



Cowes Clubs and Classes Association



Cowes Dayboat Regattas 2025

Cowes Solent Series and Cowes Keelboat Championship

Notice of Race



Participating clubs invite boat owners of the Daring, Dragon, Sonar, RS Elite, XOD and other keelboat classes and cruisers by arrangement, to enter the following regattas at Cowes to be held on the dates below. The notation [DP] in a rule in the notice of race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not request redress or protest another boat for breaking that rule.

1. Organising Authority

The organising authority is the club indicated below on the weekends shown:

Month	Weekend Dates	Cowes Solent Series – CSS Fixed Club Shoreline	Daring Class Cowes Keelboat Championship (CKC) Committee Boat
May	Sat 3 / Sun 4	Royal London YC	
May	Sat 10 / Sun 11	Royal Thames YC (ISC Line)	
May	Sat 17 / Sun 18	Island Sailing Club	
May	Sat 24 / Sun 25	RORC Cowes #	
Fri 30 May to Mon 2 June		Cowes Classics Regatta	
Sat 7 June		ISC Round the Island Race	
June	Sat 14 / Sun 15		Royal Thames YC CKC 1
June	Sat 21 / Sun 22	Royal Yacht Squadron	
June	Sat 28 / Sun 29		Royal London YC CKC 2
July	Sat 5 / Sun 6	Cowes Corinthian YC (RORC Line)	
July	Sat 12 / Sun 13	RORC Cowes	
July	Sat 19	Household Division YC	
July	Sun 20	Royal Yacht Squadron	
July	Sat 26 / Sun 27	No racing	
Sat 2 to Fri 8 August – Cowes Week			
Aug	Sat 9 / Sun 10	No racing	
Aug	Sat 16 / Sun 17	No racing	
Aug	Sat 23 / Sun 24	Royal Thames YC # (ISC Line)	
Aug	Sat 30 / Sun 31		Island Sailing Club <i>Daring Roddy Carritt Cup</i>
Sep	Sat 6 / Sun 7		Royal Yacht Squadron CKC 3
Sep	Sat 13 / Sun 14	Royal London YC	
Sep	Sat 20 / Sun 21		Island Sailing Club CKC 4 <i>Daring Stug Perry Trophy</i>
Sat	Sat 27 / Sun 28	Island Sailing Club <i>Daring Stug Perry Trophy #</i>	

Key: # See Notice of Race 8.4 for changes to the warning signal times of some Daring Class races.
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2. Rules

- 2.1 Racing is governed by the World Sailing (WS) *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and *Offshore Safety Regulations (OSR)*.
- 2.2 In the event of conflict between a sailing instruction (SI), the class rules and the NOR, the SIs will prevail.
- 2.3 (DP) All boats intending to race, from the time they leave their moorings/berths until their return after racing or retiring, shall:
 - 2.3.1 Give way to all ferries and commercial vessels within Cowes harbour and its approaches.
 - 2.3.2 Observe the Southampton harbour byelaws (www.southamptonvts.co.uk/port_information/regulations/byelaws) and avoid close quarters situations with any commercial vessel and comply with Byelaw 11(1).
 - 2.3.3 Carry no anchor forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring.
- 2.4 All boats shall comply with their class safety regulations and all safety equipment shall be of a suitable size for the type of boat with all equipment and fittings shall be securely fastened. This includes the requirement to carry visual means of attracting attention when in distress and a suitable tow rope and a secure means of attachment to enable a tow. All boats shall carry a suitable marine band VHF radio capable of receiving all channels and a marine compass.
- 2.5 When RRS 20 applies, a hailing boat may also indicate her need for room to tack or response by VHF radio.
- 2.6 (DP) Boats may carry one or more mobile phones for receiving WhatsApp or text messages with courses and other race information. In accordance with RRS 87, this changes class rules where applicable.
- 2.7 (NP) Boats, particularly hired boats, shall not be able to seek redress in the event of gear or equipment failure.

3. Conditions of Entry

- 3.1 Before racing the first named boat owner shall enter their boat on the official entry form, pay the applicable fixed shoreline fee, sign the declaration and risk statement indicating that they understand this NoR and be bound by the contents for all racing.
- 3.2 Boats may be checked for safety equipment before or after each race at the discretion of the race committee. No dedicated patrol boats are provided for this series, see section 17 (f).
- 3.3 Before racing the first named boat owner shall ensure that there is adequate insurance for racing risks including third party indemnity of at least £3 million and that co-owners and co-helms, if any, and the crew are made aware of the undertakings in the conditions of entry.

