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WELCOME

FROM PHIL HAGEN - REGATTA DIRECTOR

In putting together this Advanced Notice of Regatta for 2017, I can't help but reflect on my first year as Regatta Director. There is no doubt good weather makes all the difference and I think the term Champagne sailing is really very appropriate for Cowes Week 2016. I now have the pleasure of looking forward to 2017, and whilst we can't guarantee the same weather, I hope you will join us again in making it another Cowes Week to remember.

This Advance Notice is intended to give enough information to enable competitors to enter the regatta. Some information is not known at the time of publication and a full Notice of Regatta (NoR) will be published in due course. Please note the regatta is back to its usual earlier time in the month again and will run from Saturday 29 July to Saturday 5 August.

The NoR will be sent to all competitors who have entered using this Advance Notice. If there is anything of significance which changes the terms of the implied contract between Cowes Week Limited (CWL) and a boat which has entered in good faith using this Advance Notice, the entrant will be able to cancel their entry within 30 days of receiving the NoR and receive a full refund of all fees already paid.

We were very fortunate to maintain such a high level of entries in 2016. With 2017 being a Fastnet year and the expected announcement of a new competition during the Week for maxis and superyachts, I look forward to seeing you all for what will undoubtedly be another exciting and enjoyable regatta.

Phil Hagen
Regatta Director, Cowes Week Limited

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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.

a. Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS), with Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions and as appropriate:

b. 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.

c. Class Rules for one-design entries, including crew limits (if any).

d. Fast 40+ class rules. Class rule A2.3 applies.

e. Island Sailing Club Rating System for Cruiser class.

f. *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.*

2.2 Safety regulations

2.2.1 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 21 July 2017.

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."

iii. Boats will not be required to carry a storm trysail nor need to be able to reef to 40% of their luff length.

2.2.2 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 2017 Safety Booklet.

2.2.3 All Boats

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

2.3 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing & Rating Rules

2.3.1 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).

2.3.2 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.

2.4 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 for 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 2017 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 25 July 2017.

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.

c. 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 11 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.

b. All other boats in Black Group one-design classes will race in the IRC class appropriate for their rating and must hold a valid 2017 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.

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.

TABLE 1: ENTRY FEES

Classes		'Early bird' discounted entry fee For entries and fees received before 00:00 on Tuesday 30 May		Standard entry fee For entries and fees received from 00:00 on Tuesday 30 May until 12:00 on Friday 21 July		Late entry fee For entries and fees received after 12:00 on Friday 21 July	
		Whole Regatta	Daily entry	Whole Regatta	Daily entry	Whole Regatta	Daily entry
WHITE GROUP	Squib and Flying Fifteen	£231	£53	£289	£66	£347	£80
	SB20 and J/70 short series Sat-Tue (see Table 3)	£231	-	£289	-	£347	-
	SB20 and J/70 all week	£375	£71	£469	£89	£563	£107
	All other WG classes	£315	£71	£394	£89	£473	£107
BLACK GROUP	Less than 9m LOA	£335	£77	£419	£96	£503	£116
	9m to under 13m LOA	£503	£118	£628	£148	£754	£177
	13m and above LOA	£670	£154	£838	£193	£1005	£231

Saturday 5 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 £44 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.

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 26 July 2017 must be made in person at the Regatta Centre.

4.3 Entry Cancellation and Refunds

If written cancellation of entry is received at the Regatta Centre by 1700 on Wednesday 26 July, 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.

5.5 A mobile telephone will be required to download and run the CWL tracking app durring racing. The tracking app only displays a latitude and longitude, and provides no navigational or tactical advantage. In exceptional circumstances dispensation may be granted on request.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Website from early July 2017 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 27 July.

7.3 Skippers' briefings

There will be skippers' briefings in the Cowes Yacht Haven Events Centre during the evening of Friday 28 July (1730 for White Group and 1830 for Black Group).

It is strongly recommended that one or two people from each boat attend the appropriate briefing. It is also intended to release an online video version of the skippers' briefing durring the preceeding week.

