



QUARTER TON CUP (20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVIVAL)

3 – 5 JULY 2025

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON
COWES**

NOTICE OF RACE

Amended on 17/06/25

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).
- 1.3 The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) National Prescriptions that apply are detailed in Addendum B.
- 1.4 [DP] Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.
- 1.5 [DP] Quarter Ton Class Rules.
- 1.6 Add new RRS 60.4(a)(4) "as far as it alleges a breach of a rule in any document governing the event marked with a notation '[NP]'."

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) Website at www.rys.org.uk by 20 June 2025.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at www.rys.org.uk and the Race Office will be at the RYS.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal International VHF Channels. All VHF communication shall be on International VHF channels.
- 3.3 The Race Committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 In addition to VHF communication, the RC intends using a Telegram Group to help communicate with competitors and a "QR code & Link" will be included in the SIs. Failure to receive information broadcast using Telegram will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, from the First Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall

not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Quarter Ton Class holding a valid and **Endorsed IRC Rating Certificate**.
- 4.2 Eligible boats/teams may enter by completing the Entry Form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to www.rys.org.uk by 1600 on **27 June 2025**.
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority (OA).
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall complete all entry requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Any boat that wishes to be eligible for the Corinthian Prize shall submit a written statement to the Race Committee no later than **1800 on 2 July 2025**, unless this information has been included as part of the entry form, that all participating crew are amateurs.
- 4.6 For the purposes of clarification, they should conform to the World Sailing Competitor Categorisation description for Group 1. If no such statement is received, the boat shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Prize.
- 4.7 Entries shall not be open to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality or a boat that is registered with or a member of the National Association in those countries. The OA may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee is £400 per boat.
- 5.2 Entry Fees include the following:
 - (a) Race Management.
 - (b) Opening Ceremony.
 - (c) Prizегiving.
- 5.3 A late entry fee of an additional £50 will apply for entries made on or after **27 June 2024**.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available on www.rys.org.uk shall be submitted for crew under 18 years of age.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Not used.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The times shown in the table below are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time - BST). Indicative Tide Times are for High Water (HW) Portsmouth.
- 9.2 The intention of the RC is to run up to eight (8) races over the three days of the Event.
- 9.3 A maximum of four (4) races *may* be sailed on a day in order to complete the Programme because of weather or other reasons, provided that the Programme does not become more than one race ahead of Schedule.
- 9.4 On the last day of the event, no Warning Signal will be made after 1400.

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DAY HWP (BST)	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Wed 2 July 2025	1600 - 1800 1800		Registration (RO) Briefing and Opening Ceremony (RYS Pavillion)
Day 1 Thu 3 July 2025 HW 0600 – 3.9m HW 1830 – 4.1m	0930	1055	Briefing by Telegram/VHF Race 1 Race 2 and 3 to follow as soon as practicable
Day 2 Fri 4 July 2025 HW 0650 – 3.8m HW 1920 – 4.0m	0900 1900	1025	Briefing by Telegram/VHF Race 4 Race 5 and 6 to follow as soon as practicable Regatta Social (details to follow on ONB)
Day 3 Sat 5 July 2025 HW 0750 – 3.7m HW 2020 – 3.9m	0900 ASAP after racing	1025	Briefing by Telegram/VHF Race 7 Race 8 to follow as soon as practicable Prizegiving (RYS)

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time during the Event.
- 10.2 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.
- 10.3 There will be no official crew weigh-in. This changes Class Rule 5.
- 10.4 Prior measurements are not scheduled. All boats, sails and equipment shall be already measured. No damaged sail or equipment shall be substituted with another measured sail or equipment without the prior written permission from the Race Committee.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 See Class Rules.

12. VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel (CV) in the Central Solent and adjacent waters.
- 12.2 To indicate the general race area a local racing chartlet can be found in Addendum A.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 The courses to be sailed will be a mixture of Windward/Leeward and Round the Cans (RTC) racing as described in the SIs.
- 13.2 The intention of the RC, dependent on the event running to schedule, for Race 3 & 6 to be RTC races finishing on the RYS Line as described in the SIs.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This change is added to RRS 44.2.
- 14.3 Hearings will be in the RYS as soon as possible after racing.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than Six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the First Warning Signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or until the RC signals no more racing for the day.
- 16.2 All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.
- 16.3 Support person vessels shall be marked with a Class Flag.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 Class rules – Item 6 (ref owner helm) shall apply.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Event berthing is the responsibility of each entrant and is not included in the entry fee.

19. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 [DP] Boats shall not be launched, re-launched or hauled out after 1800 on **2 July** until the end of the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 [DP] No person shall undertake any swimming, underwater or diving activities of any kind within the harbour without a valid permit to dive from the Cowes Harbour Master or the manager of the marina you wish to dive at. This prohibited activity is legislated under Cowes Harbour Commission [General Direction 4.4 & 4.5](#).
- 20.2 [DP] Competitors may at any time and within the existing marina regulations; scrub the hull using flossing, sponging or mechanical devices as long as no person enters the water.

