



Royal Thames Yacht Club Annual Regatta

1st- 3rd September

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Thames Yacht Club
At Port Hamble

The organizing authority (OA) is the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the:
 - a. *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing,
 - b. [Cape31 International Class Constitution](#);
 - c. [Notice of Series for the 2023 Cape 31 Race Circuit](#).
- 1.2. The RYA Racing Charter is in effect and competitors are expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.3. Boats are required to display bow numbers supplied and applied by the class association.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 25 August 2023 at <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/5>.
- 2.2. Questions regarding the notice of race or sailing instructions, may be submitted in writing to the RTYC Sailing Office via email: tim.hancock@royalthames.com by 1800 31 August 2023. Questions and responses from the race committee will be posted to the online official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/5>.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio capable of receiving all international channels.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. This channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or electronic data transmissions and shall not receive voice or electronic data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5. The OA and race committee will use a Telegram group to facilitate communications with competitors regarding their intentions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. A link to join the group will be emailed to competitors closer to the time of the event. The app is available for both Apple and Android devices. <https://telegram.org/>.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all Cape 31 boats whose owners are current members Cape 31 Class Association.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee by 1159 Friday 25 August 2023. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.3. Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/5>.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, including providing crew details, and pay all fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee for this event is £365.
- 5.2. All entry fees are non-refundable after 25 August 2023.

6. {RESERVED}

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 7.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. {RESERVED}

9. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Nine (9) races are scheduled. A maximum of four (4) races per day may be sailed.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Race Days	1 September	2 September	3 September
First warning signal	1055	1055	1025
No warning signal after	--	--	1430
LW Portsmouth (UTC+1)	0610 0.4m	0652 0.3m	0733 0.4m
HW Portsmouth (UTC+1)	1310 5.0m	1356 5.0m	1448 4.4m

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

11. {RESERVED}

12. VENUE

- 12.1. Racing will take place in the central Solent.
- 12.2. The location of the start line will be posted to the online official notice board by 0930 each race day.
- 12.3. Navigational Safety

Racing occurs near active shipping channels. The race committee would like to call special attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2 and the current [ABP Southampton Byelaws 11.\(1\)](#). Boats are reminded to keep a good look out for all commercial traffic and recognize that large vessels have very limited manoeuvrability, particular in the shipping channel east of Norris Bay.

13. COURSES

- 13.1. The course configuration will be windward–leeward and may include offset marks and gates.
- 13.2. Course diagrams and descriptions will be provided in the sailing instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”
- 14.2. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: “In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: “However, on a windward/leeward course, if Mark 1a (windward spreader mark) is set, a boat shall take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a.”

- 14.3. For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2 or specified in the rule itself, the penalty may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One (1) race is required 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 race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

See Class rule AP1 Support Boats.

17. {RESERVED}

18. BERTHING

Berthing is the responsibility of each competing boat. Berthing costs are not included in the entry fee.

19. [NP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1. All boats shall be afloat no later than 1800 the day before the first scheduled race.
19.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20. [NP] DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1. Subject to marina regulations, underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats from the warning signal of the first scheduled race until the end of the event.
20.2. Subject to marina regulations, competing boats may, at any time, scrub their hull using flossing, sponging or mechanical devices if no person enters the water.

21. DATA PROTECTION & RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS

- 21.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing 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 event (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 organizing 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. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of them prior to, during, and after the event without compensation.

22. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 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 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 familiarise 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.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. The winner of the event will be invited to the annual RTYC Prize Winners' Dinner at the Clubhouse in London. Invitation to follow.
- 24.2. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday 3 September at Hamble Yacht Services.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

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