The 61st Folkboat Week

Saturday 22nd – Friday 28th August 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

VISITORS

The Commodore, Flag Officers and Members of the Royal Solent Yacht Club extend a warm welcome to Members of the Folkboat Association 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 Racing Charter (rya.org.uk)

ENTRY FORM

Competitors MUST complete the entry online via the RSYC website **prior to taking part.** It is essential that this form is **completed in FULL**. Competitors will not be allowed to race without an entry.

In entering Folkboat Week participants accept that neither the Royal Solent Yacht Club nor its representatives shall bear any responsibility for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury howsoever caused to any boat, skipper or crew.

WHATSAPP

Boats must register a mobile number to receive general information by WhatsApp, any information taken in such a manner will not be binding. Information given over the radio will take precedence over any other electronic protocol.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Abbreviations:
RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing
NFIA: Nordic Folkboat International Association
UK FAR: Folkboat Association Class Rules and Regulations.
RSYC: Royal Solent Yacht Club.
RLymYC: Royal Lymington Yacht Club.
TCF: Time Correction Factor.
SI: Sailing Instructions.
NOR: Notice of Race.

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY.

The Organising Authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

2 THE RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing

2.2 The following RRS are changed:

2.2.1 RRS 35 (time limits) is changed by SI.11

2.2.2 RRS 28.1 is modified by the addition of:
The race committee may disqualify (DSQ) without a hearing a boat that has broken this rule but only when two members of the race committee have seen the incident. The boat so disqualified will be informed by notification in the race results and may in addition be informed by VHF Radio.

2.2.3 Penalties; see NOR 11

3 CLASS RULES; see NOR 4

3.1 The NFIA and UK FAR shall apply, except that there shall be no penalty for a breach of NFIA 13.10 (Crew Limitation).

3.2 All helmsmen must be Full or Associate Members of the UK Folkboat Association Class and shall have paid their subscriptions for 2026 before 16th July 2026. [Not applicable to Cruiser Division]

3.3 Breaches of UK FAR A3.3 (eligibility) may be waived at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.4 Outboard engines may remain on the transom of Classic vessels whilst racing.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS; see NOR 3 and 7.2

4.1 Notices to competitors including changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Folkboat Week Notice Board in the RSYC, and on the RSYC website: https://www.royalsolent.org/folkboat-week/folkboat-week-2026/, no later than 0800.

4.2 Oral changes to the SI will be made on the water and communicated to competitors before their warning signal via VHF channel 72.

4.3 Failure to receive a change to the SI or any other information via VHF radio will not be grounds for redress.

4.4 The Wednesday 26th August Reserve Day may be used for postponed or abandoned races or if the future forecast indicates the possibility of a non safe racing day.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed inferior to Flag F from The Royal Solent Yacht Club flagstaff.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race postponement signal AP.

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6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Open Division class and warning flag will be flag "F". The Classic Division class and warning flag will be flag "A".

6.2 All boats shall fly their class flag on their backstay.

6.3 All boats shall fly the sponsor's flag "Lymington Yacht Haven" from their backstay.

7 RACE AREA; see NOR 8.

8 COURSES/OBSTRUCTION

8.1 **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

8.2 Boats shall pass to the north of the buoy 'Roach Pittis" (yellow base with white cone) situated south east of the inner trot of harbour moorings to the west of Yarmouth Harbour entrance.

8.3 Each mark (navigation buoy or special racing mark) has been allocated a symbol (letter or a number) as shown in Appendix 3 and 4

8.4 The course to be sailed may be indicated by the symbols displayed on boards on one side of the Committee Boat. The symbols will be displayed in the order in which the marks shall be rounded or passed. Marks indicated by symbols on a green background shall be rounded or passed to starboard. Marks indicated by symbols shown on a red background shall be rounded or passed to port.

8.5 Windward Leeward Races refer to SI 8.10. Other courses may be announced on VHF Channel 72. Failure of any boat to receive any such transmissions shall not be grounds for any protest or any request for redress.

8.6 All marks shall be rounding marks unless the alteration of course is less than 90 degrees when they shall be passing marks.

