



NOTICE OF SERIES

2023





## NOTICE OF SERIES ('NoS') FOR THE 2023 CAPE 31 RACE CIRCUIT

### 1. ORGANISATION

1.1 The 2023 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.

### 2. RULES

2.1 The 2023 Cape 31 Race Circuit will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).  
2.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 Monohulls.  
2.3 Specific event Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be 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.

### 3. RACE DOCUMENTS

3.1 The Race Documents for each event of the 2023 Race Circuit will be made available on the Cape 31 Class website ([www.cape31class.com](http://www.cape31class.com)) prior to each regatta and may be emailed to class members.





#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 The series is open to all boats of the Cape 31 Class.

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 Charter boats shall be eligible to compete in the 2023 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 [www.cape31class.com](http://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 class membership.

#### **5. FEES**

5.1 There are no fees for entering the 2023 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.

#### **7. ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS**

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

7.2 Bow numbers, battle flags, backstay identification flag and other decals may be issued for use.



## 8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8.1 Events and dates of racing are:

	EVENT NAME	HOST CLUB	FROM	TO	DAYS OF RACING	RACE AREA
1	VICE ADMIRALS CUP	ROYAL OCEAN RACING CLUB	FRIDAY 19TH MAY	SUNDAY 21ST MAY	3	SOLENT
2	C31 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB	FRIDAY 9TH JUNE	SUNDAY 11TH JUNE	3	SOLENT/ CHRISTCHURCH BAY
3	COWES WEEK	COWES WEEK LTD	SATURDAY 29TH JULY	TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST	4	SOLENT
4	INVITATIONAL REGATTA	ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB	FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER	SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER	3	SOLENT
5	SEPTEMBER REGATTA	ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB	FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER	SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER	3	SOLENT
6	C31 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP	ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON	FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER	SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER	3	SOLENT

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

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

## 9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9.2 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.

## 10. VENUE

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

10.2 Additional information on the racing areas will be specified in each event NoR.

## 11. COURSES

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



## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. 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. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty".

12.2. 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 may 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".

## 13. SCORING

13.1 Three of the events specified in NoS 8.1 are required to be completed to constitute the 2023 Cape 31 Race Circuit.

13.2 One (1) race is required to be completed in an event to constitute an event for the 2023 Cape 31 Race Circuit.

13.3 RRS Low Points System of Appendix A shall be used for scoring of the 2023 31 Race Circuit, except that RRS A5.3 will apply for scoring in the Circuit series if a boat did not come to the starting area for all races in an event.

13.4 A boat's series score shall be the total of her event scores excluding her worst event score.

## 14. PRIVACY STATEMENT

14.1 The personal information you provide to 31 North, the Cape 31 Class or the organizing 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 organizing 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 event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## 16. 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.





## 17. INSURANCE

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

## 18. TROPHY AND PRIZES

18.1 The Lord Irvine Laidlaw 31 Race Circuit Trophy will be awarded to the Circuit series winner and other season prizes including top Corinthian Team, Top Travelling team and Best New Team will be awarded at the Season Prize Giving.

18.2 Details for individual event prizes and presentations will be provided in each event NoR or SI's.

## 19. IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

19.1 WS Regulation 20, the Advertising Code shall apply.

19.2 As per WS Regulation 20.4 all boats will be required to display:

(a) Bow numbers correlation to hull number (teams may choose to paint these on, pdf templates will be supplied)

(b) Class flag permanently hoisted on starboard runner.

(c) Cape 31 Class flag to be hoisted on spin halyard from bow sprit possibly in combination with the event and/or event sponsor flag.

19.3 Further the teams are kindly 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.

19.4 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.

19.5 Boats are responsible to inform 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 well before taking place with the Series OA for its approval.

19.6 The jury upon receiving a report from the race committee of a boat's failure to comply with NoR Clause 19 may impose, without a hearing, a penalty on the event score up to a maximum of 4 places. This changes RRS 63.1.

## 20. FURTHER INFORMATION

### Websites

[www.cape31class.com](http://www.cape31class.com)

[www.cape31uk.com](http://www.cape31uk.com)

### Emails

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