4. Class Flags

The following International Code (IC) or Naval Numeral (NN) warning flags apply:

Dayboats starting together:	IC flag R.				
Individual class starts:	Daring:	IC flag O.	Dragon:	IC flag D.	
Etchells	IC flag E	Flying 15:	NN flag 6.	Sonar:	IC flag T.
XOD:	IC flag W.	Cruisers:	NP 1.		

5. Sailing Instructions, Flag Signals and Start Lines

Sailing instructions will be available from each organising club on the Friday of the weekend prior to their regatta weekend. Flag signals and shoreline start lines for the Royal Thames YC, Cowes Corinthian YC and the Household Division YC will be located at the Island Sailing Club, RORC Cowes and Royal Yacht Squadron respectively. On some days flag signals may not be displayed but only announced on VHF radio or notified by WhatsApp.

6. Racing Area, Courses and Communications

- 6.1 The racing area is The Solent.
- 6.2 The course will consist of Solent navigation buoys and fixed yellow racing and /or laid marks which have been allocated code letters and numbers as listed.
- 6.3 (DP) Boats are required to keep a radio watch whilst racing. The course to be sailed will be communicated by VHF **channel 37A (M1)** for fixed shoreline starts and VHF **channel 77** for committee boat races.
- 6.4 Courses may also be texted or communicated by WhatsApp on most fixed shore and committee boat weekends. Entrants are asked to submit on the entry form all the mobile telephone numbers that might be used on the boat during the season.
- 6.5 Delay or failure to receive or hear VHF transmissions or to receive texted courses or WhatsApp courses and race information shall not be grounds for redress. (DP) From the first warning signal until the finish of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 6.6 The QR code for this NoR is shown in the sailing instructions and is available at ccca.teamapp.com

7. Rating System

The dayboat classes starting together will be rated by the organising club or CCCA if it concerns the Cowes Solent Series. A boat's Time Correction Factor (TCF - to three decimal places) may be adjusted after every fourth race. (NP) The TCF of a boat or an adjustment in a boat's TCF is not grounds for redress.

8. Warning Signal Times

8.1 Unless otherwise advised in any amendment to the SIs, the following warning signal (WS) times will apply:

WS Flag	Class	Warning Signal Times	
		Saturday	Sunday
O	Daring Class first race	12:10	12:10
R	Other classes first race	12:15	12:15
T	Sonar 4 boats or more [see note below]	12:20	12:20
W	XOD 4 boats or more (see note below)	12:25	12:25
O	Daring Class second race	ASAP after the first race	No second race*
R	Other classes second race	ASAP after the first race	No second race*

Note: If a class wishes to have their own start on a day, they should have 4 boats or more and advise the host club race committee in advance.

8.2 On fixed shore Saturdays there will be two races for Daring Cowes Solent Series and, if notified, other classes in addition. *If only one race is completed on the Saturday, two races may be held on the Sunday.

8.3 On CKC committee boat weekends there will be two W-L races per day. *If only one W-L race is completed on the Saturday three W-L races may be held on the Sunday.

8.4 Changes to the Daring Clss start times:

On Sunday 25 May, Sunday 24 August and Sunday 28 September there will be two races.

On Sunday 25 May the warning signal for the race will be at 13:10 due to the Rules Clinic.

On Sunday 28 September the warning signal for the race will be at 11:10 due to the Daring Lunch.

9. Course Restrictions and Obstructions

9.1 (DP) Boats shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 06 of 2025 - Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel). The 'Moving Prohibited Zone' shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.

9.2 (DP) Boats, in whatever direction they are racing, shall not pass:

- (i) South of the Cowes harbour breakwater. (ii) north of the barrier off Durns Point, east of Lymington
- (iii) north of Horse Sand Fort.

9.3 (DP) Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes harbour fairway and in the area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay as indicated on the racing chart in the SIs and on Admiralty Chart 2040. Gas and water pipes, telephone cables and electricity cables lie on the seabed.

9.4 (NP) The race committee may set courses that do not permit boats to sail rhumb lines courses between marks, particularly over the central Solent Bramble Bank. This shall not be grounds for redress.

10. Penalty System

Changing RRS 44.1, a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

11. Navigation Buoys

(DP) Boats racing shall use all reasonable endeavours to avoid contact with navigation buoys, whether marks of the course or not. In case of contact, whether or not leading to damage to the buoy, the circumstances of the incident and details of any damage shall be reported to the race committee within the protest time limit. RRS31 and 44 shall remain in force. If the navigation buoy has been damaged the race committee will advise the chairman of the SCRA. The race committee may also protest the boat.

