

Charles Stanley Cowes Classics Week

Sunday 10 – Friday 15 July

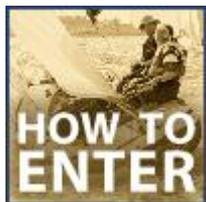
News Update – early June 2016

Notice of Race & Entry

Following the publication of the Notice of Race, entries are rolling in for Charles Stanley Cowes Classics Week. The NOR can be viewed and downloaded from the website at www.cowesclassicsweek.org where you will also find all the necessary event information and documentation. The full entry list is available on the website.

If you have previously registered with the website, your login details will remain the same. If you have forgotten your password select the “Forgotten password” link on the login screen. If you need reminding of your email login details, please contact the office.

Provided that no personal information or details of your boat have changed since last year, you will find the entry process really quick. If you need to amend any details, select the “View and edit your details” button on the login screen.



If you have problems when entering, either re-read the “Guide to Entering” which is available from the foot of the Home page, or contact the office.

The late entry fee becomes payable on entries made after Friday 17 June, so don't delay.

Competing Classes

We are expecting at least one 12 metre, 8 metres, 6 metres and our own Darings (glass 5.5s). Four classes of metre boats in the same regatta is rare these days and will make for a great spectacle on the water.



We will also be welcoming a fleet of Vintage Dragons for the first time, alongside the regular classic dayboat classes of Solent Sunbeams, Swallows, Flying Fifteens, Loch Longs, Bembridge One Designs and Squibs.

Depending upon fleet numbers, these classes may share a start, but class results and prizes will be awarded. Following discussions with Class Captains, we anticipate that these classes will have a varied race programme in their 8 race series which will include windward/leeward courses and round the cans finishing towards Cowes at the end of the day, but our first priority will remain as providing quality racing in the prevailing weather conditions.



The XOD fleets from Itchenor, Cowes, Hamble, Lymington, Parkstone and Yarmouth will again converge on Cowes to be the largest class at the regatta and we expect over 60 boats to be on the start line, competing for the Haines Boatyard Trophy won by Paul Woodman's Ibex in 2015.

International Tempest Class World Championships

We are delighted to be hosting the International Tempest Class World Championships as part of Cowes Classics Week in 2016. This will have its own dedicated race circuit with a schedule comprising a Practice Race on Sunday 10 July, followed by a 9 race Championship series taking place from Monday 11 through to Friday 15 July.

For further information on the World Championships, refer to the dedicated website at www.tempestworlds.com

Classic Yachts

We expect to split the large and small yachts into two fleets again, Red and Blue, based on KLR Handicap. In a new initiative we have invited all Sparkman & Stephens designed Swans to compete, and these will join previous entrants including Quailo III, Charm of Rhu and Temeraire and the Nicholson 32s in the Red fleet, whilst the Blue fleet will comprise the Twisters, Folkboats, SCODs, Contessa 26s and our first ever Stella entrant.

Old Gaffers

With 4 smaller Old Gaffers already entered, we will again provide separate racing for two fleets. The larger boats will this year be joined by the famous Peggy Bawn, a unique sailing yacht originally launched in 1894 and recently rebuilt and restored by her current owner Hal Sisk. Hal will be bringing Peggy Bawn from Dublin along with the 2008 launched gentleman's motor boat Molly Bân which will be his luxury live-aboard for the week.



Spirit of Tradition

Following our invitation to "Spirit of" yachts last year, we have introduced a new class for these bespoke yachts which could include Tofinous, Rustlers, and other modern boats built along traditional lines.

Moorings

We recommend that visiting boats moor on the swinging moorings specially laid by Cowes Harbour Commissioners for the summer events, or in the nominated event centre at Shepards Wharf Marina.

The deadline for booking a swinging mooring was at the end of May. If you require one of these moorings and have not yet booked, please contact the office to see if you can still be accommodated.

The deadline for booking a Shepards Wharf Marina berth is Friday 24 June. Complete the form on the CCW event website to benefit from the event discount.

Miss Isle



Following the great interest generated last year by the Isle of Wight Youth Trust, this year's event charity is the Miss Isle School of Sip & Puff Sailing – a unique sailing and training experience offered by a newly formed charity on the Isle of Wight.

The School is specifically for physically disabled individuals who want to go sailing but aren't able to sail a conventional boat. All that's needed is good breath control to handle using a straw to sail a boat.

The School is the brainchild of Natasha Lambert. Natasha is still a teenager but has sailed around the Isle of Wight, crossed the Channel, sailed over five hundred miles to Wales, climbed the highest peak in southern Britain and sailed from Cowes to London and then completed a walk from St Katharine Docks to the Bank of England and back.



Natasha undertakes these challenges to test herself and to raise funds for charity. To date she has raised over £53,000.

These activities would be remarkable for any teenager but Natasha has cerebral palsy, uses a wheelchair and has little control over her movements. Her sailing is by mouth in a specially adapted yacht and her walks are completed in a special walker which she propels herself.

For further inspirational information about Natasha and her new charity, visit www.missisle.org.uk

Charles Stanley Cowes Classics Week participants are invited to make an online donation whilst entering or booking socials on the event website.

Social Programme

One of the key elements of Cowes Classics Week, and which uniquely sets the event apart from other Regattas, is the full social programme where the community of classic boat sailors comes together after racing and develop lasting friendships.

