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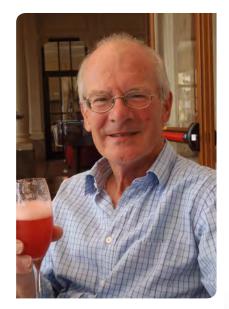
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WELCOME FROM PETER DICKSON - CHAIRMAN, COWES WEEK LIMITED



Peter Dickson Chairman Cowes Week Limited

I'd like to welcome you to our 2016 Cowes Week Regatta, whether it's for the first time, as a regular participant or perhaps even returning after a short break. The week will have its usual fantastic atmosphere both on and off the water leading to an unrivalled regatta experience with more boats, more classes and prizes galore.

My aim as Chairman has been to retain the traditional one race per day aspect of the week which appeals to so many of you whilst adapting the racing to encourage entries from new classes with two races per day for some over the first few days of the week. There will be the usual mix of starts and finishes at the Royal Yacht Squadron, with Committee Boats to ease congestion around Cowes and to provide the best available racing areas to suit prevailing conditions.

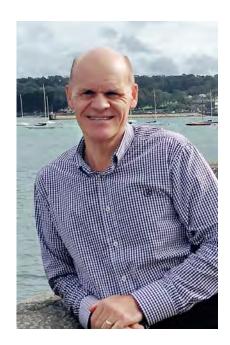
Our new Regatta director (Phil Hagen) and the 9 organising clubs have been working tirelessly to incorporate the results of your feedback into this year's programme to make sure that everything runs like clockwork.

We already have a promising entry of Under 25 crews and some exciting new classes, but if you have an older boat you can still be competitive in one of our Cruiser Divisions using the free ISCRS measurement system.

I hope to see you at the prize-giving!



WELCOME FROM PHIL HAGEN - REGATTA DIRECTOR, COWES WEEK LIMITED



Phil Hagen Regatta Director Cowes Week Limited

2016 will be my first year as Regatta Director, having taken over from Stuart Quarrie in October last year. Cowes Week is not new to me as I have been a regular Cowes Week competitor since 1986. During that time my racing varied from XODs to Farr 45s as both helm and navigator.

In 2004 I crossed the line from competitor and joined the race management team, with my first role as one of the Black Group course setting team. Since 2009 I have had the pleasure of managing the course setting and fleet monitoring teams, with the exception of 2010 when I was ARO for the XOD Centenary year during Cowes Week.

Taking over as Regatta Director carries with it great responsibility. Cowes Week is a unique regatta, built on tremendous well-founded traditions that have made the event what it is today. Whilst these should be treasured, it is also very important that we evolve Cowes Week, maintain it as the premier event in your sailing calendar and continue to listen to all your comments and feedback. Cowes Week is very fortunate to have a very enthusiastic and committed team of over 200 volunteers, with a high percentage that have National and International race officer experience and qualifications.

Please note the regatta is again a week later than normal in 2016 to enable it to be held over a period with weaker tides. It will run from Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 August. I am also pleased to inform you that the new Breakwater is completed, and it is not intended to have any exclusion zones in place for this year's regatta. Please check the Sailing Instructions for any updates on this; I would also suggest you check the latest news on the Cowes Harbour website at www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk.

Finally, I would like wish you all a very enjoyable and memorable Cowes Week 2016, and would like to thank you for your continued support of the event, which is hugely appreciated. I look forward to seeing you in Cowes this August.



No White Group Course Boards for 2016

The familiar sight of the colourful White Group course boards on the RYS battlements, will not be seen this year.

This year will see a change in how the White Group classes receive their courses. Traditionally, courses for the White Group have been displayed on two large frames from the Royal Yacht Squadron Battlements wall. For local sailors this has been the acceptable norm, with many symbols being immediately recognisable.

Unfortunately many visiting sailors have found the system not quite so friendly, and so with the increasing use of VHF and mobile phones, we have decided to break from tradition and remove the boards for 2016.

The change has many additional benefits for competitors. We will now be able to use

all racing marks in the Solent for the White Group. Previously we were restricted to building White Group courses with marks that had a symbol. This meant that we were unable to send boats further west than East Lepe in the Western Solent.

As we increase the number of marks in the central Solent area, we also need the ability to add these to our White Group courses. Generating additional symbols for both these situations became impractical.

As in previous years, all courses will be announced over the VHF and sent by text to your nominated mobile phone.



White Group start times move earlier

The Scheduled start times for all White Group classes move 20 minutes earlier.

For some years now, our first scheduled start on the White Group line has been at 1025, with the last at 1305. The main reason for changing this is the need to have the start line safely clear of boats before it is required as a finish line for the large Black Group classes. There is

regularly a postponement on the line due to commercial traffic as well as the occasional General Recall. This all contributes to extending the total starting sequence. We feel that moving the first scheduled start forward by 20 minutes will help us to manage this and have a clear finish line ready in time.



2016 Prize Draw Winners!

Entries for the 2016 regatta opened immediately after Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week 2015, and eligible entries received before midnight on the 31 December were entered into a draw to win an amazing range of prizes.

The winners attended a presentation at the London Boat Show on 14th January to receive their prizes and enjoy some cocktails served on the Sunsail Stand.

The overall 2016 winner was David Ward with Jackdaw in the IRC class (pictured below), who received a rebate on his entry fee, free berthing in Cowes, Chatham Marine shoes for all the crew, a bottle of Nyetimber, a bottle of Mount Gay Extra Old Rum and a bar tab worth £100 for use during Cowes Week 2016 at the main bar in Cowes Yacht Haven.

David Ward said "It was fantastic news that we'd won the Super Early Bird prize draw. 2015 was our first year at Cowes Week with Jackdaw. We raced on all eight days and had such a great time – both on and off the water – that we all agreed we wanted to repeat the experience again this year, so we had no hesitation in submitting an early entry."