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to the OA will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the Events (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 21.2 Competitors automatically grant to the OA, 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 provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.
- 21.3 The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Limited (RYSL) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of RYS.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 22.2 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 other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or 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, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - (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 competitor or safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 Their boat is adequately insured throughout the event, with cover of at least £3m (or the equivalent) against third party claims.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 The event prize giving will be at the RYS on 06 July as soon as possible after racing and any protest(s).

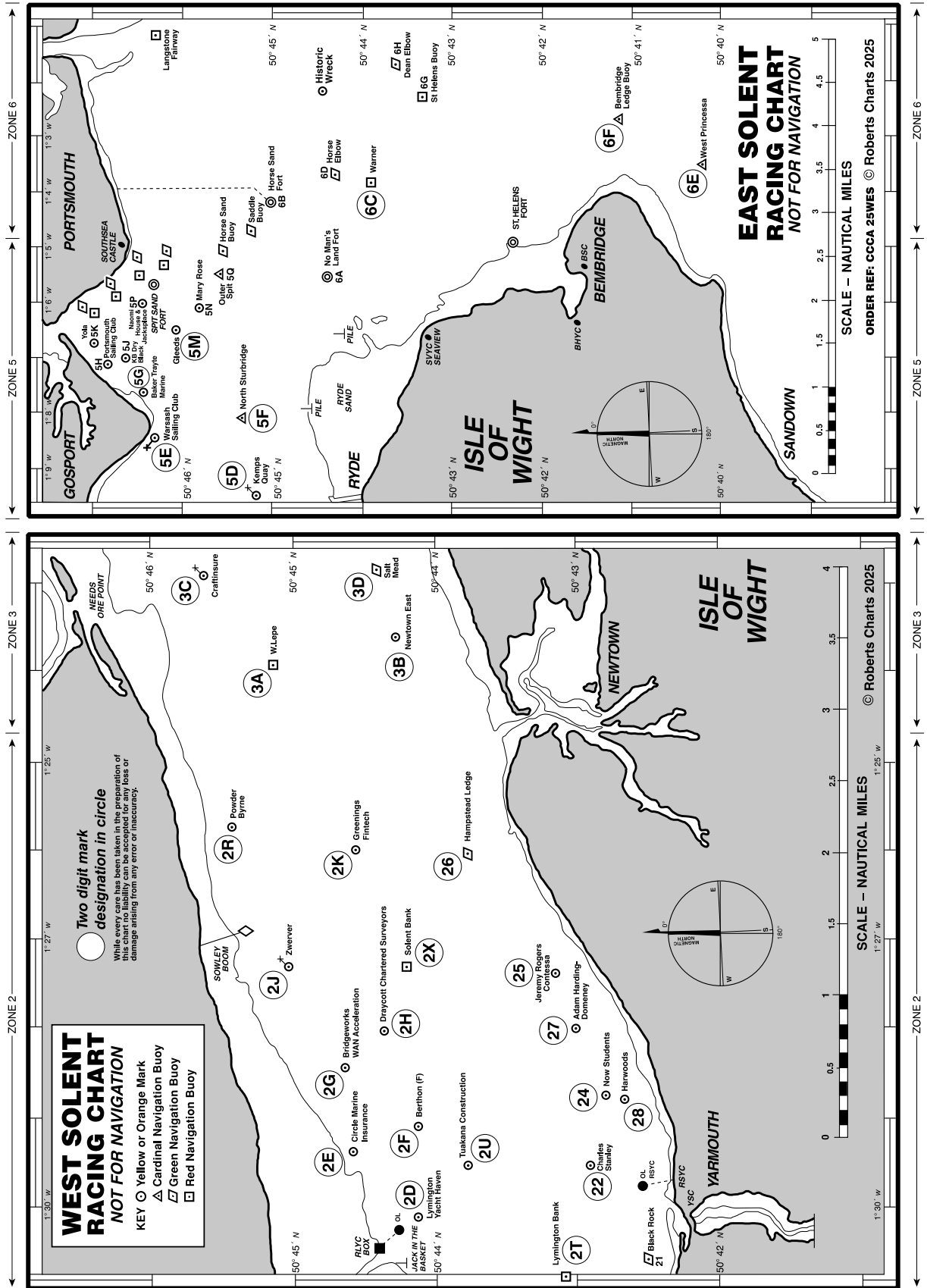
24.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows.

- (a) Quarter Ton Cup to the winner of the Open Division.
- (b) Corinthian Trophy to the winner of the Corinthian Division.
- (c) Roger Swinney Trophy for the highest placed boat that wins neither the Quarter Ton Cup nor the Corinthian Trophy and has a low rating - the maximum rating for the Roger Swinney Trophy will be set once the entries, and their ratings, are available.
- (d) The Coutts Cup to the entrant with the most first places in the Open Division. In the event of a tie then the most second places will be taken into account and so forth.
- (e) The Kemp Cup, in memory of Stephen Kemp, will be awarded by the Class.
- (f) The Walking Stick Trophy .
- (g) Concours d'Elegance (as judged by the RC).
- (h) Other trophies may be awarded.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the OA at the address below.