12. Time Limits

Changing RRS 35, the race committee may award a finishing position or DNF to any boat not finishing within 20 minutes (on corrected time if applicable) after the first boat finishes to enable further race(s) to be sailed or racing to be concluded. Changing RRS 35, should no boat finish by the time limit, the result of the race may be determined from the previous time the start/finish line was crossed or the order of boats at a rounding mark or their position at the time limit.

13. Scoring

13.1 Class associations are to score their own overall and trophy series points. For any club trophies or prizes the scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A with one discard allowed from each club's fixed shoreline Cowes Solent Series (CSS). If three or fewer of a club's Cowes Solent Series races are completed then all shall count. This does not apply to the Daring Class.

13.2 Scoring for the Daring Class only:

13.2.1 The Cowes Keelboat Championship scoring system will include 1 discard after 8 races, 2 if 10, 3 if 12, 4 if 14 and 5 if 16 races are completed.

13.2.2 For Solent Series, the scoring system will include 1 discard after 5 races, 2 after 7 and 3 after 9 races.

13.2.3 The Daring Roddy Carritt Cup twelve short races are scheduled. Four races are required to constitute a series.

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The results for the Daring Challenge Bowl for this series only will be awarded as follows:

The results from races 1 to 3 will be run as a mini series with the overall result counting to the Daring Challenge Bowl. This will be similar for races 4 to 6, 7 to 9 and 10 to 12 with all races to count i.e. this will give a total of up to four results going towards the Daring Challenge Bowl.

13.2.4 The Daring Stug Perry Trophy will consist of 8 scheduled races and use a high points system with the winner receiving points equal to the number of starters plus one, second one less and so on, RET one point, DSQ & OCS and otherwise 0 points. The last race sailed on the Sunday of the second weekend will score double points and if all racing is abandoned on the Sunday the points to date shall stand. Three races are required to constitute a series. The scoring system will include 1 discard after 5 races, 2 after 7. This changes RRS 90.3(a) and Appendix A4 Scoring. The results, on a low points system will count towards the CKC, Solent Series and the Daring Challenge Bowl.

14. RYA Arbitration, Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1 Arbitration is described on the RYA website (www.rya.org.uk) under Rules Disputes. The exoneration penalty will be a 30% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c). Arbitration, protests and requests for redress shall be delivered within 90 minutes (60 minutes on the last day of a regatta) of the time of the last boat to finish the last race of the day in her class.

14.2 Breaches indicated as (NP) shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS60.1(a). Penalties for breaches indicated as (DP) and a breach of RRS 55 and RRS 40 while **not** racing, may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. Any such penalties will be scored DPI.

15. Results

Results will be posted on the club notice board or website or WhatsApp as soon as practical after the last boat has finished.

16. Prizegiving Dates

Club prizegiving dates for their 2025 **Cowes Solent Series (CSS)** fixed shoreline races are planned as follows:

Household Division YC	- Sat 19 July at RYS	Royal London YC	- Sat 8 November
Island Sailing Club	- TBA	Royal Thames YC	- TBA
Royal Yacht Squadron	- TBA	RORC	- TBA
		Cowes Corinthian YC	- TBA

17. Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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:

- 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;
- 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 as is available in Cowes, 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.

18. Entry

Enter for the **Cowes Solent Series** using the official entry form with details of the boat. (DP) The entry declaration and risk statement, which applies to all racing, shall be completed by a representative of the boat, **before the first day raced by the boat.** The entry fees are as follows:

Fixed Shoreline entry fees only

Block entry for all classes for **Cowes Solent Series** weekends entered & paid for by Fri 19 April: £265
 Block entry for all classes for **Cowes Solent Series** weekends entered & paid for after 19 April: £305
Cowes Solent Series individual day rate (fixed shoreline): £30 per day.
Cowes Solent Series individual weekend rate (fixed shoreline): £40 per weekend.

Entry fees for the **Cowes Keelboat Championship** committee boat weekends and the Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club **Weekend Series** shall be made to the class association or the organising club concerned.

The above entry fees for the **Cowes Solent Series** (fixed shoreline) should preferably be transferred by BACS to:

NatWest Sort Code: 50-40-01 Account: Cowes Clubs and Classes Association
A/C Number: 51295555 Reference: your Class and Sail Number.

If you are unable to enter on-line, please return the Entry Form with any cheque, payable to 'CCCA' to:
Cowes Clubs and Classes Association, c/o Island Sailing Club, 70 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7AS

