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Introduction

The Royal London Yacht Club, supported by the Royal Ocean Racing Club, Royal Thames Yacht Club, Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club and Island Sailing Club, invites metre boats, classic dayboats, classic yachts, old gaffers and spirit of tradition yachts to enter this regatta to be held in the Central Solent based at Cowes.

The Regatta is intended for:

All metre boats; 12mR, 8mR, 6mR, 5.5mR and Daring

Classic dayboats and one designs including, but not restricted to, Dragon (classic, vintage and modern), Solent Sunbeam, Bembridge/Classic Redwing, Bembridge One Design, Loch Long One Design, Seaview Mermaid, National Swallow, Squib, Victory, XOD, Flying Fifteen and International Tempest.

It is anticipated that classes of 10 or more boats will have their own start.

Classic dayboats racing under KLR handicaps for one-offs, and classes with 9 or fewer entries.

Old Gaffers racing under the Solent Old Gaffers Association T(H)F handicaps

Classic yachts built in wood and steel before 1975 and GRP boats designed over 50 years ago, including but not restricted to Folkboat, Contessa 26, SCOD, Nicholson 32 & 36, Twister, Stella, Honeybee, all Classic S&S Swans regardless of design date and one-offs. Other similar yachts with sufficient provenance may request entry on a discretionary basis.

It is anticipated that classes of 10 or more boats will have their own start.

This class will be split into at least two divisions based on handicap and/or design.

All racing in this class is under KLR handicaps

Spirit of Tradition yachts, including but not restricted to Rustler and Tofinou, provided they are to a classic design, are also eligible and will race under KLR handicaps.

It is anticipated that classes of 10 or more boats will have their own start.

1. Organising Authority

1.1 The organising authority is the Royal London Yacht Club, supported by the Royal Ocean Racing Club, Royal Thames Yacht Club, Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club and Island Sailing Club.

2. Rules

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 Racing rule 44.1 will be changed as follows: The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules and class rules.

2.3 If there is any conflict between the notice of race and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall prevail.

2.4 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. These procedures can be obtained from the RYA web site [RYA Rules Disputes Process](#)

2.5 Boats entered in a one design fleet are expected to meet their relevant class and rating requirements.

2.6 Boat safety equipment for metre boats, classic dayboats and Old Gaffers less than 30' LOA shall comply with the following as well as class safety regulations:

- **General:** all safety equipment shall be of a suitable size and type for the boat and all equipment and fittings (including outboard engines if carried) shall be securely fastened.
- **Buoyancy:** each boat shall either be self-draining or be equipped with a suitable means for bailing or pumping.
- **Personal buoyancy:** personal flotation devices shall be carried for each member of the crew which are adequate for the conditions.
- **Flares:** each boat shall carry at least two in-date red hand flares in a waterproof pack.
- **Anchor:** each boat shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient chain/warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.
- **Fire extinguisher:** boats carrying fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher.
- **First Aid:** each boat shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
- **Man overboard:** each boat shall carry a rescue quoit or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line.
- **Compass:** all boats shall carry one compass (a hand held is acceptable).

2.7 Boat safety equipment for classic yachts, Spirit of Tradition yachts and Old Gaffers 30' LOA and over shall comply with the following, as well as any class safety regulations:

Each boat shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for inshore races (Appendix B) which can be seen on the World Sailing website [World Sailing Special Regulations for inshore racing](#)

Boats may apply to the organising authority by Thursday 19 July 2018 for written dispensation in respect of 3.02 Watertight Integrity of a Boat. If a dispensation is granted it will apply to all entrants with the same design of vessel.

In addition, Part B 5.01.1 is replaced by:

- **Personal buoyancy:** personal flotation devices shall be carried for each member of the crew which are adequate for the conditions; and boats shall comply with the following:
 - **Flares:** each boat shall carry at least two in-date red hand flares in a waterproof pack.
 - **First Aid:** each boat shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.

- 2.8 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving normal international channels and channel 37A(M) and shall maintain a listening watch on the channel nominated by the race committee.
- 2.9 Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard except when anchoring.

