



**CORNERSTONE CUP
31 MAY - 3 JUNE 2022**

NOTICE OF RACE

**Organizing Authority (OA):
Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS)
Cowes, IoW, UK**

NOTATIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including Appendix D, Team Racing. The Cornerstone Cup Sailing Instructions (SI) will describe changes to the Rules.
- 1.2. All races will be umpired in accordance with RRS Appendix D, as modified by the SI.
- 1.3. J70 Class Rules will not apply.
- 1.4. RRS 17 is deleted.
- 1.5. RRS 40.1 applies at all times.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this Rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The Cornerstone Cup is a biennial team racing competition between The New York Yacht Club, The St Francis Yacht Club, The Royal Thames Yacht Club, and The Royal Yacht Squadron. The venue for the event rotates. This is the Sixth Edition.
- 3.2. The helm and at least two crew members of each yacht shall be members of the yacht club that they represent. Additional crew members shall be members, spouses of members, or offspring of members of the yacht club that they represent.
- 3.3. The average age of the crew of each yacht shall be 40 or older on the first day of competition. The helm of each yacht shall be 35 or older on the first day of competition.
- 3.4. Competitors shall be World Sailing Group 1 registered.
- 3.5. Each Team shall consist of two helms and crew for two boats, a total of eight persons.
- 3.6. Each Team shall have a minimum of two males and two females.
- 3.7. Substitutions will not be permitted without prior approval of the Race Committee (RC).

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. The online Official Notice Board is located at www.RYS.org.uk.

5. ENTRY & FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Form, [which is available here](#), shall be received by The RYS Office no later than 31 March 2022.
- 5.2. The Entry Fee is GBP 3,750. This Fee includes water and lunch for four days for the team of eight, and eight tickets per team for the Opening Reception, the Gala Dinner, and two evening suppers. Additional tickets will be available to purchase.

- 5.3. A Non-Refundable Deposit of GBP 1,000 shall be paid to the RYS Account by 31 March 2022. The Balance of GBP 2,750 shall be paid to the RYS Account by 1 May 2022.
- 5.4. A Damage Deposit of GBP 1,000 shall be paid on Registration. Credit Card details are acceptable.
- 6. QUALIFYING SERIES & FINAL SERIES**
- 6.1. Not applicable.
- 7. SCHEDULE**
- 7.1. Registration: Tuesday 31 May 2022 from 09:30 BST in RYS Pavilion.
- 7.2. A Team Captain's Briefing will be held at 18:00 BST on 31 May 2022 in RYS Pavilion, Cowes.
- 7.3. Mandatory Initial Briefing, to which all teams shall attend, will be given at 18:30 BST on 31 May 2022 in RYS Pavilion, Cowes.
- 7.4. Dates of racing: 1-3 June 2022.
- 7.5. The Race Schedule will be described in the SI.
- 7.6. No Warning Signal will be made after 15:00 BST on the last day.
- 8. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**
- 8.1. Eight J70-like boats will be provided by the OA, which will be suitably equipped.
- 8.2. The following modifications have been made: bow fenders may be attached, gunwale-edge fendering has been added, and stern sticks extending the length of the boat by approx 0.75m have been added.
- 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- 9.1. Copies of the Cornerstone Cup SI will be available online at www.RYS.org.uk one month before the event, and from RYS Lodge on the evening preceding the Regatta.
- 9.2. Changes to the RRS will be listed in the Cornerstone Cup SI Addendum C.
- 10. VENUE**
- 10.1. The intended Race Area will be in east Osborne Bay, the Solent.
- 10.2. Shoreside activities will take place at RYS Castle.
- 11. COURSE & FORMAT**
- 11.1. The Course will be as depicted in the SI.
- 11.2. The format of racing will be two-boat team racing, with a series of Round-Robins; spinnakers will not be used. This may be followed by a Final and Petit-Final series. Mix-n-match races may also be arranged, if weather and timing allows, but they will not form a part of the Event. The format and number of races will be described in the Cornerstone Cup SI.
- 11.3. The Course will be a windward leeward course with offsets, and a downwind finish, which will be as depicted in the SI.
- 12. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 12.1. Damage Penalties, if applicable, will be listed in the Cornerstone SI.
- 13. SCORING**
- 13.1. Event Scoring will be in accordance with the Cornerstone Cup SI Addendum D.
- 13.2. The provisions of RRS 90.3(e) will apply.
- 14. SUPPORT BOATS**
- 14.1. [DP] Support person vessels shall be registered with the OA, who will provide any necessary markings.
- 15. BERTHING**
- 15.1. All boats will be moored in RYS Haven.
- 16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
- 16.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.
- 17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

17.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around the boats between the Preparatory Signal of the first race and the end of the Event.

17.2. [DP] Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the Event.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

19. PRIZES

19.1. The Winning Team will receive the Cornerstone Cup.

19.2. The Cornerstone Cup 2022 Prizegiving will take place immediately after racing on Friday 3 June 2022 in RYS Pavilion.

20. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

20.1. Bibs, provided by the OA, or supplied by the Team, shall be worn over PFDs while racing, and be visible to the RC and umpires at all times.

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. [DP] The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Ltd (RYS Ltd) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RYS.

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:

22.3. 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;

- (a) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (b) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (c) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (d) 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;
- (e) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practicably provided in the circumstances;
- (f) it is their responsibility to familiarize 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;

(g) 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.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1.** RYS insures the boat for the period of hire against fire and all usual marine and collision risks to include third party risks to such an extent as is required by law and in addition as RYS shall deem appropriate. A copy of the insurance policy is available for inspection, if required.
- 23.2.** All charters will be responsible for paying the insurance excess of GBP 1,000 per boat in the case of major damage and for any minor repairs required up to this amount unless agreed by the RYS.
- 24. FURTHER INFORMATION**
- 24.1.** Further information may be obtained from the RYS Office, whose details are at the foot of each page.

NOTICE OF RACE END

RACING & SOCIAL PROGRAMME

All Timings BST

- Tuesday 31 May
- 0930 Registration in RYS Pavilion.
 - 1000 Sailing practice – book with RYS Office.
 - 1800 Team Captains' Briefing in RYS Pavilion.
 - 1830 Mandatory Initial Briefing for all in RYS Pavilion.
 - 1900 Opening Reception in RYS Pavilion. Dress: Jacket and Tie.
 - 1930 Cornerstone Cup Supper in RYS. Dress: Jacket and Tie.
- Wednesday 1 June
- Round-Robins
- 0830 Breakfast in RYS Pavilion
 - 0915 Briefing in RYS Pavilion
 - 1100 First Warning Signal
 - Tea and Debrief after racing in RYS Pavilion
 - 1815 Depart RYS for King's Manor
 - 1900 Party at King's Manor. Dress: Casual.
- Thursday 2 June
- Round-Robins
- 0830 Breakfast in RYS Pavilion
 - 0915 Briefing in RYS Pavilion
 - 1100 First Warning Signal
 - Tea and Debrief after racing in RYS Pavilion
 - 1930 Gala Dinner in RYS. Dress: Jacket and Club Tie.
- Friday 3 June
- Round-Robins / Finals & Petit Finals
- 0830 Breakfast in RYS Pavilion
 - 0915 Briefing in RYS Pavilion
 - 1100 First Warning Signal
 - 1500 Last time for a Warning Signal
 - Prizegiving. Dress: Yachting.
 - 1930 Team Suppers. Dress: Smart Casual.