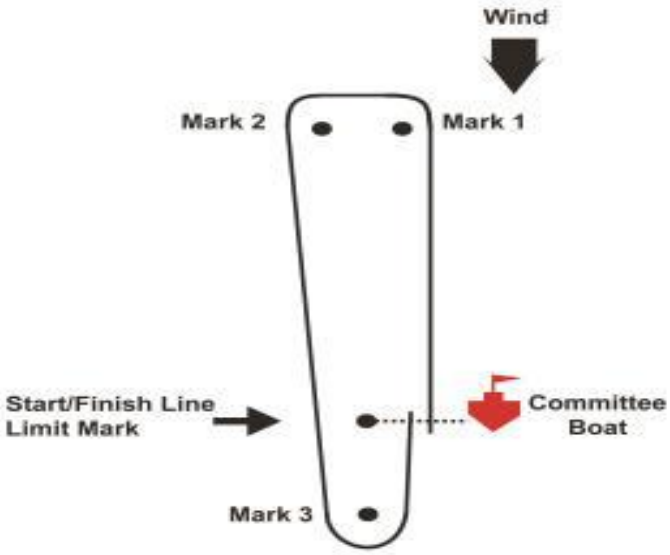
8.7 When two or three white diamond shapes are displayed with the course signal the course shall be sailed two or three times round respectively. Boats shall pass through the gate formed by the Committee Boat and a Distance Mark from the direction of the previous mark at the end of each round before commencing the next round.

8.8 When '□' is displayed as part of the course signal, it indicates that boats shall pass through the gate described in SI 8.7 from the direction of the previous mark.

8.9 When one or more movable marks (symbol N or M) is in the course, their approximate magnetic bearing from the Committee Boat may be displayed at the warning signal. Bearings may be in three figure degree notation. If one or more movable marks are in the course, one or more bearings may be displayed in the order in which the marks are to be rounded or passed.
The ODM, moveable marks N & M may be a "BOT" (a robotic 'MarkSetBot' sailing mark) which are decorated with bright red fruit.

8.10 For Windward Leeward events the courses will be indicated by either a red or a green flag or board flown from the Committee Boat. The diagram below is based on the red course (port rounding). For the green course (starboard rounding) the diagram would be reversed.

Course



Boats shall NOT pass through the Start/Finish line on the downwind leg.

8.11 In addition to RRS 32, , 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 on the required side 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 THE START

9.1 The Committee Boat will be identified by a Royal Solent Yacht Club burgee at the masthead and a white banner with ROYAL SOLENT YC COMMITTEE thereon. Its approximate position may be announced on VHF 72 or via the event messaging system.

9.2 Boats are requested to identify themselves by displaying their sail numbers before the start of each race by passing close to the Committee Boat on the opposite side to the starting line. Boats not so identified may not be finished.

9.3 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal five minutes before the starting signal.

9.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of the outer distance mark, which may be a BOT.

9.5 The Classic Division will start 5 minutes after the Open Division.

9.6 Information with regard to OCS boats may be transmitted on VHF Radio channel 72. Failure of any boat to receive any such transmissions shall not be grounds for any protest or any request for redress.

9.7 There will be no race unless a minimum of 2 boats start in a race.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat and the orange inflatable buoy or BOT.

10.2 Boats shall cross the finish line from the direction of the last mark.

10.3 Boats shall keep well clear of the finishing line after finishing.

11 TIME LIMIT

RRS 35 is varied so that:

11.1 The time limits will be as laid out in Appendix 1.

11.2 If no boat finishes within Time Limit 1, the race committee shall abandon the race. The finishing window is the time allocated for the boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes (Time Limit 2).

11.3 For races of more than one round when the first boat in her race fails to finish within Time Limit 1, but has completed one or more rounds of the course, the results of the race may be determined by the placings at the end of the last completed round by the first boat.

11.4 When the first boat in her race fails to complete a round of the course or to pass though the gate when 'gate' is part of the course, by Time Limit 1, the race shall be abandoned, unless shortened.

11.5 When '□' is a mark of the course if the first boat in her race fails to complete the course by Time Limit 1, the results of the race will be determined by the placings of the boats through the gate.

12 PROTESTS

12.1 A protesting boat shall notify the Committee Boat by VHF channel 72 of her intention to protest within ten minutes after finishing a race or as soon as possible after retiring from a race and advise the number(s) of the protested boat(s) and receive acknowledgement.

12.2 Protests shall be written on forms available from The Royal Solent Yacht Club Race Office and be lodged there within one and a half hours of the protesting boat finishing the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalling "No more racing today" whichever is the later. RRS 60.3(b) is varied accordingly.

