

Cape 31 UK Race Circuit 2025



Notice of Race ('NoR')

The Organising Authority ('OA') is the individual host clubs in conjunction with the UK Cape 31 Regional Class Authority.

The notation 'NP' means the provision is not subject to protest by a boat, this changes RRS 60.1.

The Cape 31 UK Race Circuit 2025, termed as 'the Circuit', is composed of a series of race weekends which are termed as 'Rounds' for the purpose of this NoR.

A term in *italics* refers to a definition in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028 ('RRS') and other than a title, a term in **bold** refers to a definition in the World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 ('ERS').

1. Rules

1.1. The Circuit and the individual Rounds forming the Circuit shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2. The Circuit and the individual Rounds forming the Circuit shall be governed by the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

1.3. Each Round shall be governed by, in addition to this NoR, a 'NoR Round Appendix' (termed as 'Round Appendix' in this NoR) each of which is an Appendix to this NoR. Each Appendix shall be posted on the Round Official Notice Board ('ONB').

1.4. The National Prescriptions set by the RYA are applicable and these are available on the RYA website: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules>.

2. Sailing Instructions

2.1. Each Round shall have a set of Sailing Instructions ('SIs') issued by a date set in the applicable Round Appendix. Each Round's SIs shall be posted on the applicable Round ONB.

3. Communication

3.1. The ONB for the Circuit shall be online available at <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/series/8>.

3.2. In additions to notices on the ONB, communications with competitors shall be made via a Circuit Messaging System which shall be done via Telegram which can be joined with the following joining link <https://t.me/+1tAt5IBcOJAwyjkh> or by using this QR code:



3.3. At least one representative from each boat entering the Circuit shall join and monitor the Messaging System. This shall be monitored at least weekly between events and on race days between 09:00 and 10:00 on race days and before coming ashore after the last race of each day.

3.4. The Messaging System shall be used by the Organising Authority to give general updates between and during Rounds as well as by a *Committee* or *Committees* during a Round to give updates on intentions, timings and other instructions required by the *rules*.

3.5. Competitors may seek clarity from the Organising Authority or ask questions by emailing team@cape31class.com. Questions and associated Answers related to the Circuit or a specific Round will be posted on the relevant ONB.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1. The Circuit is open to boats of the Cape 31 Class which comply with section B of the '2025 Cape 31 International One Design' **Class Rules**.

4.2. The Circuit is also open to Charterers which charter a boat that complies with section B of the '2025 Cape 31 International One Design' **Class Rules** and which hold a valid membership to the Class Association as per Class Rule A.12.1.

4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration by following this link <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/series/8>, and paying the Circuit entry fee as well as the Round fees for the Rounds the boat wishes to compete in.

4.4. To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete online registration and pay relevant fees as stated in this NoR:

| Fee | Deadline |
|------------|--|
| Circuit | 2 weeks before the first Round a boat competes in. |
| Round 1 | Friday before Racing (18 April) |
| Round 2 | Friday before Racing (9 May) |
| Round 3 | Friday before Racing (13 June) |
| Round 4 | Friday before Racing (27 June) |
| Round 5 | Friday before Race weekend (25 July) |
| Round 6 | Friday before Racing (29 August) |

At its sole discretion, the UK Cape 31 Regional Class Authority may accept 'late' entries being those that wish to compete but have missed the applicable deadlines above.

5. Fees

5.1. The Circuit fee is £1,900 and is payable via bank transfer using the following bank details:

Account Name: UK Cape 31 Class

Account Number: 31430060

Sort Code: 30-54-66

IBAN: GB84LOYD30546631430060

BIC: LOYDGB21F95

Using your boat name as the payment reference. The Circuit fee includes the provision of:

- 5.1.1. Equipment Inspection.
- 5.1.2. On site support by an event co-ordinator.
- 5.1.3. On water observer.
- 5.1.4. Prizes.

5.2. A pro-rata fee is available of £320 to a boat or charterer that enters only one event in the Circuit. If a boat or charterer enters further events in the Circuit after entering a single event (in the case of a charterer with the same or a different boat) the difference of £1,580 shall be paid.

5.3. The Round Fees and what they include will be included in each round appendix and are payable direct to the relevant host club. Instructions on how these payments are to be made will be set out in the relevant Round Appendix.

6. Crew Limitations

6.1. Not used. See **Class Rule C.2**

7. Advertising

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority,

7.2. Event advertising (as described in World Sailing regulation 20.4) that a boat is required to display shall be set out in the relevant Round Appendix including the positioning of such advertising and when it must be displayed.

