



# RYS COMMODORE'S INVITATIONAL REGATTA

5 - 7 JULY 2021  
COWES

ORGANISING 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 AND REGULATIONS

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The J70 Class Rules.
- 1.3 The Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#).
- 1.4 All crews are required to follow all the latest Covid-19 guidance from NHS England and the Government.
- 1.5 All crews should also follow the latest [RYA Guidance on sailing & racing with participants from different households](#) during COVID-19 in England.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the RYS website at [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk) by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard (ONB) is located on the RYS website at: [www.rys.org.uk](http://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

All correspondence should be directed to:

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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 regatta is open to invited clubs and their representative teams.
- 4.2 Representative teams shall be members, associate members or similar of the invited club. [DP]
- 4.3 Details of team/crew and completed entry forms should be returned by Friday 2 July 2021. [DP]
- 4.4 In addition, skippers must complete the [Covid 19 Declaration Form](#) no sooner than 24 hours before the event. Competitors who answer 'False' to any of the questions shall not take part in the event.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1 Each club is invited to send a crew of 4 and the cost per sailor will be £240.00 to include the J70 charter fee, berthing fee, race management fees and all meals.
- 5.2 Supporters are also welcome and will only be charged for meals.
- 5.3 Accommodation will be an additional cost.
- 5.4 A spectator boat will be provided.
- 5.5 A returnable damage deposit of £750 will also be payable in advance for each boat. (The insurance damage excess is up to £750 per incident)

### 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 There are no World Sailing Sailor Classification restrictions.

### 7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with 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

- 9.1 The Race Committee intends to run six (6) races during the two days of the regatta as shown in the table below but may alter the schedule of races to cater for adverse weather conditions.
- 9.2 The Race Committee **may** also run a passage race back to finish on the RYS Line at the end of each days racing.
- 9.3 All times are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time). Tide times are for High Water Portsmouth.
- 9.4 There will be no warning signal after 1500 on the last day of racing.
- 9.5 Schedule

Date	Event	Time
<b>Mon 5 July</b>	<b>Registration in RYS.</b>	<b>0900 – 1700</b>
	<b>Skipper Briefing in RYS.</b>	<b>1830</b>
	<b>Opening Reception &amp; Supper in RYS.</b>	<b>1900</b>
<b>Tue 6 July</b> <i>HW</i> <i>Portsmouth</i> <i>0950 – 3.9m</i>	<b>Daily Briefing in RYS.</b>	<b>0830</b>
	<b>Free Practice Session</b>	<b>0930</b>
	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	<b>1125</b>
	<b>Warning Signals for Races 2, 3 &amp; passage race.</b>	<b>ASAP after each race.</b>
	<b>Supper in RYS.</b>	<b>1930</b>
<b>Wed 7 July</b> <i>HW</i> <i>Portsmouth</i> <i>1050 - 4.0m</i>	<b>Daily Briefing in RYS.</b>	<b>0830</b>
	<b>First Warning Signal.</b>	<b>1025</b>
	<b>Warning Signals for Races 5, 6 &amp; passage race.</b>	<b>ASAP after each race.</b>
	<b>Prizegiving</b>	<b>1700</b>

## 10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 All boats supplied will comply with J70 Class rules.

## 11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 Does not apply.

## 12. VENUE

- 12.1 The venue for the event is Cowes on the Isle of Wight.  
12.2 Racing will take place in the Solent and adjacent waters. See Addendum B – Solent Chartlet.

## 13. COURSES

- 13.1 Courses will be predominantly Windward/Leeward, and the format is shown in Addendum A.  
13.2 In the event that the Race Committee decide to run a passage race back to RYS, the course will be announced over VHF using the Solent Cruising & Racing Association (SCRA) Two Character Codes with the Finish on the RYS Line. See Addendum B.  
13.3 Marks used for windward leeward courses will be Orange inflatable marks.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 15. SCORING

- 15.1 RRS Low points scoring system will apply.  
15.2 An overall points series will be run, and prizes will be awarded to the first three boats (teams).  
15.3 One (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.  
15.4 When one to four (1-4) races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

15.5 When five (5) or more races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 All support boats shall carry marine VHF radios and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so. [DP]

## 17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 The regatta will be sailed in J70 boats supplied by the organising authority.

## 18. BERTHING

18.1 Berthing has been reserved in Shepards Wharf Marina and berthing is included in the entry fee.

## 19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1700 Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021. [DP]  
19.2 Boats shall not be hauled out until the end of 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 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 practicably provided in the circumstances;
- (g) 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; <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
- (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

All entrants shall be covered by a minimum Third-Party Liability indemnity of £3 million, or equivalent, and declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the event.

### 24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizegiving will be held in the RYS as soon as possible after the last race has been completed and after any protest hearings.
- 24.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in the series.