8 RACING SCHEDULE

8.1 It is intended that all classes, as detailed in Tables 2 & 3, will have one race scheduled per day from Saturday 29 July to Saturday 5 August, except as follows:

a. Sunsail Match First 40, RS Elite, Solent Sunbeam and Victory: Saturday 29 July to Friday 4 August 2017.

b. Contessa 32, Sigma 33, J/109, Quarter Ton, and Fast 40+: Saturday 29 July to Friday 4 August. Additionally, these boats may race on Saturday 5 August within the appropriate rated fleet (see Table 2).

c. SB20s and J/70s each have two series. The first is from Saturday 29 July to Tuesday 1 August with two scheduled races a day from Saturday to Monday and one race on Tuesday. The second series is from Saturday 29 July to Saturday 5 August with one race a day from Tuesday onwards.

d. Class associations may request changes to this proposed schedule, which will be considered by CWL at its absolute discretion.

8.2 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.

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.

9.2 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%.

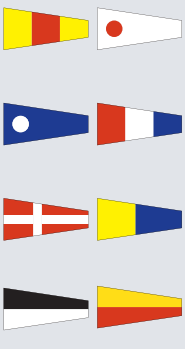
TABLE 2 : BLACK GROUP CLASSES	
CLASS & FLAG	**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**
CONTESSA 32 G	A1. Boats shall comply with the Contessa 32 class rules. A2. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate Cruiser class and shall have a valid 2017 ISCRS rating.
FAST 40+ FAST 40+ FLAG	B1. Boats 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 2017 IRC rating. B3. 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 2017 IRC rating. C4. The J/109 class association has modified the class crew limit for Cowes Week to 10 crew with no weight limit.
QUARTER TON A	D1. Boats shall comply with Quarter Ton class rules. D2. Boats race for their overall points series from Saturday to Friday, and shall have a valid 2017 IRC rating. D3. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class.
SIGMA 33 NN7	E1. Boats race level for their overall ponts series from Saturday to Friday and shall comply with their class rules. E2. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class and shall have a valid 2017 IRC rating.
SUNSAIL MATCH FIRST 40 SUNSAIL FLAG	F1. Boats shall be part of the fleet owned and managed by Sunsail UK. F2. Sunsail UK will manage all aspects of entry direct with CWL. F3. The overall points series will be from Saturday to Friday with one race per day. There will not be racing on Saturday 5 August.
IRC CLASSES 0-7  NP0 - NP7	G1. Boats shall have a valid 2017 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. G2. IRC class splits will be made according to entries received and will be confirmed by 1700 on Sunday 23 July 2017. Draft class splits may be posted on the Official Website general forum approximately one week earlier in order to allow comment from competitors. G3. 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. G4. There will be one race per day from Saturday 29 July to Saturday 5 August. G5. The overall points series for IRC classes will run from Saturday to Friday.
CRUISER CLASS (using ISCRS) COLOURED FLAG supplied at registration	H1. Boats shall have a valid 2017 rating issued by the Island Sailing Club (this is free). H2. 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. H3. The class may be split into two or more divisions depending on entry numbers. H4. Boats racing in the Cruiser class will not be eligible for the overall Black Group Trophy.

TABLE 3 : WHITE GROUP CLASSES	
CLASS	**FLAG**
The following classes have overall points series from Saturday 29 July to Saturday 5 August with one race a day.	
DARING	O
DRAGON	D
ETCHELLS	E
FLYING FIFTEEN	NN6
REDWING	R
SEAVIEW MERMAID	NP9
SONAR	T
SPORTSBOAT	NN3
SQUIB	NN9
SWALLOW	K
XOD	W
The following classes have one race per day from Saturday 29 July to Saturday 5 August but with their points series finishing on Friday .	
J/80	H
The following classes have overall points series from Saturday 29 July to Friday 4 August with one race a day with no racing on Saturday 5 August.	
RS ELITE	NN4
SOLENT SUNBEAM	V
VICTORY	F
The SB20 and J/70 classes each have two series. The first is from Saturday 29 July to Tuesday 1 August with two scheduled races a day from Saturday to Monday, and one on Tuesday. The second series is from Saturday 29 July to Saturday 5 August with one race a day for the second part of the week.	
SB20	NN2
J/70	J

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 21 July 2017.

9.5 Boats may not carry or display advertising other than official event sponsor decals on the forward 20% of their hulls.

9.6 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. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

b. Scoring and abbreviations will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A unless amended below or in the Sailing Instructions.

c. For trophies and prizes awarded by CWL:

i. For one-design classes in both Black and White Groups, the races to count for a boat's series score will be determined by the relevant class association. Details will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

ii. For all other Black Group classes, the series will run from Saturday 29 July to Friday 4 August. When six or seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When five or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

iii. For the Sportsboat class, the series will run from Saturday 29 July to Saturday 5 August. When eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. When six or seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When five or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

d. *It should be noted that trophies awarded by individual class associations may use a different system of races and discards as may be determined by the class.*

10.2 Cross-class points series

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 29 July to Friday 4 August will be used.

c. Races that are abandoned will be scored in accordance with RRS A10(a) for the boat in question.

d. Boats that have completed fewer than five races will not be eligible for the series.

e. A boat's series score will 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 achieving a particular position in a larger fleet).

f. The Class Weighting Factor for each boat will 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 28 July).

