



ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON COMMODORES INVITATIONAL REGATTA 3 – 5 JULY 2023

ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 See Notice of Race 1.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) made ashore will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to the SIs may be made on the water using VHF to communicate it with competitors.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB). The ONB will be online at www.rys.org.uk.
- 3.2 The Race Committee (RC) intends to broadcast race information and course information by VHF Ch 05 and repeated on the Event Telegram group. See Addendum C.
- 3.3 Competitors wishing to communicate with the RC should do so on VHF Ch 77.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT


- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RYS Flagstaff and advised on the event Telegram group.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes". This changes Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 See Notice of Race 9.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag is shown below.

Class Flag ICS "J"	Class Flag 
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8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel (CV) in the Central and Eastern Solent.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be a mixture of windward / leeward and "racing around the cans".
- 9.2 Racing around the cans will use the Solent Two Character Codes in Addendum A and courses will be announced by VHF Radio Ch 77.
- 9.3 The windward / leeward courses are described in Addendum B and will be displayed on the side of the CV.
- 9.4 If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark of the course.
- 9.5 Soon after the orange flag attention signal is displayed, and before the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the approximate bearing and distance to Mark 1. The course signal, compass bearing and distance to Mark 1 will also be announced on VHF.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 With reference to Addendum B, marks 1, 1a, 4s & 4p will be orange inflatable marks.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks for windward leeward courses will be between a CV and a black inflatable mark.
- 10.3 When a new mark has been laid to change the next leg of a course it will be a black inflatable mark.
- 10.4 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 All yachts shall comply with [Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 06 of 2023](#) giving details of a Precautionary Area and Moving Prohibited Zone (MPZ). The MPZ shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20.
- 11.2 Any official boat in close attendance to a craft in difficulty is an obstruction.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 12.2 To alert boats that a start sequence will soon begin, an **Orange Flag will be displayed with one sound signal not less than 5 minutes before the warning signal.**
- 12.3 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the CV and a black inflatable mark.
- 12.4 The Race Committee **may** broadcast the sail numbers of individually recalled boats on VHF CH 05, as soon as practicable after Flag X has been displayed. Delay or failure

to do so is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 12.5 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 When a change of the next leg of the course for windward leeward courses has been signalled, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 13.2 The race committee will announce details of any change under SI 13.1 using VHF Ch 05. Failure of a boat to hear such an announcement, will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.3 The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without signalling Flag C, a direction signal, a length signal, or a sound signal. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line for windward leeward courses will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the CV and a black inflatable mark.
- 14.2 The finishing line for around the cans races will be between the RYS main flagstaff and 'Alpha' a large Orange Inflatable buoy approximately 500m north of the RYS Main Flagstaff.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 See Notice of Race 14.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limits are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Race Time
30 mins	60 mins	20 mins	30-40 mins

- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, or if no boat has finished within the Race Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 16.3 Finishing Window is the time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats that are still racing but do not finish within the finishing window, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).
- 16.4 The TLE score will be equal to the number of boats to finish plus 2 points. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.5 Failure to meet the target time for races will not be grounds for redress. This changes RR62.1(a).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.2 Hearing forms will be available at the Race Office.
- 17.3 Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.

Contact mobile phone numbers should be included on the protest form.

- 17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the RYS.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 See Notice of Race 15.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF Ch 77 or by hailing an official regatta support boat or RIB.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Not used.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 Not used.

22. SUPPLIED BOATS

- 22.1 J70 boats will be supplied by the organising authority.

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 Mark laying vessels will be RYS RIBs.
- 23.2 The CV will be a 10m blue hulled motor catamaran – Call Sign Castle Two.

24. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 24.1 See Notice of Race 16.

25. TRASH

- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26. BERTHING

- 26.1 See Notice of Race 18.

27. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 27.1 See Notice of Race 19.

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 28.1 See Notice of Race 20.

29. PRIZES

- 29.1 See Notice of Race 24.