This year there were also two runner-up prizes. The first runner-up, James Wilson with *Quail* in the Redwing class, won a Boss Watch, a bar tab worth £150 for use during the event at the Spinnaker bar on Cowes Parade, a bottle of Mount Gay Rum and a bottle of Chilgrove.

The second runner-up, Tony Merewether with *Amazon* in the IRC Class, won a Icom Handheld Radio (IC – M23), a bottle of Mount Gay Rum, a Liz Earle Goody Bag and a bottle of Chilgrove Gin.

Congratulations to all winners and good luck to everyone entering for the 2017 regatta before the end of this year. You've got to be in it to win it!

UKSA #seachange - transforming the lives of young people

For the third year running, UKSA is the official charity for Cowes Week in 2016. Over £64,000 was raised in 2015 to enable disadvantaged young people (unemployed, offenders, those at risk of offending and those disengaged from school) to visit UKSA.

The young people were able to benefit from intensive residential courses that use on-the-water activities to build self-esteem and confidence and gain life changing qualifications. The programme has helped many to realise their potential and develop the motivation to take the next step into education or employment in the maritime sector or beyond. Their new found skills will help them to manage their lives more effectively so they can become an active and successful part of their wider community.

You will be able to show your support for UKSA during this year's Cowes Week at a number of events and activities throughout the week. This includes the Cardboard Boat Race which

challenges teams to build a boat made of cardboard and get sponsored to take part in various races off Cowes Parade. The race takes place on Family Day, Sunday 7th August at 3pm. With multiple heats and prizes to be won, why not get a team together and enter? More info can be found at www.cowescardboardboatrace. co.uk

As part of its commitment to breaking down barriers and introducing people to sailing, UKSA is running a "Try Sailing" activity daily from its stand in the Yacht Haven. In return for a donation, visitors and families can experience the thrill of sailing out on the Solent. In 2015 over 1,100 took up the offer with many finding a new passion for life on the water!

This year, UKSA is teaming up with Manuka Events to run a party at Shepherds Wharf on Wednesday 10th August from 6pm. The party will be a great opportunity to unwind and let your hair down after a day's racing. With fantastic entertainment on offer, food and drink aplenty and a nightclub until late, the evening is one not to be missed - the only question is: will you last until 2am?! Tickets will be available to buy in advance via the FIXR app with proceeds going to UKSA.

UKSA's Chief Executive, Ben Willows, commented "UKSA are really proud to be associated with Cowes Week as their Charity of the Year for a 3rd year in succession. We are raising money to give young people the opportunity to come to UKSA and experience on-the-water activities to make a positive change in their lives. It is amazing to watch a young person transform, giving them a new outlook on life. The skills developed during sailing give them confidence to flourish back at school, in training or in employment. We would like all Cowes Week competitors to support us in 2016. They understand more than anyone the skills and dedication that sailing needs and the benefits it brings - the rewards are endless."

To learn more about UKSA and to keep updated on their developing Cowes Week programme of events please visit www.uksa.org



High Performance Fast 40+ racing at Cowes Week 2016

Fast 40+ Class chooses Cowes Week as one of its five core events in 2016.

Ever since its inception in 1826, Cowes Week has been a highlight in the annual calendar for large, well-funded race boats. With the new Fast 40+ class choosing the regatta as one of the five core events for its first season, this year's event promises intense and exciting competition.

"Cowes Week is always a fantastic event," says class president Rob Greenhalgh, who sails on Sir Keith Mills' Ker 40+ Invictus as tactician.

"The racing is hugely challenging both strategically and tactically, plus it's a long event, which is all part of the appeal. It tests all elements – you have to be fully up to speed on the weather, tides, boat speed and so on – it's much more testing than the windward-leeward racing that we all normally do."

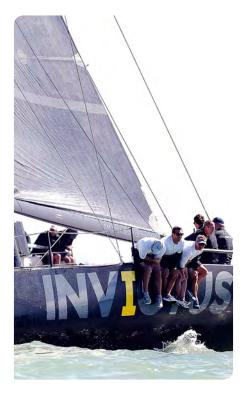
The class encompasses fourteen very light

displacement high-performance yachts, with IRC ratings in a narrow band between 1.210 and 1.270, chosen to deliver fast and close inshore racing.

Owners and crew are invariably very experienced and fiercely competitive sailors who have collectively won a huge number of prestigious events at the highest level of the sport.

The fleet includes a pair of Carkeek 40 MKIIs, three Ker 40+, five GP42s, one highly optimised Ker 40 and an HH42. A strict owner/driver rule, with only five professional sailors allowed in the 11-strong crew, ensures that the skill of the owners is a vital part of each boat's success.

The class has opted for standard Cowes Week racing in Black Group, with the same mix of committee boat and fixed line starts as the other classes.





Sponsor News

CWL is delighted to announce new sponsors for Cowes Week 2016, as well as welcoming back previous event partners.

MUSTO announced as new Clothing Supplier

New for 2016 is our relationship with MUSTO who become the Official Clothing Supplier. To celebrate the partnership, MUSTO have created a special commemorative range that will be available at www.musto.com/cowesweek from mid-May as well as on sale in Cowes during the event.

The range includes a waterproof jacket, a fleece lined gilet, a UV sunblock long sleeve t-shirt, polo shirts, t-shirts, fast dry caps and luggage. You will also notice this year that your Competitor Packs are MUSTO bags. We hope you like them!

MUSTO are delighted to be able to offer all competitors the chance to brand the Official Merchandise Collection with their boat name or team logo. Visit www.musto.com/cowesweek and place your order before the 8th July for embroidery of your logo onto your selected kit. Cowes Week competitors will be offered a 30% discount on branding.



MUSTO has 50 years' experience in designing specialist sailing clothing which is worn and endorsed by the world's most celebrated sailors. Founded by Olympic medallist Keith Musto, the silhouette of his Flying Dutchman is proudly emblazoned on all their sailing apparel as an internationally recognised mark of excellence.