10.3 Additional results listing

One-designs and/or specific types of boat racing within the rated classes may be given additional daily results listings and overall points series (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

11.1 **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. Where a class has more than one race in a day, a prize will be awarded for each race. Any daily prizes not collected by 1700 on Friday 2 September may be disposed of by CWL as it sees fit.

11.2 **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 Official Programme.

11.3 **Overall class trophies** will be awarded to the first three boats in each of the Individual Overall Class points series described in clause 10.1.a.

11.4 **Overall Black Group and Overall White Group trophies**
To be eligible for the Overall Black or White Group Trophy, boats must have won a class that is included in Tables 2 or 3 as appropriate (excluding the Cruiser class which is not eligible for the Black Group Overall trophy), for which at least five valid races were completed and in which there were at least ten boats entered for at least five races as at 1800 on Friday 28 July. Scoring will be as described in clause 10.2.

11.5 **The Cowes Week Overall Winner Trophy** will be awarded to the Overall Black or White Group Trophy winner with the lowest points score in accordance with clause 10.2.

11.6 **The Young Skipper's Trophy** will be awarded to the top skipper in any class who is under 25 years on Saturday 5 August 2017. The skipper must have registered prior to the first race sailed. Scoring will be as described in clause 10.2.

11.7 **The Under 25 Trophy** will be awarded to the best performing boat in any class whose crew are all under 25 years on Saturday 5 August 2017. Boats must have registered prior to the first race sailed. Scoring will be as described in clause 10.2.

11.8 **The Nautor's Swan Trophy** will be awarded to the top Nautor's Swan sailing in an IRC class, using average corrected speed calculated using IRC ratings in each day's racing from Saturday 29 July to Friday 4 August, and using the same points system as for individual classes

11.9 **The Edmund Whelan Celebration Trophy** will be awarded to the top performing bona fide skippered sailing-school or charter-company boat (not bare-boat) racing under IRC, using average corrected speed calculated using IRC ratings in each day's racing from Saturday 29 July to Friday 4 August, and using the same points system as for individual classes.

11.10 **The Royal Southern Ariel Trophy** will be awarded to the boat with the best result on Tuesday 1 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 by registering at the Regatta Office before 1800 on Monday 31 July. In the event of a tie, the boat racing in the class with the largest number of finishers will win. If there is still a tie, the trophy will be shared.

11.11 **The Sailing Today Cruiser Trophy** will be awarded to the Overall Winner of the Cruiser class on the final Saturday.

11.12 **The Bridgestone Tyres Trophy** will be awarded to the overall winner of the J/109 class.

11.13 **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.

11.14 **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).

11.15 **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.

11.16 **CCC 50th Anniversary Team Trophy**

a. Teams of three boats nominated by any club recognised by a World Sailing national authority will be eligible.

b. Clubs may nominate up to two teams.

c. Boats may race for only one team.

d. Boats may be from any class or combination of classes (Black or White Group).

e. Each boat's score will be calculated in accordance with clause 10.2.

f. The winner will be the team with the lowest aggregate score.

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.*

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. Sail numbers should be in suitable contrast to the sail as to be visible to the race committee.

12.4 Sail number dodgers

a. 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. These will be listed in Table 2 in the main Notice of Regatta (except for boats racing in these classes only on the final Saturday).

b. The numerals / letters shall be displayed in both the port and starboard lifelines, so as to be clearly visible by the race committee at all times. Each letter or numeral shall be black or dark blue on a white background and shall be at least 300mm high (available from CWL).

c. Alternatively, equivalent sized class-distinguishing numerals or letters may be displayed on both sides of the hull, forward of the shrouds, 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 at all times while racing.

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

13.1 White Group courses will be located in the central Solent area as further defined in the Sailing Instructions.

13.2 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

14.1 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, and downloadable from the website, shall also be countersigned by a parent or guardian. This should be returned to the Regatta Office no later than 1700 on Friday 21 July 2017.

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;

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 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 £3,000,000 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.