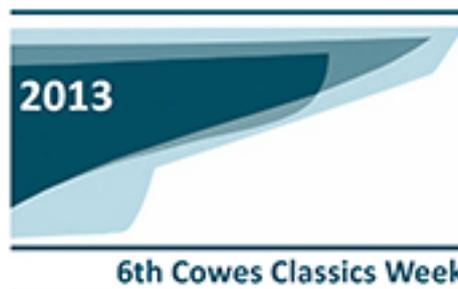


Newsletter

May 2013



Cowes Classics Week – 15-19 July 2013

As the event approaches, here is some news about developments and arrangements. Most importantly – if you need berthing at Shepards – see the section about that, and get entries in early please.

Notice of Race and Entries

The Notice of Race has been published and entries are open and coming in thick and fast. Go via the event web site or direct to the bookings page at <http://2013.cowesclassicsweek.com/eventsites/default.asp?eventid=161369>

Please get your entry in early as this year the organisers have a much more varied fleet to accommodate and the sooner we have some idea of capacity requirements, the better we can resource it.

Race Management

In order to deal with an expected increased entry and to maintain the quality of racing we intend to run an additional course area this year. This is likely to be from the RLYC shoreline on the Tuesday and Wednesday and from a Committee Boat possibly finishing on the RLYC shoreline on the Thursday and Friday. This should keep the race tracks clear for class racing and also give our visitors experience of racing close to Cowes as well as in the Central Solent.

RLYC 175th Anniversary Race

To celebrate the RLYC anniversary this year, the Monday of Cowes Classics Week will see our 175th Anniversary Race.



Weather permitting this will be held, from a shoreline start, in the Western Solent. The Race is not part of the Cowes Classics Week regatta series, but is included as part of your standard entry fee. Boats will also be able to enter just this one race. Separate

prizes, including the RLYC Trinity Cup, will be awarded at the Opening Reception on the Monday night.

Georgia Mancio

Back at the Royal London Yacht Club by popular demand, and booked to coincide with the start of Cowes Classics Week (as so many of you have requested), award-winning jazz vocalist Georgia Mancio and her world class quartet



(Bobby McFerrin, Ian Shaw and Sheila Jordan) are performing on Saturday the 13th July. Tickets are now available for a two course dinner and the jazz concert. Details on the bookings website.

Classic Boat Magazine

Classic Boat will again be awarding a prize for their favourite boat – so smarten up. And discounted subscriptions are available via the link on the web site.

ClassicBoat
The love of traditional craft

Enquiries to David Elliott: david.elliott@cowesclassicsweek.org

www.cowesclassicsweek.org

Sunbeams



You will all know by now that the Sunbeams are celebrating their 90th Anniversary this year. We have commissioned a one-off painting by local artist and sailor Mike Till, which will be awarded as a perpetual prize to the class. Mike has produced a second Sunbeam painting which will be auctioned during the event with part of the proceeds going to The Andrew Cassel Foundation.

Charity

The Committee has selected the Andrew Cassell Foundation as the charity for this year's event, and



we are delighted that Andy, who has also joined the organising committee representing Cowes Corinthian YC, has

accepted our invitation to be guest of honour at the Prize giving, along with a current paralympian, and to present the trophies.

<http://www.theandrewcassellfoundation.org/>

Andy will be well-known to many of us as a Gold Medal winner in the paralympics as well as several Championship wins.

Competitors are asked to support the Foundation by including a minimum of £10 as a donation with their entry.

Classic Cruisers

A new class for Cruiser/Racers was launched at the Southampton Boat Show. As a result of a recent decision by the Class Representatives, we are admitting GRP boats of a design that is 50 years or more and to mark this milestone, the Nicholson 32 class will be joining us to celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

There is no real definition of a classic yacht and the convention has been for a long time at classic regattas to use a cut-off date of around 1970 for boats built in wood or steel. Clearly GRP production yachts were built before this date and as time moves on may be considered to be modern classics - they have long been admitted in American classic events, into a 'Classics' class. Cowes Classics Week has therefore taken the initiative to establish a rolling 50-year rule - once a class reaches that milestone we will invite them to celebrate their half-century with us and thereafter join in the fun.



The Nic 32 that Clare Francis sailed solo across the Atlantic

If you wish to establish whether your own Classic Cruiser is eligible, please complete the enquiry form on the event web site and upload a picture and someone from the committee will get back to you.

The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 5 for Classic Cruiser will apply – see details in Noticeboard/Event Documents on bookings web site.