MUSTO products are tested to the extreme in the world's most hostile environments, and in labs, to drive innovation so you can trust their products to perform and endure.

If you're thinking of kitting out your full team in MUSTO technical clothing ahead of Cowes Week then please contact simon.russell@musto.com to discuss your requirements or visit www.musto.com.

British drinks brands support Cowes Week

This year we are very pleased to welcome back **Nyetimber** as our Official Sparkling Wine of the event.

In 2015 many competitors and visitors enjoyed a glass of Nyetimber onboard the beautiful reimagined 1968 Routemaster bus in Cowes Yacht Haven. This year "The Nyetimber" will be back, offering exclusive competitions and masterclasses, as well as the opportunity to relax with a well-earned glass of Classic Cuvee, Rose or Blanc de Blancs.



New as a Sponsor for 2016 is **Fever-Tree** who join us as Tonic Waters and Mixers Sponsor. At Fever-Tree it's all about taste, which is why co-founders Charles and Tim have travelled to some of the most remote, beautiful (and dangerous) regions of the world to source the highest quality natural ingredients from small specialist suppliers.

Their question was simple: why craft premium spirits and then compromise the experience with poor quality mixers? So, in 2004, they began creating mixers using natural and fresh ingredients. The result is a range of delicious drinks to mix or enjoy on their own.

Five of their products have been given Gold Star awards at the coveted Great Taste Awards. You will be able to enjoy Fever-Tree drinks across all the Cowes Week venues, and they will have their own bar in the Cowes Yacht Haven.



Volvo returns as Official Vehicle Partner

Volvo Car UK continue their support of Cowes Week in 2016 for the fourth consecutive year with the newest models on display in both Cowes Yacht Haven and on Cowes Parade.



Both areas will include activities for all the family to get involved in, such as a remote control car race track with prizes to be won.

Offers from Official Footwear Sponsor - Chatham Marine

In addition, Official Footwear Sponsor, Chatham Marine, is offering a 20% online discount at www.chatham.co.uk using the code COW20. Chatham will also be present at the event with a retail store on Cowes Parade.



Changes to the final Saturday

Cowes Town Regatta put their own mark on the last Saturday.

The last Saturday of Cowes Week has always been a popular family sailing day. With all of the Black Group one-design classes completing their series on the Friday, individual boats from these classes have the option to join one of the IRC or Cruiser classes on the final day. Because of this reduction in competitor numbers, it has been decided that all Black Group and remaining White Group classes will start and finish on the Royal Yacht Squadron line. This should be popular with both competitors and spectators.

Supporting youth sailing

The Cowes Week Under 25 Youth initiative, which has been running since 2012, has succeeded in inspiring and making it possible for young people to race at Cowes Week.

By offering an extremely attractive package to young sailors under the age of 25, numbers have, understandably, increased over the last few years. Entries for the Under 25 Trophy at the 2015 regatta attracted 37 young teams, while entries for the Young Skipper's Trophy reached an impressive 51.

This year Cowes Week Ltd is offering a 50% entry fee discount to the first 25 crews to enter, who are all under age 25 at the time of the regatta. The sooner teams sign up the more chance there is of securing one of the highly desirable discounted places.

Kate Johnson, Commercial & Marketing Director at Cowes Week Ltd commented "We are committed to making racing at Cowes Week more attractive and cost-effective for the next generation of sailors and are delighted by the increase in youth entries over the past few years."

Competition in the Under 25 Trophy couldn't have been more intense in 2015. Hugo Sloper and his team on the Itchenor-based Swallow *Marengo* just managed to out-smart 2014 title-hoders Jack Davies and Team *Jugador*, winning by 11pts in the overall ranking.

Equally impressive was the performance of Will Heritage (14), who cleaned up in the Young Skipper's Trophy fleet. Sailing his Flying 15 *Freddie Flintoff* with his father, David, Will sailed well all week and was able to break Sloper's domination of the youth sector and lift the Trophy.

Alex Downer (13) – the youngest skipper competing at Cowes Week in 2015 – was an inspiration too. He was sailing a relatively old, 1978-built Squib, *Panther 3*, with crewman Jon Evans. Offering advice to other youngsters considering taking part this year, Downer said: "After two days I was hooked. It is a fantastic regatta, but to do well, learning about The Solent tides is essential."

Teams wishing to take advantage of discounted entry fees should make their entry as soon as possible by calling the Regatta Office on 01983 295744 or visiting www.cowesweek.co.uk.

A 50% discount on berthing is also being offered to Under 25 Crews at East Cowes Marina. This discount applies for boats up to 10m LOA and bookings will only be accepted once the entry has been confirmed with CWL.



Highlights throughout the Week

CWL are working hard to schedule a series of exciting activities throughout the Week, and each day of Cowes Week 2016 will feature a theme.

- Saturday 6 August Focus on Sustainable Boating.
- Sunday 7 August Family Day will celebrate the many family-related aspects of the regatta.
- Monday 8 August UKSA Day will celebrate our official event charity, UKSA.
- Tuesday 9 August Ladies Day will celebrate women in sailing.
- Wednesday 10 August Youth Day will be used as an opportunity to celebrate youth involvement at the regatta.



- Thursday 11 August The Artemis Challenge and a display from the sensational Red Arrows.
- Friday 12 August our iconic Fireworks
 Display and a display from the RAF
 Typhoon (subject to sufficient funding,
 donations welcome!).
- Saturday 13 August finale at the end of the week's racing with the Overall Prize-giving.

The Finance Challenge at Cowes Week

Following the success of the event in 2015, Sunsail - the official Charter Sailing Partner of Cowes Week - are again delighted to host the Sunsail Finance Challenge at Cowes Week 2016. The Challenge will be held over the five days of Monday 8th –Friday 12th August.

