



**BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR SIX METRE
CLASS
12-13 JUNE & 19-20 JUNE 2021
COWES**

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON**

NOTICE OF RACE

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 Notice of Race means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The International Six Metre Class Rating Rule.
- 1.3 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#). [DP]
- 1.4 All crews are required to follow all the latest Covid-19 guidance from NHS England and the Government. [DP]
- 1.5 All crews should also follow the latest [RYA Guidance on sailing & racing with participants from different households during Covid 19 in England](#). [DP]

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the RYS website by 1 June 2021. www.rys.org.uk

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard (ONB) is located on the RYS website at: www.rys.org.uk
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal International VHF Channels. All VHF communication shall be on International VHF channels. [DP]
- 3.3 On the water the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio. The channel used will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 Whilst racing (From the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day), except in an emergency, a yacht shall not make voice or data transmissions nor receive voice or data transmissions that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 3.5 The Race Committee intends using a "Whats App" group to communicate with Competitors and a "QR code" in

Addendum C of this NOR is available with details of how to join. Failure to receive information broadcast using "Whats App" will not be grounds for redress.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the Six Metre Class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form on the RYS Website and paying the entry fee. www.rys.org.uk.
- 4.3 The skipper of each boat shall complete and submit a Covid 19 '[Event Personal Declaration Form](#)' in the 24 hours immediately prior to each weekend of racing. This form is available on the ONB on the RYS Website. Competitors who answer 'False' to any of the questions shall not take part in the event. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in boats being scored DNC.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £400 per boat for entries received before the 28 May 2021. This does not include berthing or social events.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Crew numbers may be limited depending on Government Covid 19 restrictions in place at the time and any advice from the RYA.
- 6.2 There are no World Sailing Sailor Classification restrictions.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. [DP]
- 7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. [DP]

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 9.1 The Schedule of Racing is shown in the table below. All times are British Summer Time (UTC plus 1 hour).
- 9.2 The Race Committee may alter the schedule of races to cater for adverse weather conditions.
- 9.3 The Race Committee intends running eight (8) races over the two weekends and further details will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.4 The Race Committee intends to run no more than two (2) races each day. However additional races may be sailed in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons.
- 9.5 Schedule.

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Day	Briefing	First Warning Signal	Notes
Sat 12 June HW Ports 1350 4.4m	By VHF at 0900	1025 Race 2 asap after finish Race 1.	Race 1 CV Start.
Sun 13 June HW Ports 1420 4.4m	By VHF at 0930	1025 Race 4 asap after finish Race 3.	Race 3 CV Start.
Sat 19 June HW Ports 0640 4.0m	By VHF at 0900	1025 Race 6 asap after finish Race 5.	Race 5 CV Start.
Sun 20 June HW Ports 0750 4.1m	By VHF at 0930	1025 Race 8 asap after finish Race 7.	Race 7 CV Start.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Boats shall be in possession of a valid Class Measurement Certificate and all boats will race level.
- 10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 10.3 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 Does not apply.

12. VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the Central Solent and surrounding waters.
- 12.2 The approximate position of the Committee Vessel will be announced by VHF Radio and on WhatsApp.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 The format for racing will be Windward/Leeward. See Addendum A.
- 13.2 A chartlet to help locate the position of the committee vessel is attached. See Addendum B.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the penalty for a boat breaking a rule in Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe).

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Low points scoring system will apply.
- 15.2 Two (2) races will constitute a series for the 6M British Open Championships.

- 15.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 All support vessels must carry marine VHF radios and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so. *[DP]*
- 16.2 Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each start thereafter until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. *[DP]*

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 RRS G3 applies.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Event berthing is the responsibility of each boat and is not included in the entry fee. Visiting boats should contact [Coves Yacht Haven](#) or [Shepards Wharf Marina](#) for berthing reservations.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1730 the day before the first race. *[DP]*
- 19.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the Event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. *[DP]*

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event. *[DP]*
- 20.2 Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event. *[DP]*

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The Royal Yacht Squadron, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of RYS event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.
- 21.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.
- 21.3 The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Racing (RYSR) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated

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logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RYS. *[DP]*

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 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."
- 22.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor or safety briefing held for the event;
 - (h) 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.
- 22.3 COVID Statement
- (a) By taking part in any of the events covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Royal Yacht Squadron COVID-19 procedures.
 - (b) The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a). *(DP)*

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat is required to hold insurance cover and in particular to hold adequate insurance against third party claims of at least £3 million.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 The event prize giving will be held at the Royal Yacht Squadron as soon as possible after the final day's racing and after any protest(s).
- 24.2 Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third boats in the series.
- 24.3 Special Prizes for the British Open Championships for the Six Metre Class will be awarded for both Open and Classic boats.
- (a) For the Open Division (Modern) - The Lion Bowl.
 - (b) For the Classic Division - The Dudley Head Salver.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 Further information requests or completed entries should be sent to the address below.

NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

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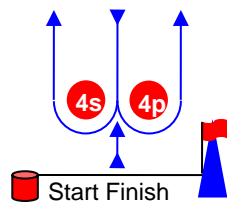
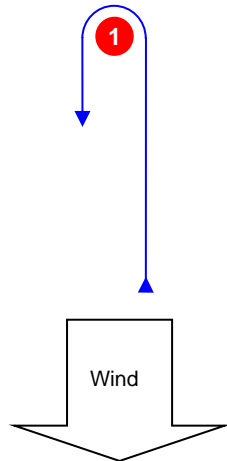
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ADDENDUM A

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward

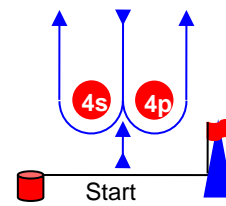
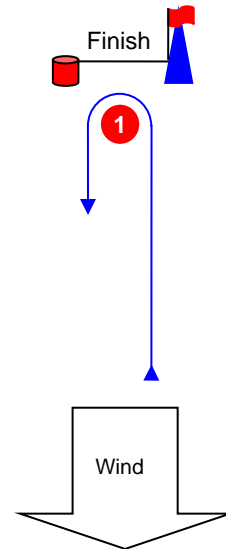
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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish

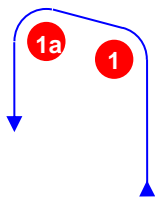
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Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish

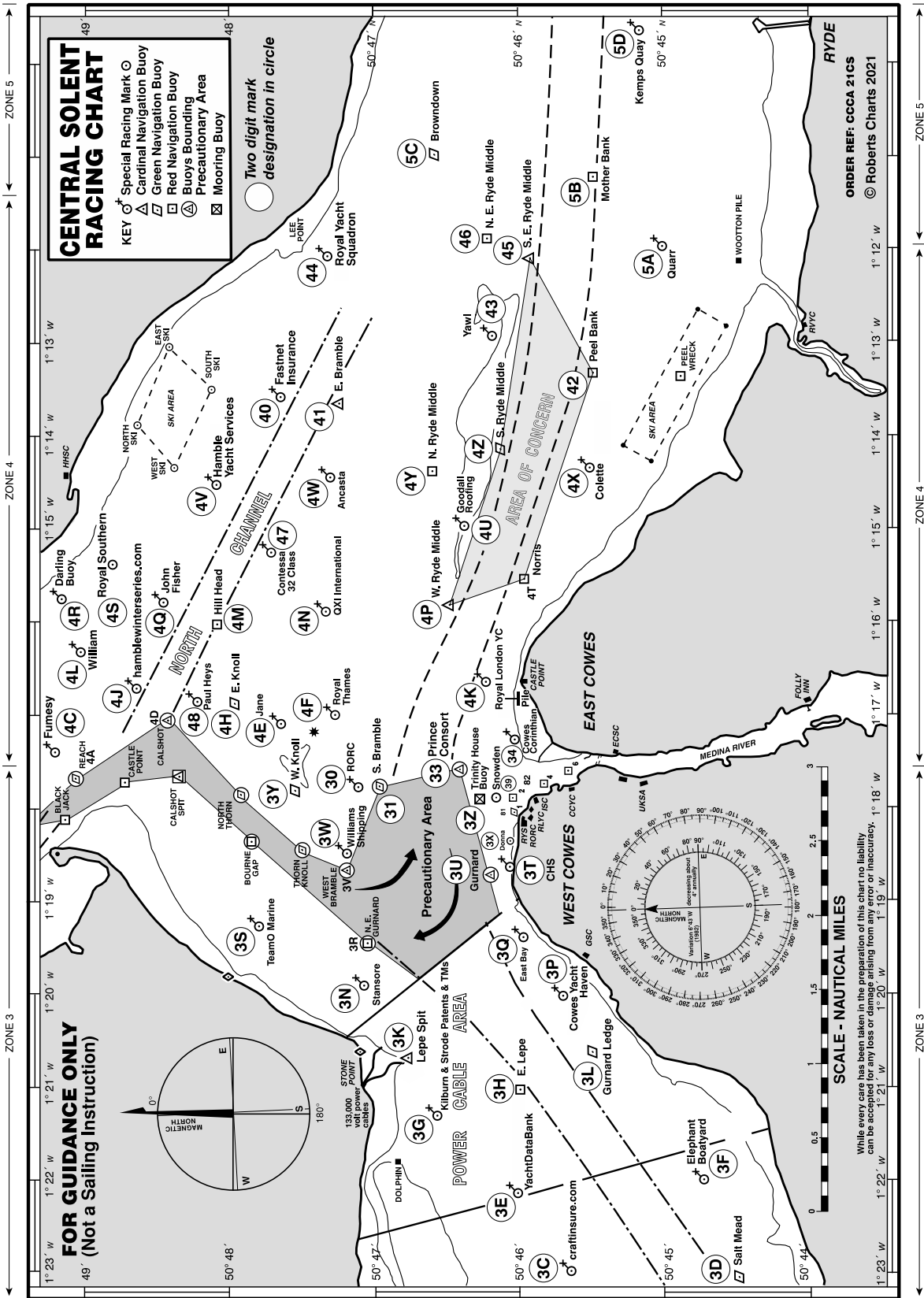
LA / WA



Course: Windward/leeward with offset mark 1a

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish

ADDENDUM B



ADDENDUM C

We have set up an official WhatsApp group for receiving general information from the Race Office. To join the WhatsApp group please use the below QR Code:



Instructions on using QR codes:

- For Apple phones: Please open your camera app and point it at the QR code and then follow the link it displays on your screen.
- For Android phones: Please obtain a barcode scanning app from the Google Play Store such as "Barcode Scanner", open the barcode scanning app and point it at the QR code and then follow the link it displays on your screen.