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TAITTINGER ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB REGATTA

FRIDAY 24th - SUNDAY 26th JULY 2026

NOTICE OF RACE 2026

to include IRC Solent Championship Event 3

Contessa 32 Inshore Series 5



Royal Solent Yacht Club is a trading name of
Royal Solent Yacht Club Ltd.
Registered Office, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0NS
Registered in England No 052726

Abbreviations:

NFIA: Nordic Folkboat International Association

OSR: World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations

UKFCA: UK Folkboat Class Association

RSYC: Royal Solent Yacht Club

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

2. RULES

2.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 The penalty for a breach of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2, may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

3. OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

3.1 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 (monohulls) shall apply to all classes, except day boats, with the following amendments:

- (a) OSR 4.26. is amended to the extent that no class shall be required to carry storm/trysails or heavy weather sails.
- (b) OSR 3.14 (lifelines, stanchions and pulpits) shall not apply to IRC Classic Cruiser, IRC Swan or Gaff-rigged yachts, unless lifelines have been declared on their certificate.

4. CLASS RULES

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

- (a) IRC Rule 22.4. shall not apply. There are no limitations on crew number or weight for IRC classes.
- (b) 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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 The official noticeboard will be online at the Royal Solent Yacht Club website, or via this weblink: [Taittinger RSYC Regatta 2026 - Royal Solent Yacht Club](#)

- 5.2 The event messaging system will be WhatsApp. A QR code to scan for information via WhatsApp will be available on the website, at registration and in the welcome packs.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 The race committee will communicate on VHF.
- 5.5 A mobile phone shall be registered for the finishing declaration.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 The event is open to boats of the following classes:
 - 6.1.1 IRC [*Ratings from 0.780 to 1.490*]
 - 6.1.2 IRC Swan
 - 6.1.3 IRC Classic Cruiser [*Defined as Monohull designed & built for recreational purposes in wood or steel to a pre-1970 design*].
 - 6.1.4 RYA National Handicap for Cruisers (TCF will be calculated in accordance with NHC base handicap but will not be modified during the event)
 - 6.1.5 XOD, YOD, Contessa 32, J105, J109, J70, J80, J111, P40s, Sonatas, Sigma 38, Folkboat (British or Nordic Folkboats that comply with NFIA and UKFCA Class Regulations and Rules. These boats may race under their class rules or be assigned to race under IRC or NHC.
- 6.2 Racing will not take place for classes with fewer than 6 entries, in which case entry fees will be refunded or classes amalgamated at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.3 Eligible boats are invited to enter by completing the online booking system on the RSYC website at [Taittinger RSYC Regatta 2026 - Royal Solent Yacht Club](#) by midnight Wednesday 15th July.
- 6.4 Entry fees are as follows:

	Earlybird	Standard	Late
Entry fees	Until midnight 10th June	11th June until midnight 2nd July	3rd July until midnight 15th July
Dayboats	£63	£94	£120
Other Keelboats	£125	£182	£228

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 A representative from each boat is requested to attend registration at RSYC on Friday 24th July from 1630~1830 (or from 0800~0830 on Saturday 25th July).
- 7.2 There will be no in-person briefing, notes will be included in the welcome pack.
- 7.3 Each class is scheduled to have a minimum of two races on Saturday and a minimum of one race on Sunday.
- 7.4 If a third race is to be scheduled on Saturday, competitors will be notified via VHF and/or WhatsApp.
- 7.5 If less than two races are completed on Saturday, a second race may be scheduled on Sunday. Notice of a second race on Sunday will be given on the RSYC website, via WhatsApp and/or VHF listening channel not later than 1900 on Saturday 25th July.
- 7.6 Start sequences will not begin before 0900 on Saturday & Sunday, or after 1500 on Sunday.

8. REGATTA FLAGS

- 8.1 Boats whilst racing 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.

9. MEASUREMENTS & HANDICAPS

- 9.1 Each boat in IRC classes shall have an up-to-date IRC rating certificate.
- 9.2 RYA NHC entrants shall provide to the online booking system at the time of entering or as soon as is practicable the details required for their handicap to be calculated. Handicaps will not be modified after each race.

9.3 A list of all handicaps will be available on the RSYC website.

10. EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Race Officials may inspect any boat at their discretion. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable instruction to facilitate equipment inspection.

10.2 Boats shall not race with an anchor protruding over its bow or, if fitted with a bowsprit, forward of the bowsprit. RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply. Stored power is permitted for the adjustment or operation of running rigging provided this has been declared as required to the appropriate class or rating authority.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The Sailing Instructions will be published on the website [Taittinger RSYC Regatta 2026 - Royal Solent Yacht Club](#) no later than 22nd July. **Sailing Instructions will NOT be available from the Committee Boat.**

12. COURSES

12.1 Racing will be in the Western Solent, the Western approaches to the Solent, and the Central Solent using any of the marks shown in Appendix A and Appendix B.

13. SCORING

13.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 The Low Points scoring system will be used except that RRS 90.3 and Appendix A2 are amended in that there will be no discard.

14. PRIZES AND INCORPORATED EVENTS

14.1 Prizes for each class will be presented at the prize giving as soon as possible after racing on Sunday at the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

14.2 A bottle of Taittinger Champagne will be awarded to each overall class winner.

14.3 A Jeroboam of Taittinger Champagne will be awarded to the overall event winner.

14.4 For the XOD class, the first XOD race on Saturday will count towards the

George Cup. The first and last race of the event will count towards both the Allot Cup series and the Golden Tiller series. The second race of the event will be a Persephone race. Only those eligible Lymington/Yarmouth XOD boats will be entitled to compete in the George Cup Series/Allot Cup Series/Persephone.