In 2015 we had up 19 yachts racing each day of the challenge. The title was hard fought, but victory went to Aberdeen Asset Management 1, followed by Cazenove Capital Management and Red Funnel 1.

The Finance Challenge will use Sunsail's identical fleet of thirty Sunsail Match First 40s to race, making the competition fair, fast-paced and challenging. A daily prizegiving for

all participants in the Finance Challenge will be held in Sunsail's exclusive hospitality area in Cowes Yacht Haven, providing excellent networking and teambuilding opportunities. The overall Finance Challenge champions will be awarded the perpetual Finance Challenge Trophy on Friday 12th August.

All finance companies racing in the Sunsail Match First 40 class will be eligible to enter, and Sunsail has reserved a portion of its 30 strong fleet for finance companies wishing to participate.

For more details on how to enter contact Alex Smith at Sunsail Events alex.smith@sunsail. com or 02392 222 221.





1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Cowes Week Limited (CWL).

2 RULES

- 2.1 Sentences in italics within this Notice of Regatta are guidance notes for information only.
- Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016 (RRS), with Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions and as appropriate:
 - a. For boats racing under IRC, IRC Rules Parts A, B & C except that:
 - i. The use of a spare mainsail is allowed so long as it is carried onboard at all times while racing.
 - ii. For the purposes of IRC 21.1.5, this is a regatta run on consecutive days (so the sails on board while racing must remain the same throughout, including the spare mainsail if any being used).
 - iii. With the permission of the IRC Rating Authority, IRC Rule 8.2 is modified to include GBR or FRA boats holding Single Event Ratings (SER). The SER is aimed at occasional IRC racers who only want to do one or two IRC events this year at a reduced cost. Please look at the Rating Office website to see whether it would fit your racing plans at www.rorcrating.com/ser.
 - b. Class Rules for one-design entries, including crew limits (if any).
 - c. Island Sailing Club Rating System for Cruiser class.
 - d. Copies of the relevant RYA prescriptions will be available online at the Official Website at www.cowesweek.co.uk or from CWL and will be included with the Sailing Instructions.

2.3 Safety regulations

2.3.1 Black Group Classes (see Table 2)

- a. Boats shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 Monohulls except that:
 - i. Any boats that do not comply fully with the Regulations may apply to CWL for written dispensation against specific requirements. Dispensation will not normally be considered unless applied for by 1700 on Friday 29 July 2016.
 - ii. Delete paragraph 5.01.1 and replace with: "Each crew member shall have a lifejacket in accordance with ISO 12402 – 3 (Level 150) or equivalent, including EN 396 or UL 1180, and if inflatable, shall have a gas inflation system and have crotch/thigh straps."
- b. Sunsail Sail Plan: For boats in the Sunsail class, Sunsail UK will decide on the allowable sail plan for each day of racing. This sail plan will be displayed on the Sunsail Noticeboard at Cowes Yacht Haven by 0900 each day.

2.3.2 White Group Classes (see Table 3)

 a. Boats shall comply with their class safety regulations (if any) and with the current CWL Safety Regulations for Dayboat Classes. b. Boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver.

Copies of the CWL Safety Regulations will be obtainable online at the Official Website at www.cowesweek.co.uk or from CWL and will be included with the 2016 Safety Booklet.

2.3.3 All Boats

Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring.

24 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing & Rating Rules

- 2.4.1 Changes to the RRS and Rating Rules are as detailed in this Notice of Regatta or in the Sailing Instructions. This changes RRS J1.2(1).
- 2.4.2 Alternative penalties (in the form of a scoring penalty) will apply to infringements of RRS Part 2 and 31, as detailed in the Sailing Instructions. A yellow flag will be required.

2.5 Equipment inspection

- a. Officials from the Race Committee may inspect boats at any time during the regatta.
- b. A boat that is found to be in contravention of the safety regulations or class rules, or fails to comply with any reasonable request of an official scrutineer may be protested by the Race Committee.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 It is intended that the regatta will be open to boats and classes listed in Tables 2 and 3, and to any other classes accepted by CWL.
- 3.1.1 CWL reserves the right to:
 - a. Combine the start of one class with another.
 - b. Subdivide any class. Note that IRC and Cruiser fleets will be split during July into classes based on rating, or exceptionally other reasons, depending on the number of entries received.
 - c. Cancel racing for any class or amalgamate classes if the number of entries is less than ten.

3.2 One-design boats

Boats in one-design classes listed in Table 2 or Table 3 will not normally be permitted to race in a rated class. A request for dispensation from this rule must be made in writing and will be considered by CWL whose decision shall be final.

3.3 Sportsboats

- 3.3.1 Sportsboats shall have:
 - a. A valid 2016 IRC rating of 1.150 or less.
 - b. A Maximum Length (HL) of 9.50 metres.
 - c. A displacement to length ratio (DLR) of 160 or less.
- 3.3.2 Boats outside these limits may be accepted at the sole discretion of CWL.
- 3.3.3 This class may be split into 2 divisions based on rating.



3.4 Ratings and rating changes

3.4.1 IRC and ISCRS

Boats racing under IRC or ISCRS shall have a valid rating issued no later than 1700 on Tuesday 2 August 2016.

For IRC ratings in the UK, contact the RORC Rating Office at: www.rorcrating.com.

For ISCRS ratings contact the Regatta Office in the first instance.

- 3.4.2 New ratings or changes to a rating will not be accepted after the time stated in 3.4.1 unless the change is:
 - a. Due to an error made by CWL, RORC, UNCL or ISC. In this case, the rating shall be corrected for all races. For errors made by CWL where a rating would drop if corrected, boats must request a correction within 24 hours of registration (when they receive a list of entries and ratings).
 - b. As the result of a rating protest, when the RRS rules dealing with decisions on measurement protests will apply, together with the rules applicable to the rating system.
 - At the discretion of CWL with the agreement of RORC, UNCL or ISC as appropriate.
- 3.4.3 Boats racing in the IRC classes that do not wish to use a spinnaker or cruising chute at any time during the regatta may use their non-spinnaker TCC. This choice must be made no later than 1700 on Tuesday 19 July. This alters IRC Rule 8.6.

