



## Boat and Equipment Scrutineering

Competitors should please note that the regatta approach to scrutineering is intended to ensure safety and fair competition without being heavy-handed. Owners and helms are therefore asked to embrace and respect this and to co-operate fully with the Chief Scrutineer, David Botterill, at all times. Boats will be inspected, so please do not feign surprise.

In advance of arriving in Cowes, Owners are advised to review:

- i) the Class Rules 7.1 to 7.7 inclusive and 8.9.1 to 8.9.4.9 inclusive, accessible on the official Class website ([rselite.org/Association/Class Racing Rules](https://rselite.org/Association/Class%20Racing%20Rules));
- ii) the Regatta Notice of Race, Paragraph 7 – Measurement;
- iii) the Regatta Notice of Race, Paragraph 17 – Radio Communications;
- iv) the Regatta Sailing Instructions when published; and
- v) the Declaration and Inspection Report attached to this broadcast.

Every boat entered will be asked at registration to make the formal Declaration that the relevant boat is compliant. The Inspection Report refers to (but is not limited to) specific items which the Chief Scrutineer will be looking at in order to promote safer racing and to ensure that there are no deficiencies or breaches of either the Class Rules, the Regatta Notice of Race or the Regatta Sailing Instructions. Failure to provide a Declaration at registration will render the relevant boat ineligible to compete in the regatta until such time as it is forthcoming. Note that the availability of a VHF radio on board at all times is a requirement specifically of this regatta and does not appear in the Class Rules.

Please be aware that the Chief Scrutineer, David Botterill, has been authorised to undertake inspections at any time during the regatta, including the period before launch at either the Cowes Yacht Haven or Shepards Marina, whilst boats are moored on the trots or following completion of the last race of each day as competitors make their way back to Cowes from the race track. The Chief Scrutineer reserves the right to inspect boats on more than one occasion during the regatta should anything suspicious be spotted whilst racing.

Non-compliance will be referred to the RS Elite Association Committee, and if necessary the Regatta Organizing Authority and Jury, and an appropriate and proportionate penalty determined, which ultimately could entail disqualification.