12.3 The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the official Folkboat Week Notice Board in the Royal Solent Yacht Club, and may be sent via the event messaging system.

13 SCORING; see NOR 10

14 RISK STATEMENT; see NOR 13

15 INSURANCE; see NOR 15

16 SAFETY

16.1 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

16.2 All boats shall comply with British Folkboat Racing Regulations; see UKFAR Rule 6.3 & NFIA 11.10.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded as stated in NOR 16.

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Appendix 1: schedule of Races and Fees

EVENT	DAY	DAILY FEES	HW / LW Portsmouth BST	RACES	START TIME	TIME LIMIT 1 For first boat to finish as RRS 35	TIME LIMIT 2 Latest times to finish after first boat sails the course, and finishes
1/2	Sun 23rd Aug	£35	HW 0850 3.5m LW 1431 2.2m	**Trophy Races** ~ Two races OD & CD Back to Back Races 1/2: OD Scanyacht Nordic Plaque Races 1/2: CD Scanyacht Rose Bowl	Not before 1100	2.5 hours after valid start time per race	30 minutes after first finisher
3/4	Mon 24th Aug	£45	HW 1001 3.7m LW 1533 2.1	**Windward-Leewards 2 Races Back to Back** Races 3/4: OD Ratsey & Lapthorn Trophy Races 3/4: CD Lymington Yacht Haven Tankard	Not before 1130	1hour after valid start time per race	15 mins after 1st finisher
5/6	Tue 25th Aug	£35	HW 1055 3.9m LW 1617 1.8m	**Two Trophy Races** Races 5/6: OD Wyvern Batt Trophy Races 5/6: CD Tomic Trophy	Not before 1030	2.5 hours after valid start time	30 minutes after 1st finisher
	Wed 26th Aug		HW 1138 4.2	Reserve Day			
7	Thur 27th Aug	£40	HW 1215 4.4m LW 1722 1.3m	**Long Solent Race** Race 7 OD: Lymington Yacht Haven Trophy Race 7 CD: Colin Gray Trophy	Not before 1000	5 hours after valid start time	1 hour after 1st finisher
8	Fri 28th Aug	£35	HW 1249 4.6m	**Points Races** Race 8: OD Bernard Turner Points Race Race 8: CD Barbara Hempstead Points Race	Not before 1000 No Warning Signal after 1200	2 hours after valid start time	30 minutes after 1st finisher

ENTER ALL RACES AND SAVE £30
Total daily fees £190, reduced to £160 for boats entered for all races.

Notes:

Classic Division boats start FIVE MINUTES AFTER the Open Division for all races

Abbreviations:- **CD** ~ Classic Division **OD** ~ Open Division

All starts from Committee Boat in Boulchor Bay area unless otherwise advised.

The Race Committee reserves the right to change the schedule of races.

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Matford Farm

Appendix 2: Social Events

DAY	TIME	SOCIAL EVENTS	PRICE
Saturday * 22nd August	1800 for 1830 1830	Registration & Welcome Drinks Buffet at RSYC. Table Magic with the Great Randini Supported by Lymington Yacht Haven	£34.95
Sunday * 23rd August	1800 for 1830	Prizegiving Hog Roast & Salad at RSYC Supported by Lymington Yacht Haven	£21.00
Monday * 24th August	1800 for 1830	Prizegiving & BBQ at the YSC	£20
Tuesday * 25th August	1800 - 1930	Prizegiving & Garden Party at Apples Trees Supported by Matford Farm	£15
Wednesday * 26th August	1830 -2030	Wightwood Pizza - Josh's Wood Fired Pizza Van will be at RSYC please indicate numbers when booking Followed by a Sing Along with traditional FolkSongs, Sea Shanties & old time music	From £8 a pizza No pre-payment required
Thursday * 27th August	1800 prompt From 1930	**Folkboat Week Open Discussion Meeting at RSYC** Prizegiving, Quiz & Curry Night at RSYC Beef Madras & Butter Chicken Curry Served with Basmati Rice, Poppodums & Chutneys ~ Mango & Passion Fruit Sorbet	£19.95
Friday * 28th August	1800 1830	End of Regatta Drinks Dinner & Prizegiving at RSYC **(inc wine)** Prawn & Crayfish Cocktail ~ Confit Pork Belly, Mustard Mash, Apple Puree, Braised Red Cabbage & Roasted Carrot ~ Raspberry & White Chocolate Roulade Supported by Lymington Yacht Haven Bar open until 23:30 Carriages at midnight	£37