3. Advertising

- 3.1 The advertising category will be in accordance with the relevant class association requirements.
- 3.2 As permitted by the World Sailing advertising code, boats may be required to fly sponsor pennants from their backstays or, if no backstay exists, from another visible position with the prior agreement of the race committee. Boats may also be required to display sponsor logos provided as stickers to the boom or hull, unless dispensation is granted through prior written permission of the race committee.

4. Regatta Ethos

- 4.1 The Royal London Yacht Club as organisers of this regatta invite owners, crews and friends to race in a spirit of Corinthian competition.

5. Regatta Charity

- 5.1 The Jubilee Sailing Trust (JST) was founded in 1978 and is an international charity headquartered in the UK. Since 1978 they have welcomed nearly 50,000 people aboard their two tall ships. Their impressive and unique, custom-built tall ships *Lord Nelson* and *Tenacious* have been specifically designed so everyone, regardless of ability or experience, can play a full and active role as a member of the voyage crew. Everyone works together, there are no passengers.



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Their mission is to:

- Welcome the most marginalised in society either by disability or disadvantage, and give them the opportunity to be valued and make a meaning contribution alongside those who are more fortunate
 - Build relationships, empathy and understanding across communities through the power of shared activity and experience
 - Act as a flagship for social inclusion, showcasing the power of diverse teams and to demonstrate what is humanly possible
 - Strengthen individuals, their life skills, outlook and capabilities, through a life changing adventure at sea.
- 5.2 Competitors are asked to support the event charity by including a minimum of £20 as a donation with their entry. Competitors who donate online will be entered into a draw for a magnum of champagne.

6. Eligibility

- 6.1 The regatta is open to all metre boats, classic dayboats and one designs, classic yachts, old gaffers, and Spirit of Tradition yachts as defined in the Introduction to this notice of race as set out above.
- 6.2 **Class Associations:** all helms racing in a one design fleet shall be a full member of their relevant class association.
- 6.3 **Classic Yachts:** Classics Yachts designed pre 1975 constructed in wood or steel are eligible. GRP yachts that were designed over 50 years ago are also eligible, as are all Classic S&S Swans regardless of design date. Other similar yachts with sufficient provenance may request entry on a discretionary basis. Spirit of Tradition yachts, provided they are to a classic design, are eligible. For further details go to the [Classic Yachts webpage](#)

7. Entry and Conditions

- 7.1 All entrants should enter online on [Coves Classics Week Online Entry](#).

- 7.2 Before racing, the first named boat owner shall sign the Declaration confirming that they will comply with the Racing Rules of Sailing and that they have read and understood this notice of race and that they agree to be bound by its contents. Names and contact details of the boat’s crew shall also be included.
- 7.3 Competitors shall grant to the organising authority and official sponsors 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.
- 7.4 Competitors shall allow official sponsors use of the contact information provided to the organising authority for purposes of marketing up to 31 December 2018.
- 7.5 Upon demand, entrants in one design classes shall present a valid measurement certificate and or proof of membership of the class association. Boats may be checked for safety equipment before or after each race at the discretion of the race committee.
- 7.6 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor as set out in this notice of race.
- 7.7 Before racing, the first named boat owner shall ensure that there is adequate insurance for racing risks including third party indemnity of at least £3 million and that all crew members are made aware of the undertakings in these conditions of entry.

8. Programme of Events and Schedule of Races

- 8.1 The schedule of races is as shown below. The schedule may be varied provided that adequate notice is given to all boats affected by the change.

Please note that events shown thus in • blue are free to competitors in accordance with NoR rule 19.1.

| Date & HW time | Event | Time | Location (& Dress Code) |
|---|---|-------------|---|
| Saturday 21 July | Event Registration | 1000-1700 | Regatta Office, Royal London YC |
| Sunday 22 July HW: 2027 4.1m | Event Registration | 1000-1700 | Regatta Office, Royal London YC |
| | Skippers & Safety Briefing – Classic Yachts*, Spirit of Tradition & Old Gaffers classes <i>* unless there is a class start from a committee boat</i> | 1730 | London Room, Royal London YC (N/A) |
| | Skippers & Safety Briefing – Classic Dayboat Classes & Metre Boats <i>* including any Classic Yachts assigned a class start from a committee boat</i> | 1815 | London Room, Royal London YC (N/A) |
| | • Welcome Drinks Reception | 1900 | London Room, Royal London YC (N/A) |
| | Informal Dinner available | 2000 | Drawing Room, Royal London YC (smart casual) |