8. Qualifying Series and Final Series

8.1. Not used.

9. Schedule

9.1. The following Rounds constitute the Circuit.

| Date | Round Title | Host Club/ Organization |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 25 – 27 Apr | Round 1 | Royal London YC |
| 16 – 18 May | Round 2 | Royal Southern YC |
| 20 – 22 Jun | Round 3 and UK National Championships | Royal Yacht Squadron |
| 4 – 6 Jul | Round 4 | Royal Lymington YC |
| 3 - 5 Aug | Round 5 Cowes Week Mini Series | Cowes Week Ltd |
| 5 - 7 Sept | Round 6 Vice Admirals Cup | Royal Thames YC |

Each Round shall be composed of a maximum of 9 races with 3 races scheduled each day.

10. Equipment Inspection

10.1. A Boat shall be subject to **Event Equipment Inspection** as detailed in the relevant Round Appendix and SIs.

10.2. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

11. Clothing and Equipment

11.1. Not used. See **Class Rule C.3**.

12. Venue

12.1. The venue for each round is as described below.

| Round Number | Venue | Race Area |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Cowes | Central Solent |
| 2 | Hamble | Central Solent |
| 3 | Cowes | Central Solent |
| 4 | Lymington | West Solent/ Christchurch Bay |
| 5 | Cowes | Central Solent |
| 6 | Cowes | Central Solent |

13. Courses

13.1. The courses to be sailed shall be windward leeward (with an offset windward mark) courses which will be further described in the Round 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".

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 forming part of the World Sailing Jury Policies found on the World Sailing website (<https://www.sailing.org/our-sport/race-officals/international-judge/international-judges-resources/>), as may be amended by World Sailing.

15. Scoring

15.1. At least 1 race is required to be scored for a Round series to be constituted.

15.2. At least 3 Rounds are required to be completed and scored for the Circuit series to be constituted.

15.3. At least 3 races in a Round are to be completed and scored for that Round to count toward the Circuit series scores.

15.4. In a Round, if less than 5 races are completed and scored, a boat's Round Series score shall be equal to the sum of her race scores. If 5 or more races are

completed and scored, a boat's Round Series score shall be equal to the sum of her race scores excluding her worst.

15.5. If less than 4 Rounds are counted toward the Circuit series score, a boat's Circuit series score shall be the sum of her Round ranks. If 4 or more Rounds are counted toward the Circuit series score, a boat's Circuit series score shall be the sum of her Round ranks excluding her worst.

15.6. For the purpose a boat's Circuit series score, if it does not come to the start area of at least 1 race in a Round, ready to race, for that Round it shall be scored points equal to the total number of boats entered in the Circuit plus 1.

15.7. Where a boat is chartered, for the purpose of the Circuit series score, points, ranks and scores shall be associated with the Charterer not the boat they charter.

16. Support Person Vessels

16.1. See **Class Rule** C.8.

16.2. In addition to the **Class Rules**, *Support Person Vessels* shall carry appropriate marine VHF equipment to be able to receive communications on the channels used by the *Committee(s)* detailed in the SIs and channel 16 to facilitate compliance with RRS 37 – Search and Rescue Instructions.

17. Chartered or Loaned Vessels

17.1. Not used.

18. Berthing

18.1. Boats shall berth as directed by the Organizing Authority.

19. Haul-Out Restrictions

19.1. See **Class Rule** C.5.4.

19.2. In addition to the **Class Rules**, boats shall be afloat in their designated berth by 17:00 on the day before the first scheduled race as described in the relevant Round Appendix.

20. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

20.1. Not Used.

21. Data Protection

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 and made publicly available.

17.2 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority 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

22.1. 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:

22.1.1. 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.

22.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

22.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

22.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

22.1.5. 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.

22.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

22.1.7. 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 £3,000,000.00 against third party claims per claim.

24. Prizes

24.1. An Overall 'Open' and 'Corinthian' UK 31 Race Circuit Trophy will be awarded to the Circuit Series Winners at the conclusion of Round 6 alongside other Circuit prizes.

24.2. In addition, there will be a prize awarded to the top overall placed 'new' owner which has not competed in a Cape 31 as an owner as defined in class rule C.2.3(c)(i) or (ii) prior to 2025.

24.3. Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall 'Open' and 'Corinthian' teams in each Round during each Round prize giving detailed in the relevant Round Appendix.

24.4. For the purpose of 24.1 and 24.2, a Corinthian entry is a boat with no more than 1 **crew** on board which does not hold a valid World Sailing Category 1 Categorization as per the World Sailing Categorization Code.

24.5. For the purpose of 24.3, where **Crew** have made a genuine timely effort to obtain a Category 1 Categorization but have been unable to due to the World Sailing platform, they may apply to the Organizing Authority and the Organizing Authority may accept that **Crew** as holding a Category 1 status. Where the Organizing Authority accepts such Crew, the Crew shall obtain and confirm to the Organizing Authority that Categorization as soon as reasonably practical after the relevant Round.

25. Further Information

25.1. For further information regarding the Circuit, emails may be sent to team@cape31class.com