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ADDENDUM B.

RYA PRESCRIPTIONS - With effect from 1 January 2025, the RYA prescribes:

RULES**4. Acceptance of the Rules****Add new rule 4.6:**

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

6. Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the RYA Anti-Doping Rules, as published on the RYA website.

40. Personal Flotation Devices

When a rule requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them.

65.1 Legal Liability and Costs

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

70.3 Right of Appeal

1. RYA approval is not required to deny the right of appeal under rule 70.3(b).
2. The RYA will not consider approving the denial of the right of appeal under rule 70.3(c) unless:
 - (a) the RYA decides there is good reason to approve. The cost of an international jury which would otherwise be appropriate for the event is not a good reason.
 - (b) the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
 - (c) application to the RYA is made no later than one month before the notice of race is to be issued. In exceptional circumstances, the RYA may consider a later application.

A copy of the RYA letter of approval shall be posted on the official notice board.
3. However, the denial of appeal shall not apply to a party to a hearing under rule 69.2, Misconduct, but the decision of the protest committee shall determine the results of the event.

78 Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates**Add new rule 78.3:**

The race committee or technical committee may inspect or measure any boat or personal equipment, at any time.

Terms in **bold** are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

86.3 Rule Changes

An organizing authority wishing to develop or test alternative racing rules, other than Development Rules approved by World Sailing, shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. An application form is available from the RYA. The notice of race shall include the approved alternative rules. The organizing authority shall promptly report the results of the development or test to the RYA.

88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 65.1, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply

APPENDIX G, IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS**G2 Other Boats**

Renumber rule G2 as G2.1.

Add new rule G2.2:

A boat, other than a boat of a World Sailing Class, shall comply with rule G1 except as follows:

1. Sail numbers shall be issued by any of these Authorities
 - a. Y, M, N, T, A, L and X series issued by the RYA.
 - b. R series issued by the Royal Ocean Racing Club.
 - c. C series issued by the Clyde Yacht Clubs Association.
 - d. National class series issued by the RYA.
 - e. Series issued by RYA affiliated class associations.
 - f. Series issued for a class by a single manufacturer approved by the RYA.
2. Identification
 - a. under rule G1.1(a), class insignia need not be carried when the boat carries a sail number from one of the series specified in prescription G2.2(1)(a) to (d).
 - b. under rule G1.1(c), a sail number of more than four digits may be carried.
 - c. under rule G1.1(c), one of the authorities specified in G2.2(1) above shall allot an appropriate sail number.

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- d. under rule G1.2(b), the height of a letter included as part of a sail number shall be the same as any numerals included in the sail number.
- e. under rule G1.3(a)(ii), the national letters may be placed in front of or above the sail numbers.

3. Exceptions

- a. Class rules may state that national letters and sail numbers need not be displayed on a spinnaker
- b. A boat that normally races in a country outside the United Kingdom shall comply either with the rules for sail identification applicable in that country or with this prescription.

APPENDIX R, PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS

R2.1 Submission of Appeal

Rule R2.1 shall apply except as changed by the following:

- 1. The appellant shall notify RYA Racing stating an intention to appeal within the relevant time limit in rule R2.1. No details are needed at this stage.
- 2. Within 15 days thereafter, the appellant shall submit to the RYA a completed appeal form with a copy of the protest committee's decision and other documents listed in rule R2.2, all as far as reasonably possible.
- 3. Unless the appellant is a personal member of the RYA, an appeal fee, stated on the appeal form, is payable to the RYA and shall be sent with the appeal form.

The appeal form is available from www.rya.org.uk/racingrules or by request to RYA Racing.

R2.4 3. Failure to Comply with Procedures for Appeal or Request

Add new rule R2.4:

If the appellant does not comply with rule R2.1 as prescribed or the protest committee does not comply with rule R2.3, the RYA will refuse to hear the appeal unless there are exceptional circumstances. If other parties to the hearing or the protest committee do not meet the requirements of the procedure, the RYA may decide the appeal as it thinks fit.

R2.5 Expedited Appeals

Add new rule R2.5:

The time periods in rules R2.1, R2.3 and R4.4, as amended by prescription, may be shortened by the RYA if it decides that an appeal or request for confirmation or correction has a timeline necessitating that it be heard on an expedited basis.

WORLD SAILING REGULATION 20, ADVERTISING CODE

20.2.3 Right to Display Advertising on a Boat

When the right to display advertising on a boat is subject to prior authorisation by the national authority in accordance with regulation 20.2.3.3, the approval of the RYA is automatically granted provided that such advertising is permitted by the relevant rules of the class, rating system or handicapping system.

20.8.2 Fees

When the person in charge of a boat chooses to display advertising, the RYA will not impose a fee as permitted by regulation 20.8.2.

NOTE: The RYA prescription to rule 88.2 was approved by World Sailing on 9 August 2024.