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| <p>Monday 23 July</p> <p>HW: 0901 3.9m 2127 4.1m</p> | <p>Event Registration</p> <p>Warning Signal Race 1 - Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition & Old Gaffer classes</p> <p>Warning Signal Race Day 1 – Classic Dayboats & Metre classes³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winkworth Tea & Cakes • Charles Stanley Direct Opening Reception & Day Prize-giving <p>Hog Roast & Dancing</p> <p>Alternative Dinner</p> | <p>0800-1000</p> <p>From 1115</p> <p>From 1330</p> <p>After racing</p> <p>1830</p> <p>2000</p> <p>2000</p> | <p>Regatta Office, Royal London YC</p> <p>RLYC Shoreline²</p> <p>Committee Boats – Central Solent⁴</p> <p>London Room, Royal London YC (<i>yachting</i>)</p> <p>London Room, Royal London YC (<i>smart casual</i>)</p> <p>Cowes Corinthian YC (<i>casual</i>)</p> <p>Drawing Room, Royal London YC (<i>smart casual</i>)</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 24 July</p> <p>HW: 1003 4.0m 2220 4.2m</p> | <p>Warning Signal Race 2 - Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition & Old Gaffer classes</p> <p>Warning Signal Race Day 2 – Classic Dayboats & Metre classes³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winkworth Tea & Cakes • Drinks Reception & Red Funnel Day Prize-giving <p>Private Tour and Supper</p> | <p>From 1030</p> <p>From 1030</p> <p>After racing</p> <p>1830</p> <p>Following Reception</p> | <p>RLYC Shoreline²</p> <p>Committee Boats – Central Solent⁴</p> <p>London Room, Royal London YC (<i>yachting</i>)</p> <p>Outside Classic Boat Museum (<i>casual</i>)</p> <p>Classic Boat Museum (<i>casual</i>)</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 25 July</p> <p>HW: 1056 4.1m 2305 4.3m</p> | <p>Warning Signal Race 3 - Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition & Old Gaffer classes</p> <p>Warning Signal Race Day 3 – Classic Dayboats & Metre classes³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winkworth Tea & Cakes • Drinks Reception & Day Prize-giving <p>“Triple Decker” Supper</p> | <p>From 1030</p> <p>From 1030</p> <p>After racing</p> <p>1830</p> <p>2000</p> | <p>RLYC Shoreline²</p> <p>Committee Boats – Central Solent⁴</p> <p>London Room, Royal London YC (<i>yachting</i>)</p> <p>The Pavilion, Royal Yacht Squadron (<i>smart casual</i>)</p> <p>Ground Floor, Rooftop Marquee and Dining Room, Island Sailing Club (<i>casual</i>)</p> |
| <p>Thursday 26 July</p> | <p>Warning Signal Race 4 - Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition & Old Gaffer classes</p> <p>Warning Signal Race Day 4 – Classic Dayboats & Metre classes³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winkworth Tea & Cakes | <p>From 1030</p> <p>From 1030</p> <p>After racing</p> | <p>RLYC Shoreline²</p> <p>Committee Boats – Central Solent⁴</p> <p>London Room, Royal London YC (<i>yachting</i>)</p> |

