Royal Lymington Yacht Club



Royal Lymington Yacht Club 2024 Cape 31 National Championship

Sponsored by HYS 28th to 30th June

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is the Royal Lymington Yacht Club in conjunction with the UK Cape 31 Class and 31 North.

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

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 2024 UK Cape 31 Race Circuit applies.
- 1.3. The event will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.4. Boats in the Lymington River sailing to/from the race area shall not cause the Wightlink ferry to take avoiding action and shall follow instructions from officials to ensure safe passage.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Sailing instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board (online) by 22nd June.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/39
- 3.2. In addition to the Official Notice Board, communication with competitors will be by VHF radio on channels specified in the Sailing Instructions or by the Event Messaging System.
- 3.3. 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 by completing the online entry form available at https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/39 by 1700 on Wednesday 26th June.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4. The requirements of the Class constitution regarding class membership shall apply.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is £600 per boat which does not include berthing.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. See Notice of Series 6.

7. ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS [DP]

7.1. See Notice of Series 7.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1. Not used.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Up to nine races will be scheduled.
- 9.2. The event schedule is as follows:

Day Times are UTC + 1 hour (British Summer Time)	Event time or First Warning Signal	Notes
Thursday 27 June	1100-1945	Pre-race equipment inspection (NoR 10.2)
Friday 28 June	0900	RO briefing by VHF and Telegram
HW Portsmouth	1055	First warning signal (3 races back to back)
1739 BST 4.5m	1900	Around the World Regatta Supper at RLymYC
Saturday 29 June	0900	RO briefing by VHF and Telegram
HW Portsmouth	1025	First warning signal (3 races back to back)
1835 BST 4.4m	After racing	After racing Yacht Haven Social
	2030 - late	Daily prize giving and live music at RLymYC
Sunday 30 June	0900	RO briefing by VHF and Telegram
HW Portsmouth	1025	First warning signal (3 races back to back)
1932 BST 4.4m	After racing	Prize Giving at RLymYC

- 9.3. A maximum of four 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 scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430.

10. EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP] [DP]

- 10.1. Boats and their crew shall be subject to pre- and post-race equipment inspection as detailed in the sailing instructions.
- 10.2. Pre-race equipment inspection shall take place from 27th June. Boats shall be available for inspection from this date. An online booking system will be made available for boats to book their preferred inspection time (times start at 11:00 and end at 19:45) on a first come first serve basis. Each boat's person in charge shall select a time and ensure that their boat is available for inspection at that time. A link to the booking system will be posted on the ONB under 'Measurement Notices'.
- 10.3. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibility of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. Not used.

12. VENUE

- 12.1. The event venue is the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, Bath Road, Lymington, SO41 3SE.
- 12.2. The racing area will be Christchurch Bay if weather conditions allow, or the western Solent.

13. COURSES

13.1. Courses will be mainly Windward/Leeward and may also include round-the-cans races if transiting to or from Christchurch Bay.

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.
- 14.2. 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 part 1 and 2 the penalty shall be at the discretion of the protest committee unless the penalty is stated in the rule itself. The penalty shall be applied to all races in which the rule was broken. The protest committee shall be guided by the World Sailing Discretionary Penalty policy (https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/26101247/Jury_Policies_2023.pdf).

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. (a) When fewer than five races have been competed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When five 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 [NP] [DP]

16.1. All support vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1. A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the Race Committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1. Berthing has been reserved by the Class Association at Lymington Yacht Haven near the Royal Lymington Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 18.2. Cape 31 berthing has been reserved from 1300 on Thursday 27th June to end of Sunday 30th June and can be booked using the Class Management System at a cost of £162.99.
- 18.3. For RIB berthing, please contact Lymington Yacht Haven.
- 18.4. Boats shall berth as directed by the Organising Authority.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS [NP] [DP]

- 19.1. Boats shall be afloat by 1700 Thursday 27th June.
- 19.2. Haul out see class rules.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1. Not used – see class rules.

21. PRIVACY STATEMENT AND RIGHT TO USE NAMES & LIKENESS

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to 31 North, the Cape 31 Class or the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the series. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the series (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 privacy policy of 31 North, the Cape 31 Class and the organising authority. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the series and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 21.2 By entering the Cape 31 Race Circuit events, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing boats grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their boat in any media (including film, print and internet), to the Cape 31 Class and sponsors.
- 21.3 All image rights are retained by Cape 31 Class/31 North. Images may be used by owners and competitors for personal use but shall not be used for commercial purposes without consulting the OA.

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." 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;

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- (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 vessel 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

23.1. Each boat shall be adequately insured, with cover of at least £3m (or equivalent) against third party claims.

24. TROPHY AND PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third boats in the event.
- 24.2. The HYS Championship Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best overall score.
- 24.3. Daily prizes will be awarded however individual boats can only win one daily prize during the event.
- 24.4. There will be a prize for the top travelling team (top team that is not usually based in the UK).
- 24.5. There will also be a prize for top new owner who didn't compete in 2021/2/3 race circuit as an owner (as defined in class rule c.2.3(c)(i).
- 24.6. There will be a prize for the first, second and third 'Corinthian' team comprised of no more than one crew with a World Sailing Group 3 categorisation. Crew without a valid categorisation shall be considered as holding group 3 category for the purpose of this NoR.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Crew Breakfasts and Packed lunches can be booked on the Class Management System until Wednesday 26th June or directly from Royal Lymington Yacht Club after this date.

Tickets for the Regatta Supper can be booked on the Class Management System until Wednesday 26th June or from Royal Lymington Yacht Club after this date.

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