3.4.4 Black Group on the Final Saturday

- a. Contessa 32s that are racing on the final Saturday will race in the Cruiser class.
- All other boats in Black Group one-design classes will race in the IRC class appropriate for their rating and must hold a valid 2016 IRC rating.

3.5 Crew numbers

- 3.5.1 Except as detailed in clause 3.5.3, there shall be no restrictions on crew numbers or crew changes during the regatta.
- 3.5.2 IRC crew number limitations shall not apply.
- 3.5.3 A boat racing in a one-design class shall comply with her class crew limitations, as modified by the class association for Cowes Week, if appropriate.
- 3.5.4 Accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen who are not regular crew members may join and/or leave a boat at any time and by any means so long as their doing so does not directly affect another competitor and they play no part in the racing of the boat. This changes RRS 47.2.

3.6 Crew details

3.6.1 Prior to the start of the regatta, every boat shall provide CWL with details of all the crew likely to be racing on the boat, including their full names and email addresses. This shall be done online and can be completed either at the time of entry or at any time up to the start of the regatta.

TABLE 1: ENTRY FEES									
		'Early bird' discounted entry fee For entries and fees received before midnight on Tuesday 31 May		Standard entry fee For entries and fees received from midnight on Tuesday 31 May until 12 noon on Friday 29 July		Late entry fee For entries and fees received after 12 noon on Friday 29 July			
		Whole Regatta	Daily entry	Whole Regatta	Daily entry	Whole Regatta	Daily entry		
WHITE GROUP	Squib and Flying Fifteen	£210	£50	£263	£63	£315	£75		
	SB20 and J/70 short series Sat-Tue (see Table 3)	£210	-	£263	-	£315	-		
	SB20 and J/70 all week	£338	£69	£423	£86	£507	£104		
	All other WG classes	£288	£69	£360	£86	£432	£104		
BLACK GROUP	Sigma 38 and J/109 (having 2 races on one day)	£510	£116	£638	£145	£765	£174		
	Less than 9m LOA	£318	£75	£398	£94	£477	£113		
	9m to under 13m LOA	£490	£116	£613	£145	£735	£174		
	13m and above LOA	£635	£150	£794	£188	£953	£225		

Saturday 13 August - Entry for racing on the final Saturday is included free of charge for boats racing on four or more days earlier in the week. Otherwise there is a £40 entry fee for this day, regardless of boat size.

Fees shown above are for payment by cash, cheque or debit card. Payment by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) will incur a 2.5% surcharge, this being the amount that our card services provider charges us for these transactions.

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- 3.6.2 Entrants are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the crew information provided to CWL is accurate.
- 3.6.3 Changes to crew information made during the regatta should be notified to the emergency contact described in clause 3.7.

3.7 Emergency contact

Prior to racing, each entrant is required to supply CWL with details of an emergency contact ashore who shall keep an accurate record of the details of all crew sailing on the boat on each day during the regatta.

4 ENTRY

4.1 Entry Procedure

- 4.1.1 All entrants (except as detailed in clause 4.1.4) should enter online at the Official Website.
- 4.1.2 Exceptionally, entries may be made in person or by telephone at the Regatta Centre, where a member of staff will complete the entry on behalf of the entrant.
- 4.1.3 Note that some basic information about the entry will be viewable on the Official Website and can be edited by the entrant
- 4.1.4 Sunsail Match First 40 class entries will be completed by Sunsail UK.

4.2 Late Entries

Late entries will be accepted until 1700 on the day prior to a race so long as they are accompanied by the full entry fee. Entries after 1700 on Wednesday 3 August 2016 must be made in person at the Regatta Centre.

43 Entry Cancellation and Refunds

If written cancellation of entry is received at the Regatta Centre by 1700 on Wednesday 3 August, the whole fee less a £75 administration charge will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances.

4.4 Race Abandonment or Cancellation

In the event of a race being abandoned or cancelled, entry fees will not be refunded.

5 MOBILE TELEPHONES

- 5.1 The Race Committee will text courses and other information to a single mobile telephone number that has been registered to the boat. To enhance this service, it is recommended that a UK based service provider is used so that at least 98.2% of competitors should receive messages in a timely manner.
- 5.2 Additional numbers may be registered for a fee of £10 per number.
- 5.3 A mobile telephone may also be used by competitors to declare at the end of each day's racing. This too needs to be registered and may be the same number as described above or a different number.
- 5.4 If a registered telephone becomes unusable, a new number can be registered at no cost, up to 1700 on the day before the new number is to be used.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Website from early July 2016 as a downloadable pdf file. A copy, printed on waterproof paper, will be given to all entrants at registration.

7 REGISTRATION AND SKIPPERS' BRIEFINGS

- 7.1 All entrants or their representatives shall register in person at the Regatta Centre before the end of their protest time limit on the day of their first race.
- 7.2 Registration packs containing sponsor decals/pennants, class numerals (if ordered), Racing Guide, Safety Booklet, waterproof Sailing Instructions and any intial amendments to the NoR or Sailing Instructions will be available for collection from the Regatta Centre from 1400 on Thursday 4 August.

73 Skippers' briefings

There will be skippers' briefings in the Cowes Yacht Haven 'Events Centre' during the evening of Friday 5 August (1730 for Sunsail, 1830 for White Group and 1930 for Black Group). It is strongly recommended that one or two people from each boat attend the appropriate briefing.