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| HW: 1139 4.3m 2347 4.4m | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kendall's Drinks Reception | 1830 | Kendall's Fine Art Gallery (casual) |
| | Winkworth Classic Pies Supper | 1830 | Royal Victoria YC, with transport from The Parade, Cowes |
| | Regatta Dinner & Day Prize-giving | 1930 for 2000 | London Room, Royal London YC (Reefer/jacket & tie) |
| Friday 27 July | <p>Warning Signal Race 5 - Classic Yachts, Spirit of Tradition & Old Gaffer classes</p> <p>Warning Signal Race Day 5 – Classic Dayboats & Metre classes³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regatta Prize-giving with Reception & Winkworth High Tea | <p>From 1030</p> <p>From 1030</p> <p>After racing c. 1400</p> | <p>RLYC Shoreline² <i>Note: on the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1200</i></p> <p>Committee Boats – Central Solent⁴ <i>Note: on the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1200</i></p> <p>London Room, Royal London YC (yachting)</p> |
| <p>Notes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 All High Water times shown refer to High Water Portsmouth and are BST. 2 Racing may be transferred to a committee boat in certain weather conditions, or if a Class start has been given in accordance with the Introduction to this NoR. 3 Up to 3 races may be scheduled each day, of which 1 or more will be windward-leeward races. A third round-the-cans race may be sailed if conditions permit. 4 Racing may be transferred to the RLYC Shoreline in certain weather conditions. <p>NOTE: Racing will be a variety of windward-leeward and round-the-cans, in accordance with the wishes of the classes. Daily finishes off Cowes will be provided where possible, taking into account all relevant factors prevailing on the day.</p> | | | |

The following events take place in the Central Solent immediately before and after Cowes Classics Week:

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| Saturday 7 July | Round The Island Race | Island Sailing Club |
| Saturday 14 to Saturday 21 July | Panerai British Classic Week | Royal Yacht Squadron |
| Saturday 21 to Sunday 22 July | XOD Telegraph Trophy | Royal Ocean Racing Club |
| Saturday 21 to Sunday 22 July | Dragon South Coast Championship | Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club |
| Saturday 28 July | Household Division Yacht Club Solent Day | Royal Yacht Squadron |
| Sunday 29 July | RYS Solent Day | Royal Yacht Squadron |

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 Sailing instructions will be available electronically on the official website [Cowes Classics Week](#) in early July 2018 and will also be available in hard copy at Registration. Any amendments will be posted on the official website and the official notice board at the Royal London Yacht Club.

10. Venue and Courses

- 10.1 Racing will take place in the Central Solent using laid marks and/or a combination of laid and/or fixed Solent racing and navigation marks, in accordance with the sailing instructions.

11. Scoring and Handicapping

- 11.1 There are eight races scheduled for Metre and Classic Dayboat Classes (Monday 23 to Friday 27 July) with four races required to constitute a series. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.2 There are five races scheduled for the Classic Yacht, Spirit of Tradition and Old Gaffer Classes (Monday 23 to Friday 27 July) with three races required to constitute a series. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.3 For Classic Yachts, Classic Dayboats, and Spirit of Tradition boats, the Klassiker Rennwert (KLR) Formula will be used. The Formula is intended to separate racing from judgement over items like authenticity, originality, state of maintenance, degree of original substance and so on. It is a formula designed to provide ratings across a broad range of yachts developed over more than 50 years. KLR doesn't need complicated measurements and certificates are not required. For more information go to [The KLR – Formula website](#) or to apply for KLR Handicapping go to [KLR Handicapping](#) on the Cowes Classics Week Website.
- 11.4 For Old Gaffers the Solent Old Gaffers Association T(H)F system will be used. For further information go to the [Boat Registration Handicapping Form](#) on the OGA website.

12 Berthing and Mooring

- 12.1 Berthing and mooring fees are not included in the entry fee.
- 12.2 Arrangements have been made with the Cowes Harbour Commissioners for temporary swinging moorings to be laid to enable dayboats to arrive over the weekend of the 14-15 July. Arrangements for swinging moorings should be made through the BOD, XOD, Solent Sunbeam, Swallow and Victory Class Associations. All other classes/boats swinging mooring arrangements should be made through the Regatta Secretary.
- 12.3 Arrangements for boats requiring marina berthing should be made directly with Shepards Wharf Marina.
- 12.4 A launch service will be run from Trinity Landing opposite the RLYC Clubhouse to boats on swinging moorings and Shepards Wharf.

13 Haul-out Restrictions

- 13.1 Boats shall be afloat before the end of Registration and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the race committee.