### 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 Further information and entry forms will be available on the RYS website. [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk)

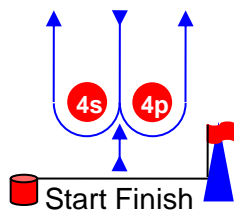
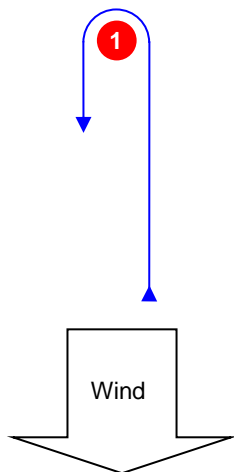
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ADDENDUM A

**Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward**

Boats at one end of the starting line and finishing lines. (Colour of flags in this diagram are for illustration)

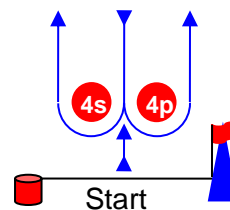
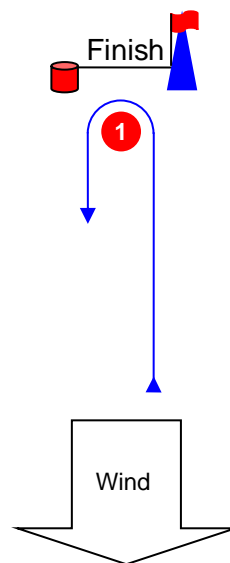
**L**



**Course: Leeward finish**

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

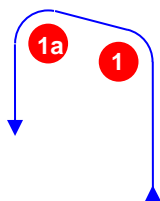
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**Course: Windward Finish**

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

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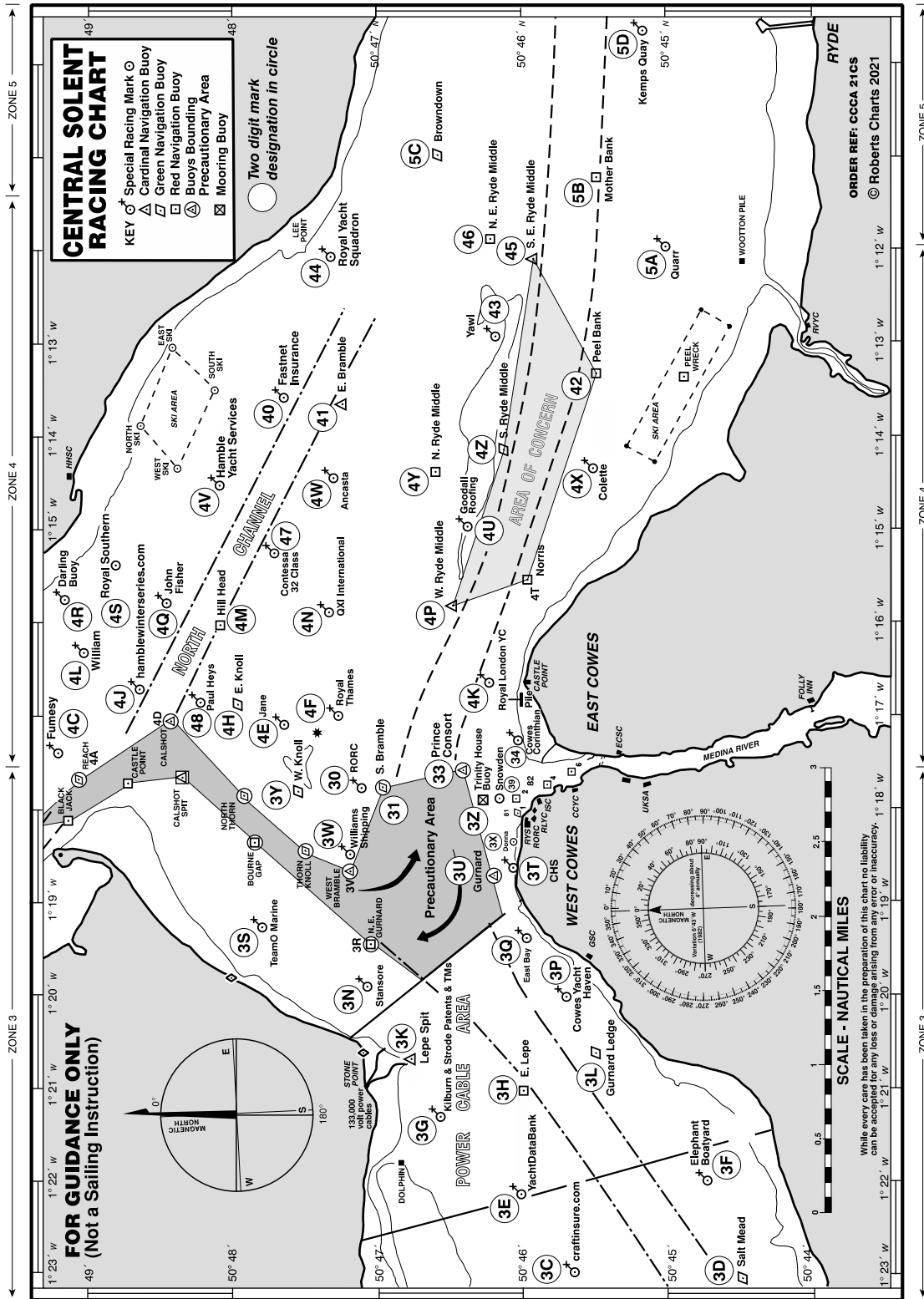


**Course: Windward/leeward with offset mark 1a**

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

**ADDENDUM B**

See below a chartlet of the Racing Area showing the Solent Two Character Codes for racing “around the cans”:



**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.