



NOTICE OF RACE – ROUND 1

The 2024 31 Race Circuit is organised and managed by 31 North and the Cape 31 Class. Each individual event host yacht club or organisation will be the Organising Authority (OA) for an event, working in collaboration with 31 North and the Cape 31 Class.

1 RULES

1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. The Notice of Series for the Cape 31 Race Circuit.

1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 Monohulls.

1.3 Specific event Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SIs) published by each OA and Cape 31 Class. If there is a conflict between rules, the Notice of Series shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.4 Boats shall comply with Southampton & Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable. In particular, notice is drawn to ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No 6 of 2024.

1.5 Competitors should note that the Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.

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/36>

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/36> and the Race Office will be the Royal Southern Sailing Office.

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 Messages to competitors from the Race Committee or Organising Authority may also be posted on the 'Sailors' WhatsApp group, but these are for information only and errors, contradictions or anomalies will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The WhatsApp group may be joined using this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JTGnr7D97pt1108t8VUDkP>



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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 online available at cms.cape31class.com
- 4.3 To be considered an entry a boat shall complete all registration requirements above and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £600.
- 5.2 The closing date for payment of entry fee will be 2359 hrs on 8th April 2024.
- 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) All sailors are invited to attend social events on the Friday and Saturday evening.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 See Notice of Series 6.
- 6.2 Crew Declarations shall be submitted on the Class Management System by 1800 on Wednesday 10th April.

7 ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS [DP]

- 7.1 See Notice of Series 7.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Not used.



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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	TIME	ACTIVITY
Day 0 Thursday 11th April	1900	Briefing <i>Virtual</i>
Day 1 Friday 12 th April HW Portsmouth 1504 4.7m	1055	First warning signal (3 races back to back)
	Post racing	Drinks reception <i>RSrnYC</i>
Day 2 Saturday 13 th April HW Portsmouth 1552 4.4m	1025	First warning signal (3 races back to back)
	Post racing	Social – live music, street food & drinks available <i>RSrnYC</i>
Day 3 Sunday 14 th April HW Portsmouth 1643 4.1m	1025	First warning signal (3 races back to back)
	Post racing	Prize Giving <i>RsrnYC Dining Room</i>

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.



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10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 See Notice of Series 10.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 Not applicable.

12. VENUE

12.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the Central and Eastern Solent.

13 COURSES

13.1 The course will be windward / leeward. Further details will be available in each event SIs.

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".

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 [DP]

16.1 Support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support vessels shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat. 16.2 All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.



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17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 A chartered or loan 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 A limited amount of berthing is available in the Prince Philip Yacht Haven by prior booking – please contact haven@royal-southern.co.uk in advance.

18.2. Boats shall berth as directed by the Organising Authority.

18.3. No berthing is permitted, even temporarily, on the RAFYC Pontoons, or alongside any boats or vessels berthed there.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1700 on the day before the beginning of each event.

19.2 Boats shall not be hauled out until the end of each event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

21 PRIVACY STATEMENT AND RIGHTS 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.



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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

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;
- (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 organizer 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

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



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24 TROPHY AND PRIZES

24.1 Prizes 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 'Corinthian' (maximum one pro) boats in the event.
- (b) Top new owner (owner that didn't compete in 2021/22/23 Race Circuit and Top traveling team (top team that is not usually based in the UK.)

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration - <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/36>

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