- 14.5 The event will be the Folkboat Association's Regatta Series 2.
- 14.6 The event will be the IRC Solent Championship Event 3.
- 14.7 The event will be the Contessa 32 Inshore Series 5.
- 14.8 The winners of each class will be entered into a ballot for the prize of a seven day stay for two people at the Edelweiss & Gurgl hotel in Obergurgl, Austria. However, only those present at prize giving will be eligible.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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."
- 15.2 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 event 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 the venue or 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.

16. INSURANCE

16.1 All boats shall be adequately insured while racing, and in particular hold insurance against third party claims including cover for racing in the sum of at least £5,000,000 (five million pounds sterling). By entering, entrants declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the event 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.

17. EMERGENCY CONTACT

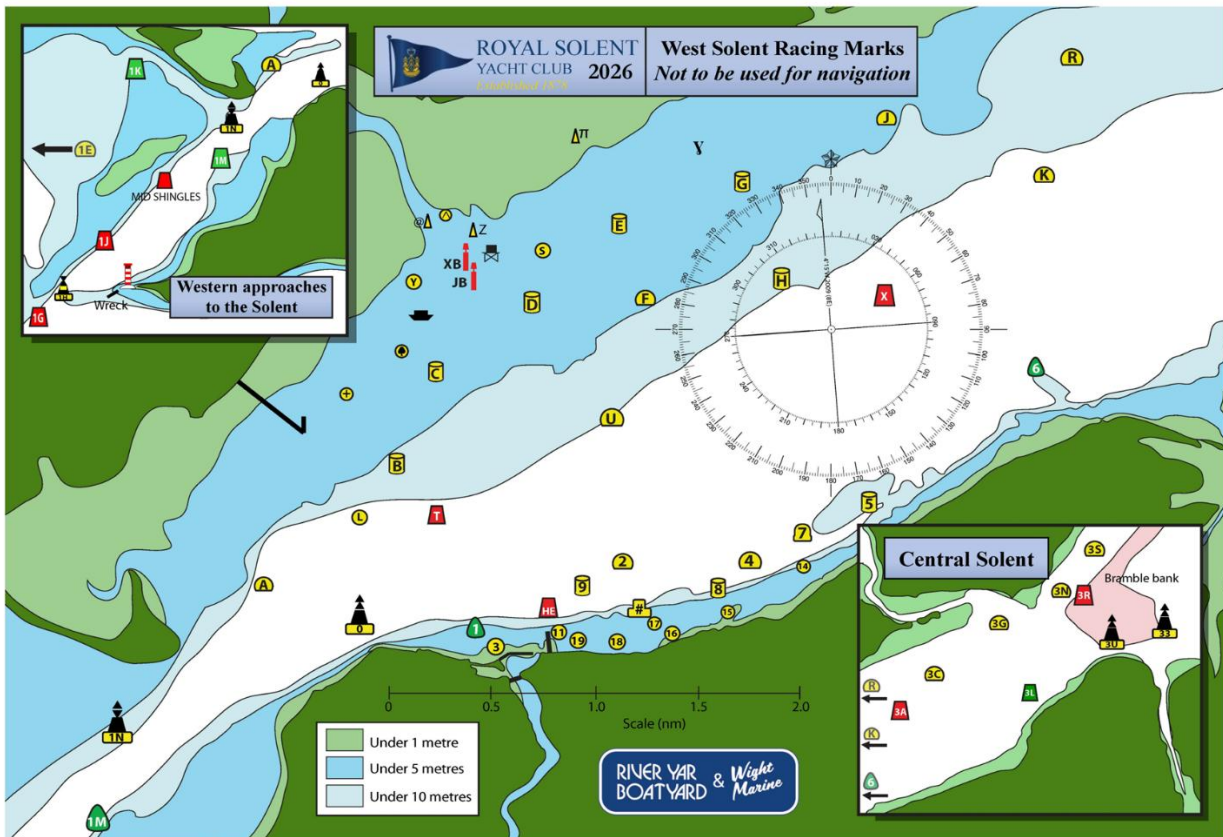
17.1 For safety reasons, all entrants shall provide via the online booking system the details requested therein of a shore-based person who will be contactable during the event and who will have an up to date list of the boat's crew and skipper and their emergency contact details.

18. FILMING OF THE REGATTA

18.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority its agents, sponsors, licensees and other partners, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed materials of or relating to the event, which may include images of competitors, boats, support vessels, crew, sponsors and helpers provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants and provided that the Organising Authority shall not use such images to create a direct endorsement by or from a competitor or any person, sponsor, product or service associated with a competitor, without the prior consent of the competitor. The Organising Authority reserves the right to edit and make alterations to images and footage to include the use of 'virtual' sponsor branding.

APPENDIX A

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



APPENDIX B



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			

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the Regatta Information page on the Club's website: [Taittinger RSYC Regatta 2026 - Royal Solent Yacht Club](#) or contact the Royal Solent Yacht Club during business hours on 01983 760256 or email sailing@royalsolent.org.

Results will be processed in the Sailing Office and will be published on the Club's website.

Entrants requiring **harbour berths for Friday & Saturday nights for race and/or nanny boats should book via the RSYC online booking system**; the time for vacating berths on Sunday has been extended to 1700 to enable entrants to attend prize giving and/or protests.

For further information re harbour facilities please contact Yarmouth Harbour:
Telephone: 01983 760321

Web: www.yarmouth-harbour.co.uk Email: info@yarmouth-harbour.co.uk.

SOCIAL EVENTS

All event social bookings should be made via the online booking system.



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