*** Last ferry 2150**

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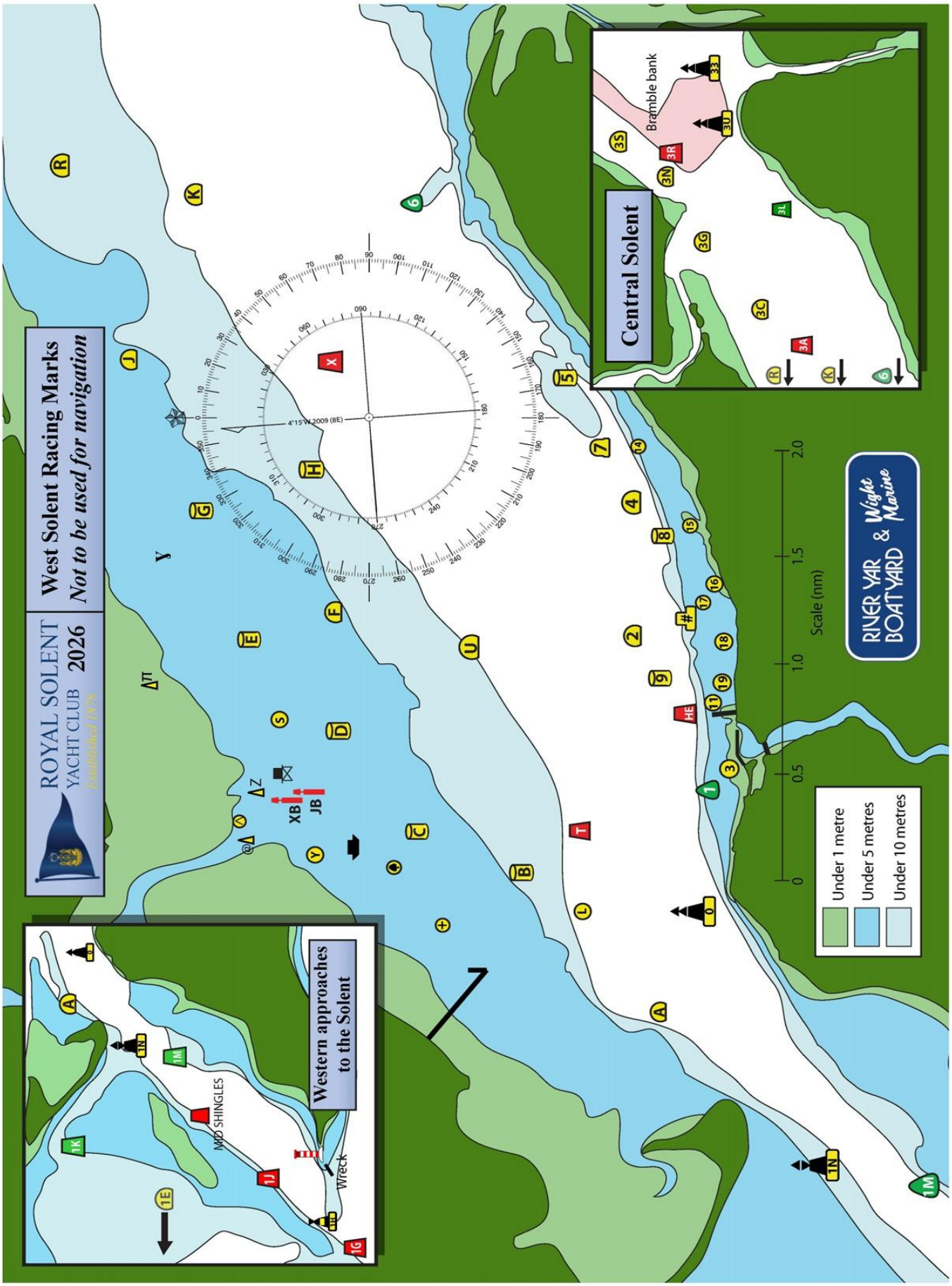
Appendix 3



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Appendix 4

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
ɣ	Gamma		50 44.94	01 29.19	Yellow Cylinder
G	Bridgeworks	Bridgeworks WAN Accelaration	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			

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