Swinging Moorings

Cowes Harbour Commissioners will be laying sufficient swinging moorings for the keelboats

The cost for the 5 days of Cowes Classic Week will be £1.71 per metre per day which is less than 50% of the Cowes Week rate and representing very good value

Moorings before Cowes Classics Week, between Cowes Classics Week and Cowes Week, and after Cowes Week will cost £0.65 per metre per day

Please book with your class representative in sufficient time as they will need to notify Cowes Harbour Commission by the 27th May 2013. For individual boats needing a swinging mooring and classes not used to the Cowes system, please arrange through the RLYC Sailing Secretary

sailing@rlyc.org.uk

Marina Berthing

The official marina berthing for Cowes Classics Week is Shepards. Boats will be moored up together in the North Basin at Shepards to create an event atmosphere.

There will be no event premium so berthing will cost £2.40 per metre per day Sunday to Thursday and £2.80 per metre per day Friday and Saturday.

This includes showers and WIFI and catering will be available at the onsite restaurant Amabi from breakfast onwards

Space in the North Basin will only be held until 27th May, after which any unallocated space will be released for other users, so please book your berth by the 27 May deadline through the RLYC Sailing Secretary Jill Stevenson by emailing the attached form to sailing@rylc.org.uk or call 01983 299727. You will only be added to the Shepards Wharf Marina mooring list after payment of the regatta entry fee.

Payment for berthing should be made at Shepards Wharf on arrival.

Launch Services

Launch Services to the swinging moorings will be extended this year starting earlier and finishing later in an effort to minimise queuing – as long as people spread out their arrival time.

Please note that the Island SC launches are now certificated so they will not carry anyone not wearing personal buoyancy – you'll need to bring it ashore with you.

Handicapping

Most boats in the regatta will sail in fleets of boats in class and handicapping will not be required – class rules will apply.

Handicapping - Cruiser/Racers & Dayboats

The KLR System (KLR = Klassike Rennwert)will be used and you may have seen the editorial in Classic Boat commending us for adopting this system.

Developed in 1994 by Enno Thyen, Freundeskreis Klassische Yachten, Germany and is used in Baltic races organised by the FKY. It is also used in Norway all with good experience. In the UK it is used at the Fife Regatta on the Clyde, amongst other events.

The origins of the formula are based on the creator's desire not to mix the yacht's observable sailing performance and the state of originality in as far as it doesn't influence performance. He believed that there are more efficient strategies to reach the aim of preserving vintage and classic yachts.

An external handicapper with considerable experience of the system, Ian McAllister, will collect the owner-supplied data from entrants and calculate the TCFs. Details will be sent to registered entries. There will be no charge for handicapping. See explanation here <http://www.fky.org/regatta/klr-engl.htm>

Handicapping - Gaffers

The gaffers will be handicapped by the Solent Division of the Old Gaffers Association and a form is available for download from the documents page on the bookings web site to be forwarded to the RLYC Sailing Secretary.

Ferry Travel

We have negotiated a discount of 20% with Red Funnel for competitors, crew and support team to travel to Cowes. At Red Funnel's request and in order to prevent abuse, details will be provided to competitors once they have entered and must not be passed on to non-participants.



This is a discount on standard rates and other promotional rates may be available which may be better.

Sponsors

We are most grateful to our sponsors Harken, Haines Boatyard, Cowes Harbour Commission, Classic Boat, Ocean World, the Yachting Studio and welcome Winkworths.



Winkworths – new sponsor for tea and cakes after racing

Volunteers

As the event has grown, it increases demands on the resources of the Cowes clubs involved. If any class has members that could offer assistance, please get in touch with Jill Stephenson, our regatta secretary (sailing@rlyc.org.uk) – it would be much appreciated.

Future Dates

Whilst it has been policy to organise CCW in the third week of July and two weeks before Cowes Week, recently events have prevented that. For 2013, that would have put CCW firmly in a week of spring tides so it has been brought forward a week. For reference, proposed future dates are:

2014	2 weeks before Cowes Week 21 – 25 July (HW Max 4.2m)
2015	3 weeks before Cowes Week 19 – 24 July (HW Max 4.4m)
2016	2 weeks before Cowes Week 25 – 29 July (HW Max 4.4m)

See you there

If you have any comments or suggestions for the improvement of Cowes Classics Week please contact your Class Captain or email

david.elliott@cowesclassicsweek.org

Cowes Classics Week

Shepards Wharf Mooring Booking Form

Name	Address	Contact Number

Vessels Name	Type of Vessel (Gaff etc.) (Wood/Steel)	Free-board (cms)	Draft (metres)	Beam (metres)	LOA (metres)

Please book your berth by the 27th May 2013 through the RLYC Sailing Secretary Jill Stevenson by emailing this form to sailing@rlyc.org.uk or call 01983 299727.

Please note that you will only be added to the Shepards Wharf Marina mooring list after payment of the regatta entry fee.

Full payment for the Shepards Wharf Mooring is to be made on arrival at the marina.