



Cowes Clubs and Classes Association
Cowes Dayboat Regattas 2019
Solent Series &
Cowes Keelboat Championship
Notice of Race



Participating clubs invite boat owners of the Six Metre, Daring, Etchells, Dragon, Flying 15, Sonar, XOD and RS Elite Classes, and other keelboat classes by arrangement, to enter the Cowes Keelboat Regattas at Cowes to be held on the dates shown below.

1. Organising Authority

The organising authority is the club indicated below on the weekends shown:

Month	Weekend Dates	Cowes Solent Series Shore Line Starts	Cowes Keelboat Championship Committee Boat Starts
May	Sat 4/Sun 5	Royal London YC	
May	Sat 11/Sun 12		Royal Yacht Squadron 1
May	Sat 18/Sun 19	Cowes Corinthian YC	
May	Sat 25/Sun 26		Royal Thames Yacht Club 2
June	Sat 1/Sun 2	Island Sailing Club	
June	Sat 8/Sun 9	RORC Cowes	
June	Sat 15/Sun 16	RORC Cowes	
June	Sat 22/Sun 23	Royal London YC	
July	Sat 6/Sun 7	Royal Thames YC	
July	Sat 13/ Sun14		Island Sailing Club 3
July	Sat 20/Sun 21	Island Sailing Club	
July	Sat 27/Sun 28		RORC Cowes 4
Aug	Sat 3	Household Division YC	
Aug	Sun 4	Royal Yacht Squadron	
Aug/Sep	Sat 31/Sun 1	Cowes Corinthian YC	
Sept	Sat 7/Sun 8		Royal London Yacht Club 5
Sept	Sat 14/Sun 15	Royal Thames YC	
Sept	Sat 21/Sun 22		Cowes Corinthian YC 6
Sept	Sat 28/Sun 29	Royal Yacht Squadron	CCCA Prizegiving at 1830 at RORC

2. Rules

Racing is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including class rules. Boat safety equipment shall comply with the following:

General. All safety equipment shall be of a suitable size and type for the boat and all equipment and fittings (including outboard engines if carried) shall be securely fastened.

Buoyancy. Each boat shall either be self-draining or be equipped with a suitable means for bailing or pumping.

Personal buoyancy. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be carried for each member of the crew (wetsuits do not count as personal buoyancy).

Radio. Each boat shall carry a suitable marine band VHF transceiver.

Flares. Each boat shall carry at least two in-date red hand and 2 orange smoke flares in a waterproof pack.

Anchor. Each boat shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient chain/warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.

Compass. Each boat shall carry a compass.

First aid. Each boat shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.

Knife. It is strongly recommended that all boats carry at least one readily accessible safety knife in a sheath.

3. Conditions of Entry

Before racing the first named boat owner shall enter their boat on the official entry form or online at <https://goo.gl/hx8jla>, pay the applicable fee, sign the Declaration and Risk Statement indicating that they have read and understood this Notice of Race for the Keelboat Regattas at Cowes, posted on the website www.cowesharbourcommission.org/CCCA or in the organising clubs and that they agree to be bound by the contents.

Upon demand by the relevant host club, entrants shall present a valid measurement certificate and/or proof of membership of the class association. Boats may be checked for safety equipment before or after each race at the discretion of the race committee. There shall be no race unless two boats start. No dedicated patrol boats are provided for this series, see 8. Risk Statement (f).

Before racing the first named boat owner shall ensure that there is adequate insurance for racing risks including third party indemnity of at least £2 million and that co-owners and co-helms, if any, and the crew are made aware of the undertakings in these conditions of entry.

4. Sailing Instructions, Flag Signals made Ashore and Communications

Sailing Instructions will be available from each organising club on the Saturday of the weekend prior to their regatta weekend. Sailing Instructions, flag signals and the race committee for the Cowes Corinthian YC, Royal Thames YC and Household Division YC will be located at RORC Cowes and Royal London YC respectively. Safety and race information will be broadcast on VHF. The channel to be advised in the Sailing Instructions. Boats are required to carry a marine VHF handheld set on board and to keep a radio watch whilst racing. It is intended to broadcast each course from approximately 30 minutes before each class warning signal subject to radio traffic and/or other reasons for any delay in announcing the course. Courses will also be texted on most shore line weekends. Delay or failure to receive texted courses shall not be grounds for redress. Entrants are asked to submit on the entry form all the mobile telephone numbers that might be used on your boat during the season.

5. Warning Signal Times

Unless otherwise advised in Part 2 of the SIs, or in any Amendment to the SIs, the following warning signal times will apply to all Saturdays and Sundays. There will be no racing on the May Bank Holiday Mondays:

Fleet No	Class	Warning Signal Times	
		Saturday	Sunday
1.	International Etchells CB ^	1255 (3 races)	1055 (3 races)
2.	RS Elite Race 1	1400	1125
	RS Elite Race 2	Race 2 ASAP	1225 or ASAP
3.	Daring	1410	1210
4.	International Dragon	1420	1220
5.	XOD	1425	1110
6.	Sonar	1440	1240

^ *Etchells weekends: (CB weekends 7/8 and 21/22 September only)*

On committee boat weekends there will be two races per day (3 races per day for the Etchells) with the second race following as soon as possible after the first. If only one race is completed on the Saturday, three races may be held on the Sunday.

6. Scoring, Penalty System, RYA Arbitration and Results

Class associations are to score their own class seasonal points series. For any club trophies the scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A with one discard allowed from each club's Solent Series. If 3 or fewer races are completed then all shall count. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. RYA Arbitration will be available for this series. The exoneration penalty will be a 30% scoring penalty implemented in accordance with rule 44.3(c). Results will be posted at: <http://regattaguru.com/cowes>. Unless otherwise determined by a class, in the event of a Cowes Keelboat Championship race being changed to a shore line race, the points will count towards the Solent Series.

7. Prizegiving Dates

The **Cowes Keelboat Championship** prize giving will be held on **Saturday 28 September 2019 at 6.30pm** hosted by the Royal Thames YC at the **Royal Ocean Racing Club, Cowes**.

Club prizegiving dates for the **Solent Series** are planned as follows:

Household Division YC	- Sat 3 August at RYS	Royal Thames YC	- Tue 5 November
Island Sailing Club	- Sat 28 September	Royal London YC	- Sat 9 November
Cowes Corinthian YC	- Sat 28 September		

8. Risk Statement

Rule 4 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 organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as is available in Cowes, 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.

9. Entry

Please enter **on-line** at: www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/ccca with details of the boat and the Entry Declaration and Risk Statement shall be completed by a representative of the boat, **before the first day raced by your boat**. A hard copy of the Entry Form is available for sending to 'CCCA' c/o Island Sailing Club at the address below and on the Entry Form. The entry fees are as follows:

Block entry all classes, except XODs and Sonars, for the Cowes Keelboat Championship & Cowes Solent Series: £385.
Block entry for XODs and Sonars for both the Cowes Keelboat Championship & Cowes Solent Series: £375.
Block entry for XODs and Sonars for the 6 x Cowes Keelboat Championship committee boat weekends only: £110.
Cowes Solent Series day rate (shore line): £24. Cowes Keelboat Championship day rate (committee boat): £32.

Entry fees should preferably be transferred by BACS to:

HSBC Sort Code: 40 18 63
A/C Number: 80016187

Account: Cowes Clubs and Classes Association
Reference: your Class and Sail Number.

If you are unable to enter on-line, please return the Entry Form with any cheque, payable to 'CCCA' to:
Cowes Clubs and Classes Association, c/o Island Sailing Club, 70 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7AS