14 Communications

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Safety and race announcements, including the start area location, will be made on VHF. The channels to be used for each circuit will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 14.3 Boats are required to show class flags with minimum dimensions 20cm x 15cm on their backstay or, if no backstay exists, from another visible position with the prior agreement of the race committee.

15 Prizes

- 15.1 Trophies will be awarded for the first overall in each class. The Charles Stanley 1792 Trophy will be awarded to the overall winning boat from any class. The method of scoring will be as set out in the sailing instructions. Details of trophies and prizes will be set out in the sailing instructions.

- 15.2 The Charles Stanley Direct prize-giving will take place on Monday 23 July at the Royal London Yacht Club with first overall in class prizes awarded on the basis of the results of the races that take place that day. The method of scoring will be as set out in the sailing instructions.
- 15.3 The Red Funnel prize-giving will take place on Tuesday 24 July at the Classic Boat Museum with first overall in class prizes awarded on the basis of the results of the races that take place that day. The method of scoring will be as set out in the sailing instructions.
- 15.4 The Day prize-giving will take place on Wednesday 25 July at the Royal Yacht Squadron Pavilion with first overall in class prizes awarded on the basis of the results of the races that take place that day. The method of scoring will be as set out in the sailing instructions.
- 15.5 The Kendall Day prize-giving will take place on Thursday 26 July at the Royal London Yacht Club Regatta Dinner with first overall in class prizes awarded on the basis of the results of the races that take place that day. The method of scoring will be as set out in the sailing instructions.
- 15.6 The New Helm Trophy will be awarded to a helmsman who has not previously helmed at Cowes Classics Week. The Trophy winner will be from any class, calculated using a formula which will be set out in the sailing instructions.

16 Results

- 16.1 Results will be posted on the official notice board at the Royal London Yacht Club and on the website.

17 Changes to the Notice of Race

- 17.1 Any changes or additions to this notice of race will be posted on the official website before the closing date for entries.

18 Risk Statement

- 18.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently 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 property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. *Not applicable*;
- 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.

19 Entry

- 19.1 The entry fee includes race management and launch service for the regatta, prizes, and the social events identified as free to competitors in NoR rule 8 above. Additional competitor packages, comprising one ticket to all of the free events are available at £35 per set. Tickets for the Cowes Classics Week social programme will be available for secure purchase on the website from 20 March 2018. Social tickets

purchased online before midnight on Friday 20 July 2018 will attract a discount of 10%.

Berthing and mooring costs are not included.

| Class | Entry Fee to be received by Friday 6 July 2018 | * Free tickets to specified events |
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| XOD, Bembridge OD, Loch Long OD, Classic Dayboats, Flying Fifteen, Star, Tempest, Victory | £205 | 3 |
| Bembridge/Classic Redwing, Solent Sunbeam, Swallow, Dragon, Classic yachts, Old Gaffers & Spirit of Tradition yachts less than 30' LOA | £225 | 3 |
| Daring, Classic yacht, Old Gaffers & Spirit of Tradition yachts 30' LOA and over | £265 | 4 |
| 6 Metre | £305 | 5 |
| 8 Metre | £375 | 7 |
| 12 Metre | £610 | 10 |

19.2 Entries will be accepted after 6 July 2018 and before 20 July 2018 but an additional £75 will be charged.

19.3 All entrants should enter online on www.cowesclassicsweek.org. By entering, the entrant has applied for Temporary Membership of the Royal London Yacht Club for the entrant and crew for the period of the regatta. Full details of the crew shall be provided at Registration in accordance with para 7.2.

19.4 Entry Cancellation and Refunds: if written cancellation of entry is received at the RLYC Office by 1700 on Friday 6 July 2018 the whole fee less a £75 administration charge will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances.

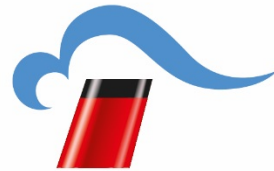
20 Further Information

20.1 For further information, visit the regatta website www.cowesclassicsweek.org or contact the organising authority: Regatta Secretary by email secretary@cowesclassicsweek.org or telephone +44 1983 300 727

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