As usual we will visit the clubs in Cowes who do so much to provide the event with volunteers and on the water resources, and who willingly open their doors to welcome competitors during the week.

All of the social events are available to book on the website. A discount of 10% is available on all social events booked before 17:00 on Friday 8 July. We will not make refunds for tickets no longer required, but will set up an exchange system for competitors during the regatta.

Sunday

Charles Stanley Opening Reception for the International Tempest World Championships

Monday

Charles Stanley Opening Reception for Cowes Classics Week & the Royal London Yacht Club Trinity Cup Race Day Prize Giving* all in the London Room at RLYC, followed by the traditional Hog Roast & Dancing at Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club, to get the week underway with a lively start. For those who prefer a quieter evening, Club Supper is available at RLYC.

Tuesday

Winkworth Tea & Cakes after racing* followed by an outward journey to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club in Fishbourne for supper by water taxi and the return by coach. In view of the limited numbers which can be accommodated at RVYC, a Club Supper is available at RLYC this evening also.

Wednesday

Winkworth Tea & Cakes after racing*, Haines Boatyard Race Day Reception & Prize Giving at the Royal Yacht Squadron* and a Double Decker Supper at the Island Sailing Club who are hosting two separately themed and priced functions to suit different tastes and to fit everyone into the Club.

Thursday

Winkworth Tea & Cakes after racing*, Drinks Reception & Gallery viewing at Kendall's Fine Art*

followed by the Regatta Dinner & Harken Prize Giving at the Royal London Yacht Club.

Friday

Winkworth Tea & Regatta Prize Giving*

Events marked * are free of charge to competitors and entry is by event wristband.

Sponsors

Our sponsors make a valuable contribution to Cowes Classics Week and make it possible for us to provide many benefits to competitors.

Charles Stanley

We are delighted that Charles Stanley's exceptional headline sponsorship is in place again this year. Their contribution behind the scenes is too vast to report here, but Charles Stanley do invite all competitors to join them at the event's Opening Reception at the Royal London Yacht Club on Monday.

The logo for Charles Stanley, featuring the name "CHARLES STANLEY" in a white, serif, all-caps font, centered within a dark blue rectangular background.

As always, there will be Charles Stanley employees competing at the event. We see significant business synergies with the owners and crews of the classic boats attending the regatta and we invite competitors to speak with the Charles Stanley representatives to find out more about their Investment Management proposition.

Haines Boatyard situated in Itchenor Reach is



synonymous with the shipwright and painting expertise required to restore and maintain a

varied range of classic keelboats, cruising yachts and motor craft. Haines Boatyard will again be providing prizes for their Race Day on Wednesday, and invite all competitors to join them at their Reception at the Royal Yacht Squadron on Wednesday.

Winkworth agents love what they do and pride

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themselves on having a unique perspective because where others see customers, they

see people and where others see houses, they see homes. Possibly the competitors favourite sponsor, Winkworth provide the means whereby we provide tea & cake after racing, and generously sponsor the Regatta Prize giving on Friday so that all competitors may attend.

Harken as we all know are a leading manufacturer of quality sailboat hardware and accessories for every boat from an America's Cup flying machine to the smallest dinghy and everything in between.



Harken has been a loyal sponsor of Cowes Classics Week since our first year, and will again provide Class winner prizes on Harken Race Day on Thursday comprising Harken goodies worth over £2000.

World Leisurewear (formerly Ocean World) return this year as Clothing sponsor. They will create virtually any type of clothing or accessory suitably emblazoned with your boat name.



Visit their website and online shop to order, or pop into the High Street shop during the event.

Kendall's Fine Art have been long time supporters of the event, and invite all competitors to a Drinks Reception and private viewing of their current collection on Thursday.



Red Funnel, the original Isle of Wight ferry company, is on board in 2016 helping the International Tempest class competitors travel to Cowes to take part in their first World Championships on the Island.



Classic Boat Magazine always generously provide coverage of the Regatta, and sponsor the Concours d'Elegance and Seamanship Trophies.



Cowes Harbour Commission is again offering discounts to competitors for mooring fees, and provides logistical support for the event.



Volunteers

As the event has grown, so have the number of people required afloat and ashore to maintain the Regatta's position as a top class event to attend. We will rely on over 70 volunteers to make this year a success, and a huge thank you to every single one of you.



Event Contacts

The Royal London Yacht Club has recently bid farewell to Jill Stevenson as she weighed anchor for new adventures, and we welcome our new Sailing Secretary Nicky Symonds and her assistant Pilar Lopez to the team for this year's event. They can be contacted on the usual email address, Sailing@rlyc.org.uk. The direct phone number for the sailing office is 01983 300 727.

The team of circuit race officers is as follows:

Metre Boats	Peter Dickson
Shoreline	Derek Hodd
XODs	Bob Milner
Dayboats	Rod Nicholls
Tempests	Gill Smith

Peter Taylor, Commodore of Royal London Yacht Club, remains as Regatta Chairman and Principal Race Officer. After the complexities of last year's event which shared the Solent with the Panerai regatta, Peter is looking forward to organising racing in an empty Solent, and has fingers crossed for exceptional sailing conditions!



The whole team look forward to welcoming you all to Cowes in a few weeks time.