



CAPE 31 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 13 – 15 OCTOBER 2023

ORGANISING AUTHORITY ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The *event* is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Notice of Series for the 2023 Cape 31 Race Circuit.
- 1.3 The RYA national prescriptions that apply are detailed in Addendum B.
- 1.4 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event page on the Class Management System <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/7>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/7> and the Race Office will be at the Royal Yacht Squadron (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 On the water the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 The Event Messaging System will be via Telegram messaging system to mobile numbers provided by competitors for communications specified in the Sailing Instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Cape 31 Class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the

online entry form available at <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/7>.

- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the Cape 31 European Championships a boat shall complete all registration requirements above and pay all fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £375.
- 5.2 The closing date for payment of entry fee will be 2359 hrs on 9 October 2023.
- 5.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority (OA).
- 5.4 The entry fee for the event includes:
 - (a) Race management;
 - (b) Social tickets for up to eight crew members at the following events;
 - i. Drinks on Friday 13 October at 1830.
 - ii. Prize-giving after racing on Sunday 15th October.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 See Notice of Series 6.
- 6.2 A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available on www.yachtscoring.com, shall be submitted for crew under 18 years of age.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 See Notice of Series 7.

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 RC will run up to nine (9) races during the three day event.

DAY HWP (BST)	EVENT TIME or FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Day 1 Fri 13 Oct HW 1150 - 4.6m	0900 1055 1830	Briefing by Telegram & VHF Race 1 Race 2 Race 3 Drinks social at RYS
Day 2 Sat 14 Oct HW 1220 - 4.6m	0900 1025 Evening	Briefing by Telegram & VHF Race 4 Race 5 Race 6 Social – separate tickets
Day 3 Sun 13 Oct HW 1240 - 4.6m	0900 1025 After racing	Briefing by Telegram & VHF Race 7 Race 8 Race 9 Prize-giving at RYS

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- 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 1500.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 See Notice of Series 9.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 Not Used.

12. VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the Central and Eastern Solent.
- 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 windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 See Notice of Series 12.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When five (5) 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 at least 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16.2 All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 Not used.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Event berthing is the responsibility of each boat 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 Thursday 12 May until the end of the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race.
- 20.2 [DP] No person shall undertake any swimming, underwater or diving activities of any kind within Cowes 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.
- 20.3 [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 Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing 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 Organising Authority'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 Organising Authority, 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 Racing Rules of Sailing 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:
- 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;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 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 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1 Trophies will be awarded to the overall first, second and third boats in the event. Additional trophies will be awarded to :

- (a) the first, second and third boats in the event that are registered in the 'Europe' continent specified by World Sailing.
- (b) The first second and third 'Corinthian' (maximum one pro) boats in the event.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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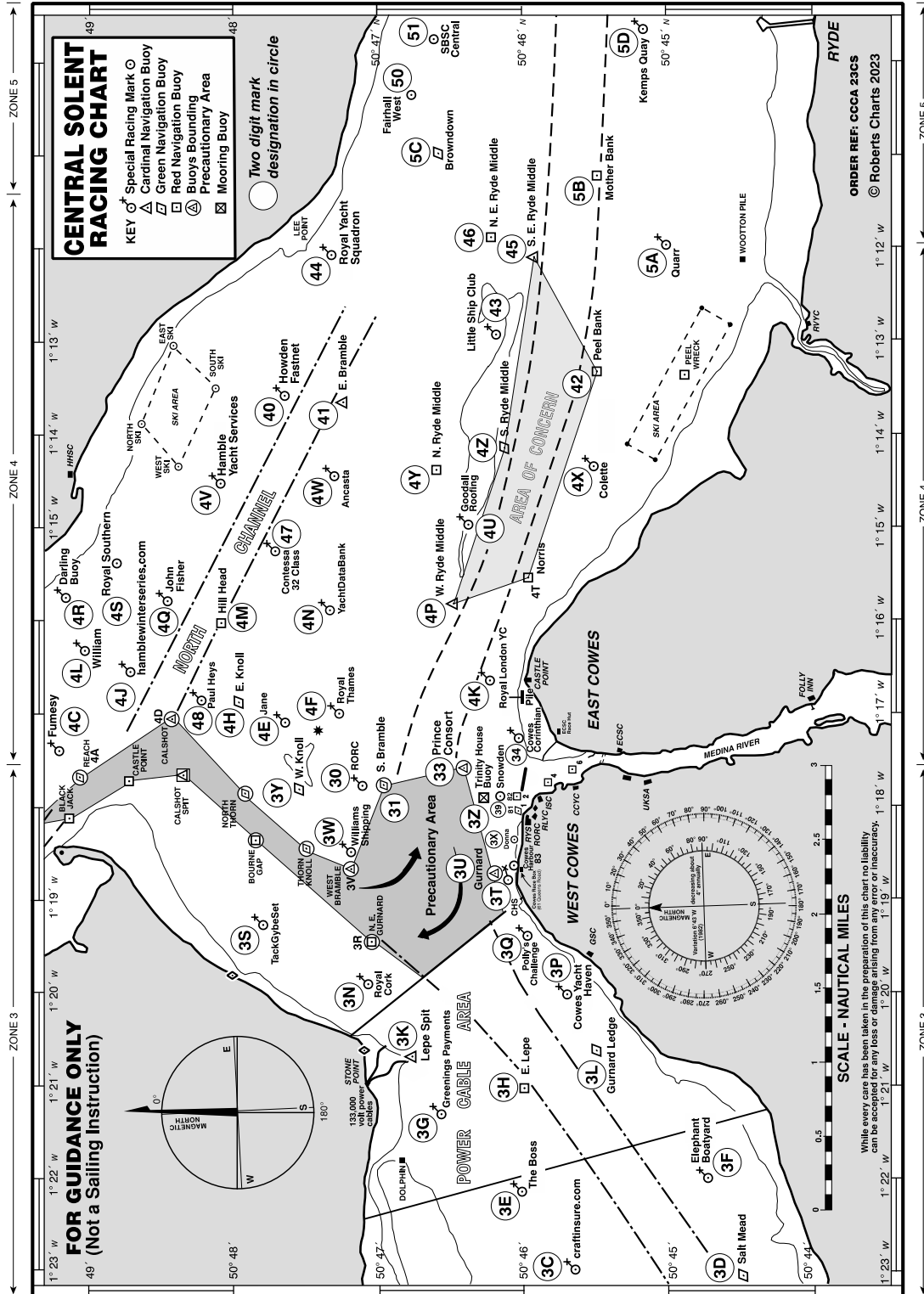
SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Further details of the social programme will be available in a separate document.

Additional social tickets will be available for purchase using the Class Management System.

ADDENDUM A.

See below a chartlet of the Racing Area showing the Solent Two Character Codes.



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ADDENDUM B.

RYA prescriptions that apply

Rule 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.

Rule 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.

Rule 67 Damages

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.

86.3 Rule Changes

An Organising Authority wishing to develop or test alternative racing rules, other than test 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 Organising 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, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

Additional RYA prescriptions that apply if no international jury has been appointed.

Rule 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.

Rule 70.5 Right of Appeal

1. RYA approval is not required to deny the right of appeal under rule 70.5(a).
2. The RYA will not consider approving the denial of the right of appeal under rule 70.5(b) unless
 1. (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.
 2. (b) the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
 3. (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 displayed 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.

Rule 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.

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