



NOTICE OF SERIES ('NoS') FOR THE 2024 UK CAPE 31 RACE CIRCUIT

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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 The 2024 Cape 31 Race Circuit is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

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.

2 RACE DOCUMENTS

2.1 NoR and SIs for each event of the 2024 Race Circuit will be made available on the Cape 31 Class website (www.cape31class) prior to each regatta and may be emailed to class members.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 See event race documents.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The series is open to all boats of the Cape 31 Class who are members of the International Cape 31 Class Association.

4.2 Entries for the individual events shall be made on the Cape 31 Class Management System in accordance with each event's NoR.

4.3 A chartered boat shall be eligible to compete in the 2024 Cape 31 Race Circuit, but in this case the results will accrue to the charterer(s) rather than the chartered boat.

4.4 Registration for each event shall be completed with the Cape 31 Class Management System in accordance with the individual event NoR. This will be available at



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www.cape31class.com. Additionally, a boat shall provide a crew list to the Cape 31 Class before 19.00 two calendar days before racing commences.

4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees including international class membership.

4.6 A Cape 31 with modified keel or kelp cutter shall not be eligible for entry to the 31 Race Circuit.

5 FEES

5.1 There are no fees for entering the 2024 UK Cape 31 Race Circuit. Fees for individual events will be specified in each event NoR.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 There are no crew limitations except for the limitations specified in the class rules.

6.2 Cape 31 Owners weighing less than 85kg may opt to weigh in at their first Circuit event and that weight will then be used for them for all events in the 31 Race Circuit.

7 ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS (DP)

7.1 WS Regulation 20, the Advertising Code shall apply.

7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA or/and the Cape 31 Class.

7.3 As per WS Regulation 20.4 all boats will be required to display Bow numbers correlating to hull number . These must be applied in accordance with the Cape 31 Bow Number Documents available at []. These can be printed and applied by Grapefruit Graphics in your chosen colour but must be contrasting with hull colour. Font is the class chosen font Exo Bold.

7.4 As per WS Regulation 20.4 all boats shall display:

- (a) Class flag permanently hoisted on starboard runner.
- (b) Cape 31 Class flag to be hoisted on spin halyard from bowsprit, in combination with the event and/ or event sponsor flag if provided.



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7.5 Boats intending to display advertising during the events/series shall notify the Series OA of the nature of such advertising. All advertising shall be approved by the Series OA.

7.6 Boats are responsible for informing their advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the marina area, event village or yacht club without written consent of the Series OA obtained before the start of the events. Boat/team initiatives regarding team hospitality, promotion, marketing, and PR on the racecourse or within the marina area, event village or yacht club shall be communicated at least two days before taking place with the Series OA for its approval.

7.7 Boats are asked to cooperate with the following requests:

- (a) The previous years National Series Champion Cape 31 Class logo on its mainsails in 'gold'. Previous winners may continue the use of the 'gold' class mainsail logo.
- (b) To incorporate the Cape 31 Class logo on (some) of the crew clothing.

7.8 The jury upon receiving a report from the race committee of a boat's failure to comply with NoS Clause 7 may impose, without a hearing, a penalty on the event score up to a maximum of 4 places. This changes RRS 63.1.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1 Not applicable.

9 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9.1 Events and dates of racing:

	Event name	Host Club	From	To	Days of racing	
1	Round 1	Royal Southern YC	12th April	14th April	3	Register
2	Round 2	Royal Thames YC	10th May	12th May	3	Register



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3	Round 3	Royal Southern YC	7th June	9th June	3	Register
4	Round 4 - HYS National Championship	Royal Lymington YC	28th June	30th June	3	Register
5	Round 5 - Vice Admirals Cup	Royal Thames YC/RORC	6th September	8th September	3	Register
6	Round 6 - Season Finale	Royal Yacht Squadron	27th September	29th September	3	Register

9.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day will be specified in each individual event NoR.

9.3 Each individual NoR will specify the time after which no warning signal shall be made.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

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 Series.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 Not applicable.

12. VENUE

12.1 Each event venue will be specified in each event NoR.

12.2 T racing area will be specified in each event NoR.

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses will be either windward / leeward, round the buoys or coastal. Further details will be available in each event SIs.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM



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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 Three of the events specified in NoS 9.1 are required to be completed to constitute the 2024 Cape 31 UK Race Circuit.

15.2 One (1) race is required to be completed in an event to constitute an event for the 2024 Cape 31 UK Race Circuit.

15.3 RRS Low Points System of Appendix A shall be used for scoring of each event in the 2024 Cape 31 UK Race Circuit.

15.4 For scoring of the 2024 31 Race Circuit series, if a boat did not come to the starting area "ready to race" for any of the races in an event she shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series. .

15.5 A boat's series score shall be the total of her event scores excluding her worst event score, except as provided in NoS 4.3 .

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS (DP)

16.1 Support boats 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 boats 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'.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS



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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 See event NoR.

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.

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

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.



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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

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



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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.

24 TROPHY AND PRIZES

24.1 An Overall and Corinthian UK 31 Race Circuit Trophy will be awarded to the Circuit Series Winner at Round 6 at the Royal Yacht Squadron and other Circuit series prizes will be awarded at the Season Prize Giving.

24.2 Teams racing for the 'Corinthian' division shall have no more than one World Sailing Classified professional sailor on board in each event per regatta. Results will be extracted from each event's results not rescored.

24.3 Details for individual event prizes and presentations will be provided in each event NoR or SIs.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

Websites – www.cape31class.com

Registration - <https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/series/6>

Contact –

General – team@cape31class.com

Whatsapp group - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cx6m4AvuWNI8zTWYGpD2bA>



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