8 RACING SCHEDULE

- It is intended that all classes, as detailed in Tables 2 & 3, will have one race scheduled per day from Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 August, except as follows:
 - a. Sunsail Match First 40, RS Elite and Victory: Saturday 6 to Friday 12 August 2016.
 - b. Contessa 32, Sigma 33, Sigma 38, J/111, J/109, Quarter Ton, Beneteau Figaro 2 and Fast 40+: Saturday 6 to Friday 12 August. Additionally, these boats may race on Saturday 13 August within the appropriate rated fleet (see Table 2).
 - c. Some Black Group classes will have two races scheduled for one day of the regatta with one race a day for the remainder of the week. Currently those classes are Sigma 38 and J/109. Other Black Group classes will have one race scheduled for each day.
 - d. SB20s and J/70s each have two series. The first is from Saturday 6 to Tuesday 9 August with two scheduled races a day from Saturday to Monday and one race on Tuesday. The second series is from Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 August with one race a day from Tuesday onwards.
 - e. Class associations may request changes to this proposed schedule, which will be considered by CWL at its absolute discretion.
- The first start each day will be scheduled for 1000 or later. The schedule of starts for all classes will be detailed on the Official Website from mid-July and in the Sailing Instructions.

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9 ADVERTISING

- 9.1 Boats may carry advertising as allowed by the World Sailing advertising code unless their class rules further restrict the advertising that may be carried.
- Boats intending to carry advertising must indicate this on their entry form, together with the names of companies and/or products to be advertised.
- 9.3 As permitted by the World Sailing advertising code, boats will be required to display official event sponsor decals or pennants as follows:
 - a. Boats in the Daring, Dragon, Redwing, Seaview Mermaid, Solent Sunbeam, Squib, Swallow, Victory and XOD classes will be required to fly sponsor pennants from their backstays.
 - b. All other classes will be required to display sponsor decals on both sides of their hulls in the forward 20%.

9.4 Dispensation

- a. Competitors may apply in writing for dispensation from clause 9.3.b. if decals would damage the hull.
- b. Dispensation will not normally be given to any boat that carries other advertising decals or stickers on her hull, nor to boats with gel-coated hulls.
- c. Any boat given such dispensation will instead be required to fly a sponsor pennant from their backstay.
- d. Dispensation will not normally be considered unless requested by 1700 on Friday 29 July 2016.
- 9.5 Boats may not carry or display advertising other than official event sponsor decals on the forward 20% of their hulls.
- Notwithstanding the classes listed in Tables 2 & 3, CWL reserves the right to refuse entry to any class of boat that carries class advertising in conflict with any of the regatta sponsors. Any class considering accepting sponsorship that might be affected by this rule is advised to contact CWL as soon as possible. For the avoidance of doubt, this rule does not apply to individual entries, only to whole classes.

9.7 Use of Event-related still images and footage by CWL

CWL and, as authorized by CWL, its agents, sponsors, licensees and other commercial partners may use event-related still images and footage taken at any time, which may include images of competitors, their boats, support vessels, crew and sponsors, provided that CWL shall not use such images to create a direct endorsement by or from a competitor or any person, sponsor, product or service associated with a competitor, without the prior consent of the competitor.

10 SCORING SYSTEM

10.1 Individual Class Overall points series

- a. Overall points series will be run for each class listed in Tables 2 and 3.
- b. Trophies will be awarded to the first three boats in each class.

- Scoring and abbreviations will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A unless amended below or in the Sailing Instructions.
- d. For trophies and prizes awarded by CWL, the races that constitute the overall points series for each class and the number of discards allowed for each class will be as shown in the Sailing Instructions. (It should be noted that trophies awarded by individual classes may use different discard systems as may be determined by the class.)

10.2 Discards

- a. One-design classes will have discards as determined by their class associations. Details will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- b. All other Black Group classes will have one discard if 6 or 7 races are sailed and no discard if 5 or fewer races are sailed.
- c. Sportsboat class will have one discard if 6 to 8 races are sailed and no discard if 5 or fewer races are sailed.

10.3 Cross-class Points Series Scoring

Used for all trophies that require scoring across more than one class.

- a. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, except as amended below.
- b. Only points scores from the seven races from Saturday 6 to Friday 12 August shall be used.
- c. Races that are abandoned shall be scored in accordance with RRS A10(a) for the boat in question.
- d. Boats that have completed fewer than five races shall not be eligible for the series.
- e. A boat's series score shall be the total of her seven race scores excluding her worst score and multiplied by a Class Weighting Factor (to recognise the added difficulty of winning in a larger fleet).
- f. The Class Weighting Factor for each boat shall be: 10 divided by the square root of (N+17), where N is defined as the number of boats in her class entered for at least five races (as at 1800 on Friday 5 August).

10.4 Additional results listing

One-designs and/or specific types of boat racing within the rated classes may be given additional results listings (but normally not CWL prizes) at the discretion of CWL. Class associations wishing to request this option should apply in writing to CWL.

11 TROPHIES & PRIZES

- a. Daily prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in all classes listed in Tables 2 & 3, and should be collected from the Regatta Centre. Any daily prizes not collected by 1700 on Friday 2 September may be disposed of by CWL as it sees fit.
- b. **Daily perpetual trophies** will be awarded by the member clubs of Cowes Combined Clubs and by class associations, in accordance with the trophy list for each day as detailed in the Racing Guide.



