow sphere
5	Contessa 26 Association	Contessa 26 Association	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	Basher		50.45.64	01.23.12	Yellow sphere
3G	Cowes Week 200		50.46.58	01.21.46	Yellow sphere
3L	Gurnard Ledge		50.45.51	01.20.59	Green SHM conical
3N	MDL Marinas		50.47.07	01.19.88	Yellow sphere
3R	North East Gurnard #		50.47.06	01.19.42	Red can
3S	SCRA.ORG.UK		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			

RSYC RACING CHART 2026





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