



RTYC Annual Regatta and RORC Vice Admirals Cup

Cape 31 Race Circuit - Round 5

“European International Yacht Racing Cup”

6-8th September 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Cape 31 Class

Royal Thames Yacht Club

Run from Cowes



The organizing authority (OA) is the Royal Thames Yacht Club (RTYC) and Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) in conjunction with the UK Cape 31 Class and 31 North Ltd.

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. Notice of Series (including any amendments) for the 2024 UK Cape 31 Race Circuit <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/series/6>.
- 1.2 The RYA Racing Charter. The Charter can be found on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.3 [NP] The ABP Southampton Byelaws. The Byelaws can be found at https://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/PDF_Downloads/Soton%20Byelaws.pdf.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1st September 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located online via this link <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/40>.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio capable of receiving calls on channel 06.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. This channel will be stated in the Sailing instructions.
- 3.4 The OA and race committee will use an event Whatsapp group to facilitate communications with competitors regarding their intentions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. A joining link will be provided with the Sis.
- 3.5 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

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all Cape 31 class boats whose owners are current members of the International Cape 31 Class Association.

- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee by 1st September 2024. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.3. Boats may enter the event by registering online using the link in NoR 3.1 above.
- 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. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for this event is £600.
- 5.2 All entry fees are non-refundable after 1st September 2024.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 See Notice of Series 7.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. RACE SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Provisional race schedule:

Schedule	Friday – 6th	Saturday – 7th	Sunday – 8th
First warning	11.55	tbc	tbc
No warning after			14.55
HW Portsmouth (UTC + 1)	13.58	14.27	14.59
	4.53m	4.48m	4.39m
LW Portsmouth (UTC + 1)	7.12 am	7.72 am	8.09am
	0.91m	1.0m	1.1m

- 7.2 9 races are scheduled. A maximum of four races per day may be sailed.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats and their crew may be inspected at any time during the event as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The racing will take place in the central Solent area.
- 9.2 The location of the start line will be posted to the online official notice board by 0930 each race day.
- 9.3 Navigational Safety - Racing will take place near active shipping channels. The race committee would like to call special attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2 concerning the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, and the current ABP. Southampton Byelaws No.11 concerning a moving prohibited zone around vessels of 150m length or more. 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.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward–leeward with an offset mark.

- 10.2 Course diagrams and descriptions will be provided in the sailing instructions and on the day via vhf transmission before any warning signal.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 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.”
- 11.2 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”.
- 11.3 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/wpcontent/uploads/2023/06/26101247/Jury_Policies_2023.pdf)

12. SCORING

- 12.1 1 race is required to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When 5 races or more have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1 All support boats, must register with the Organizing Authority.
- 13.2 All support vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 ‘Search and Rescue Instructions’.

14. BERTHING

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

15. [NP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 All boats shall be afloat no later than 1800 the day before the first scheduled race.

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Not used.

17. DATA PROTECTION & RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 The winning boat will be awarded The European International Yacht Racing Cup and the RORC Vice Admirals Cup for the Cape 31 Class.
- 20.2 The winner of the event will be invited to the annual RTYC Prize Winners' Dinner at the Clubhouse in London. Invitation to follow.
- 20.3 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in both the Corinthian and Open categories as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday 8th September 2024 at RORC's Cowes Clubhouse.
- 20.4 'Corinthian' teams are comprised of no more than one crew with a World Sailing Group 3 categorisation. Crew without a valid categorisation shall be considered as holding a group 3 category for the purpose of this NoR. However, any competitor that satisfies the OA they have made a genuine timely effort to apply for a Category 1 but has been unsuccessful due to the World Sailing Website, may be deemed to hold a Category 1. The competitor shall confirm and obtain that Category as soon after the event as possible."

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We are planning to host a drinks/dinner social event on Saturday night at RORC's Cowes Clubhouse – further details to follow.