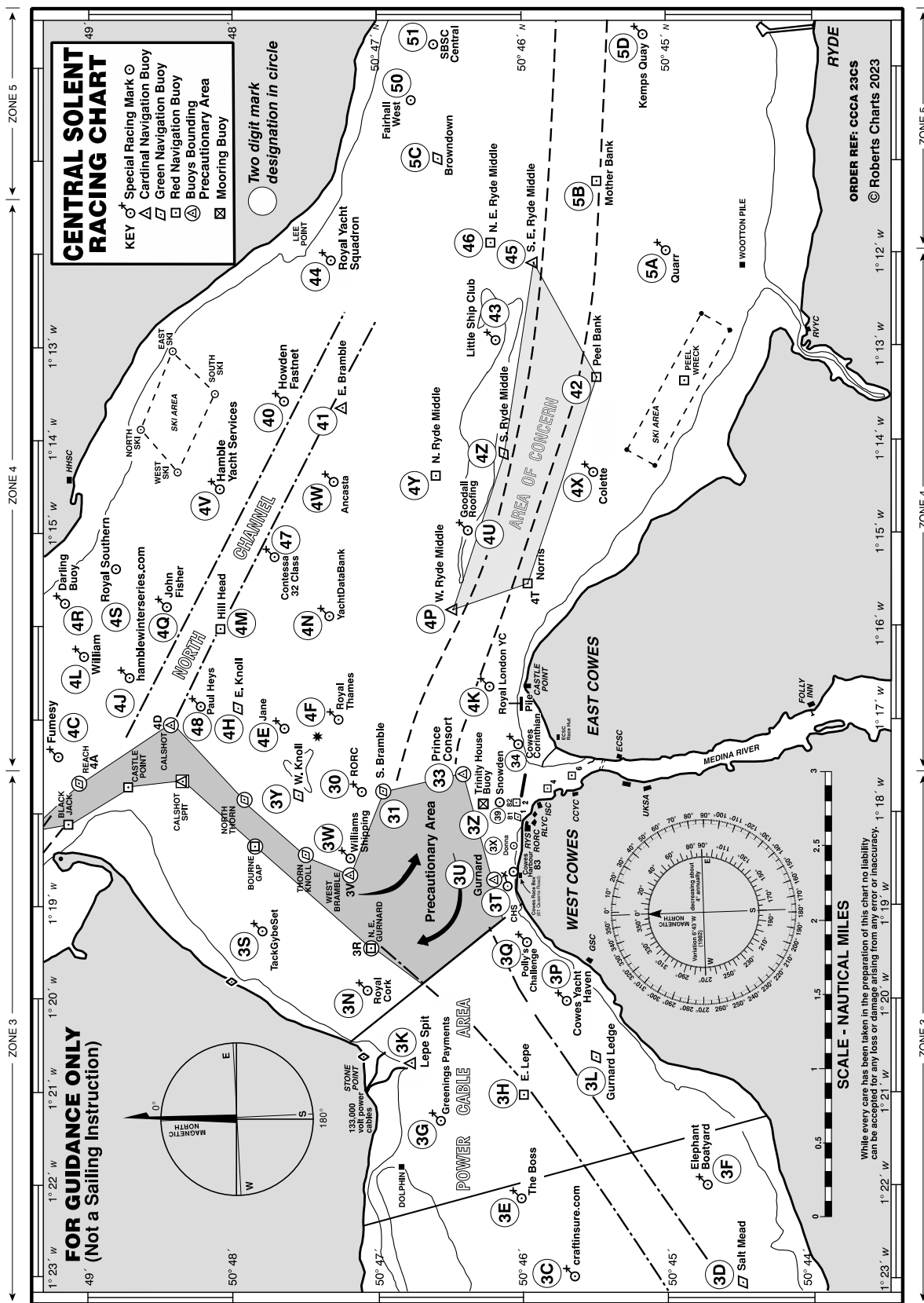
30. RISK STATEMENT

- 30.1 See Notice of Race 22.

31. INSURANCE

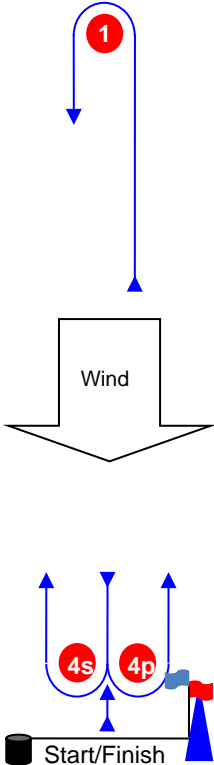
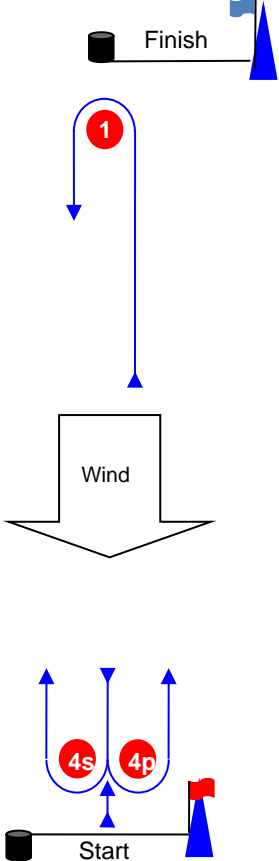
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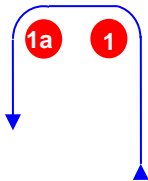
ADDENDUM A – Solent Chartlet with Two Character Codes.



ADDENDUM B – Course configuration.

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward

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All correspondence should be directed to:

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ADDENDUM C – Telegram Instructions.



Telegram

We have set up an official [Telegram](#) group for receiving general information from the Race Office and Race Committee.

If you do not already have the Telegram app installed on your device, please follow the instructions below:

- **Apple iPhones – download and install via the App Store.**
<https://apps.apple.com/app/telegram-messenger/id686449807>
- **Android Phones – download and install via the Google Play Store.**
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.telegram.messenger>

To join the Telegram group please use either the link or the QR code below:

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