Table 2: BLACK GROUP CLASSES								
CLASS & FLAG	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS							
CONTESSA 32	A1. Boats shall comply with the Contessa 32 class rules.A2. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate Cruiser class and shall have a valid 2016 ISCRS rating.							
FAST 40+ FAST 40+ FLAG	 B1. Boats shall comply with the Fast 40+ class rules. B2. Boats race for their overall points series from Saturday to Friday, and shall have a valid 2016 IRC rating. B3. Boats shall display class distinguishing letter "F" (see 11.5). B4. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class. 							
J/109 NN0 + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	 C1. Boats shall comply with J/109 class rules. C2. Boats race level for their overall points from Saturday to Friday. C3. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class and shall have a valid 2016 IRC rating. C4. The J/109 class association has modified the class crew limit for Cowes Week to 10 crew with no weight limit. 							
J/111 NN5	 D1. Boats shall comply with J/111 class rules. D2. Boats race level for their overall points series from Saturday to Friday. D3. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class and shall have a valid 2016 IRC rating. 							
QUARTER TON A	 E1. Boats shall comply with Quarter Ton class rules. E2. Boats shall display class distinguishing letter 'T' (see 11.5). E3. Boats race for their overall points series from Saturday to Friday, and shall have a valid 2016 IRC rating. E4. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class. 							
SIGMA 33	F1. Boats race level for their overall ponts series from Saturday to Friday and shall comply with their class rules. F2. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class and shall have a valid 2016 IRC rating.							
SIGMA 38	 G1. Boats race level from Saturday to Friday and shall comply with Sigma 38 class rules. G2. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class and shall have a valid 2016 IRC rating. G3. The Sigma 38 class association has modified the class crew limit for Cowes Week to 10 crew with no weight limit. 							
SUNSAIL MATCH FIRST 40 SUNSAIL FLAG	 H1. Boats shall be part of the fleet owned and managed by Sunsail UK. H2. Sunsail UK will manage all aspects of entry direct with CWL. H3. CWL shall charge an agreed race management fee for the Sunsail fleet. H4. The overall points series will be from Saturday to Friday with one race per day. There will not be racing on Saturday 13 August. 							
IRC CLASSES 0-7 NP0 - NP 7	 J1. Boats shall have a valid 2016 IRC rating with a TCC of between 0.750 and 1.399, and a hull length (HL) between 6.0 and 24.0m. CWL may grant dispensation to boats outside these limits at its sole discretion. J2. IRC class splits will be made according to entries received and will be confirmed by 1700 on Sunday 31 July 2016. Draft class splits may be posted on the Official Website general forum approximately one week earlier in order to allow comment from competitors. J3. Boats rating 0.010 or less below the lower limit of the next class up may request permission to move up to the class above and race using the lower limit rating of that class. The decision of CWL is final and not subject to appeal. J4. Boats shall display class numerals 0-7 as appropriate (see 11.5). J5. There will be one race per day from Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 August. J6. The overall points series for IRC classes will run from Saturday to Friday. 							
BENETEAU FIGARO 2	 K1. Boats shall comply with Beneteau Figaro 2 class rules. K2. Boats race level for their overall points series from Saturday to Friday. K3. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class and shall have a valid 2016 IRC rating. 							
CRUISER CLASS (using ISCRS) COLOURED FLAG supplied at registration	 L1. Boats shall have a valid 2016 rating issued by the Island Sailing Club (this is free). L2. Cruisers with a hull length between 6m and 18m will be eligible. CWL reserves the sole right to refuse entry to any boat that it considers to be a racing boat, and to accept entries outside the size limits. L3. The class may be split into two or more divisions depending on entry numbers. L4. Boats racing in the Cruiser class will not be eligible for the overall Black Group Trophy. L5. Boats shall display class numerals 8 or 9 as appropriate (see 11.5). 							



Table 3: WHITE GROUP CLASSES						
CLASS	CLASS FLAG					
The following classes have overall points series from Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 August with one race a day.						
DARING	0					
DRAGON	D					
ETCHELLS	Е					
FLYING FIFTEEN	NN6					
REDWING	R					
SEAVIEW MERMAID	U					
SONAR	Т					
SPORTSBOAT (see NOR 3.3)	NN3					
SQUIB	NN9					
SWALLOW	К					
XOD	w					
The following classes have one race per day from Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 August but with their points series finishing on Friday .						
J/80	Н					
SOLENT SUNBEAM	V					
The following classes have overall points series from Saturday 6 to Friday 12 August with one race a day with no racing on Saturday 13 August.						
RS ELITE	NN4					
VICTORY	F					
The SB20 and J/70 classes each have two series. The first is from Saturday 6 to Tuesday 9 August with two scheduled race a day from Saturday to Monday, and one on Tuesday.						
The second series is from Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 August with one race a day for the second part of the week.						
SB20	NN2					

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- c. **Overall class trophies** will be awarded to the first three boats in each class listed in Tables 2 & 3.
- d. The Overall Winner Trophy will be awarded to the best performing boat at the regatta.
- e. Overall Black Group and Overall White Group trophies will be awarded to the best performing boat in each of Black and White Groups.
- f. The Young Skipper's Trophy will be awarded to the top skipper in any class who is under 25 years on Saturday 13 August 2016.
- g. **The Under 25 Trophy** will be awarded to the best performing boat in any class whose crew are all under 25 years on Saturday 13 August 2016.
- h. IRC and Cruiser overall trophies will be awarded to the overall winners of these divisions for the final Saturday.
- The Nautor's Swan Trophy will be awarded to the top Nautor's Swan sailing in an IRC class.
- j. The Commodores' Challenge Trophy is open to challenges from any boat in an IRC class owned or sailed by a present or past commodore of a yacht club in Britain or the USA. Full details can be obtained from CWL.
- k. The Royal Southern Ariel Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best result on Tuesday 9 August with a female helm. Entrants should ensure that their intention to compete for this trophy is included in the entry details, either on initial entry or certainly by the time of registration.
- The Sailing Today Cruiser Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Winner on the Final Saturday of the Cruiser Classes.
- m. The Bridgestone Tyres Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the I/109 class.
- n. The Britannia Salver will be awarded at the discretion of CWL to a person, boat or organisation that has, in the opinion of CWL, performed an act of outstanding seamanship, sportsmanship or benefit to the regatta.
- The Westmacott Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best overall performance in one of the four classes designed by Alfred Westmacott (Seaview Mermaid, Solent Sunbeam, Victory and XOD).
- p. The Edmund Whelan Celebration Trophy will be awarded to the top performing bona fide skippered sailing-school or chartercompany boat (not bare-boat) racing under IRC.
- q. CCC 50th Anniversary Team Trophy
 - i. Teams of three boats nominated by any club recognised by a World Sailing national authority will be eligible.
 - ii. Clubs may nominate up to two teams.
 - iii. Boat may race for only one team.
 - Boats may be from any class or combination of classes (Black or White Group).
 - v. Scoring will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12 BOAT IDENTIFICATION

12.1 It is the responsibility of each boat to provide its own class flags, number dodgers and class-distinguishing numerals or letters as described below (except that class flags for Cruiser classes racing under ISCRS will be provided by CWL at registration). Advice on where it is possible to purchase these items can be given by CWL on request.

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12.2 Class Flags

- a. Class flags shall be displayed by all competitors unless specific dispensation has been given in writing by CWL.
- b. Class flags shall be of the following minimum sizes:
 - i. For White Group boats 200mm x 150mm.
 - ii. For Black Group boats either 300mm x 230mm for rectangular flags or 610mm x 150mm for numeral pennants.
- c. Class flags shall be flown from the backstay, or if no backstay is fitted, from the leech of the mainsail, within 1.5m of the deck or clew as appropriate.

12.3 Sail numbers

All boats are required to display their sail number on their mainsail and, unless their class rules prevent them from doing so, on their spinnaker. Dispensation may be granted by CWL at its sole discretion.

12.4 Sail number dodgers

- As well as sail numbers described in 12.3, all Black Group boats are required to display a sail number dodger on their approach to the finish and for at least two minutes after finishing.
- b. The numerals and suffix letters shall be at least 375mm high for boats of 8.5m or greater LOA, and at least 300mm high for boats less than 8.5m LOA. The dodger does not need to include national letters.
- c. Alternatively, equivalent sized sail numbers with suffix letters may be displayed on both sides of the hull, with the top edge of the numbers not more than 200mm below local deck level, in such a way and in suitable colour(s) as to be visible to the race committee.

12.5 Class numerals/letters

- a. IRC 0-7, Quarter Ton, Fast 40+ and Cruiser classes are additionally required to display class-distinguishing numerals or letters as listed in Table 2 (except for boats racing in these classes only on the final Saturday).
- b. These shall be displayed in both the port and starboard lifelines so as to be clearly visible to the Race Committee at all times while racing.
- c. Each letter or numeral shall be black or dark blue on a white background and shall be at least 300mm high (available from CWL).

12.6 **Dispensation**

Black Group boats that do not have guardrails fitted may apply in writing for dispensation from 12.4 and 12.5. Boats granted such dispensation must still display their sail number on their mainsail (or by other means if no mainsail is carried).

13 COURSES

- White Group courses will be located in the central Solent area as further defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- Black Group courses will be located in the Solent and its approaches (approximately Anvil Point to Nab Tower).

- 13.3 Full lists of marks will be included in the Sailing Instructions and will be available for download from the Official Website.
- 13.4 It is intended that all boats will be issued with a laminated chartlet of the racing area, together with the marks to be used thereon. However, these will be diagrammatic only and should not be used for navigation.

14 DECLARATION

- By entering for a race or races in the regatta, the person in charge of each boat confirms that they will comply with the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 14.2 If the person in charge will be under 18 years old on the first day of the regatta then a special disclaimer, available from the Regatta Centre, shall also be countersigned by a parent or guardian.

15 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS 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 unpredicatable 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;
- 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 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.

16 **INSURANCE**

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims including cover for racing in the sum of at least £2,000,000 sterling (or near equivalent in foreign currency).

By entering, entrants declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the regatta and agree to allow CWL, at its discretion, to pass on their contact details to third party insurers in the event of a possible insurance claim.

FERRY SERVICES

There are regular ferries to and from the Island, and even during the event there is no need to book as a foot passenger. However, if you plan to bring a car, remember that parking in Cowes is very limited and bookings for the car ferry are essential. Note that a discount of 10% is available on Red Funnel car ferry bookings made prior to the end of June. Contact the Regatta Centre for full details.

FERRY ROUTES							
Route	Ferry type	Operator					
Southampton-Cowes	Car & passenger ferry	Red Funnel					
Southampton-Cowes	Red Jet passenger service	Red Funnel					
Lymington-Cowes	Passenger service	Blue Funnel					
Portsmouth-Fishbourne	Car & passenger ferry	Wightlink					
Portsmouth-Ryde	Fast Cat passenger service	Wightlink					
Southsea-Ryde	Hovercraft passenger service	Hovertravel					
Lymington-Yarmouth	Car & passenger ferry	Wightlink					

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Wightlink

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Hovertravel

Telephone: +44 (0)8434 87 88 87 **Web**: www.hovertravel.co.uk

TRAVEL FROM OVERSEAS

For overseas visitors, the nearest airports are Southampton or Bournemouth (Hurn), with London airports within easy reach by taxi or train.



BERTHING

Berthing in Cowes during the regatta is in high demand and should be arranged as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Some of the main marinas offer an early-bird discount for bookings. More detail is available on the mooring page of the event website (www. cowesweek.co.uk).

One-design classes should contact their class secretary as berthing is arranged on a fleet basis in many cases. For other classes, the main berthing providers are:

East Cowes Marina

Telephone: +44 (0)1983 293 983 Email: sales@eastcowesmarina.co.uk

Cowes Harbour Commission

(Moorings & Trots, Shepards Wharf Marina and Venture Quays)

Telephone: +44 (0)1983 297 821 **Email**: shepards.chc@cowes.co.uk

Cowes Yacht Haven

Telephone: +44 (0)1983 299 975 Email: info@cowesyachthaven.com

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is at a premium during the event, so if you haven't done so already, we suggest you book up as soon as possible.

The following agencies and hotels can help with your enquiries:

Quay Management

Telephone: +44 (0)7773 339 730 Web: www.quaymanagement.co.uk

Regattalets

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