NOTICE OF REGATTA

2-9 AUGUST 2014

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Join us in Cowes this August for exciting, challenging and above all enjoyable racing in the unique waters of the Solent at Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week 2014. We look forward to welcoming regular entrants and we particularly want to encourage first timers and younger crews to join us and share in the unique Cowes Week experience. This year’s Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week takes place from 2 – 9 August and it’s going to be a particularly special year of celebrations for lots of reasons!

2014 marks the 50th Anniversary of Cowes Combined Clubs running the racing at our 188 year old regatta in a fully co-ordinated way. The event has evolved enormously in that time and we look forward to continuing to serve all of you in the best possible way into the next 50 years and beyond.

In addition, the Quarter Ton Class is celebrating the 10th year of its reformation, the Victory Class is celebrating its 80th anniversary, and this year also marks the 125th anniversary of one of our member clubs, the Island Sailing Club. More details can be found on p4.

Following the popularity of the super early bird entry period introduced for the first time last year, we opened entries immediately after the 2013 regatta and are delighted that over 100 of you have signed-up to race with us already. In particular, congratulations to those who had entered before the end of 2013 and were drawn as winners in our prize draw (see p5).

We continue with our efforts to improve the regatta in line with your feedback so please do keep letting us know what’s important to you; it’s your regatta. We love hearing from you so contact the team at any time with your questions, feedback and suggestions.

Put our dates in your diary, enter as soon as possible and we look forward to seeing you 2-9 August.

Peter Dickson
Chairman, Cowes Limited

On behalf of everyone at Aberdeen Asset Management, we are delighted to have renewed our sponsorship and to now be in our fourth year of supporting the world’s premier sailing regatta. Sailing has become a sport with which our clients now associate us and our company values of teamwork, diligence and dedication are displayed by the crews who participate in Cowes Week.

Last year’s regatta was hailed by many as one of the “best ever”, with entry and visitor numbers up, there really was an infectious buzz around Cowes. We had fantastic feedback from competitors, spectators and the local community, as well as our own employees and guests who experienced the event.

This summer we look forward to greeting first timers to Cowes Week and welcoming back familiar faces. Highlights are sure to come from the huge variety of classes, competitors and nationalities represented and we hope that Ladies Day continues to grow in momentum. As ever, we hope that our long-term commitment to Cowes Week will help to evolve the event for competitors, old and new, by creating value and by delivering a rewarding experience both on and off the water.

The Aberdeen Asset Management Under 25 Trophy is an initiative we are very proud of at Aberdeen, so I am pleased to announce that this year we will be increasing our support to the first 20 crews to enter the regatta. We hope that by backing young crews in this way it will continue to encourage more young sailors to enter the event and compete for the title.

Finally, I would like wish you all the best in 2014 and hope that this year’s Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week will be enjoyable and memorable for all. Your continued support of the event is hugely appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you in Cowes in August.

Martin Gilbert
CEO, Aberdeen Asset Management
Changes to the racing programme for this year’s regatta

As usual, CWL has listened to the feedback from last year and will be incorporating a number of changes to further enhance the racing. Some of these are still being considered but others are already confirmed and are explained below.

**IRC Classes**

We are increasing the number of IRC classes by one to further reduce the rating bands and to ensure that racing is as good and tight as possible. Following comment last year, we will be publishing provisional rating splits on the website around the 21 July and will confirm these on 27 July. This will enable CWL to take into account views on the rating splits before they are confirmed.

**Outer harbour breakwater**

As many of you are already aware, there is a plan underway to establish a new ‘Outer Harbour Breakwater’ over the next 18 months. Details of this can be found on the Cowes Harbour Commission website at www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk.

During the construction phase, there will be an exclusion area protecting the breakwater and preventing boats from being damaged. This will create some restrictions close to the RYS start line, and in order to minimise problems, it has been decided to provide more flexibility in allocating classes to start lines.

**J/111 European Championships**

CWL is delighted that the ISAF recognised J/111 class has chosen Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week for its inaugural European Championship.

The class is expecting a strong international fleet of around 20 boats and racing is bound to be very close. The J/111 fleet will race under strict one-design rules, including the crew weight limit. There will be 6 races scheduled for the first four days of racing and a special prize-giving will be held on the evening of Tuesday 5 August.

Those wishing to race for the remainder of the week will be amalgamated into the appropriate IRC class and will therefore require a 2014 IRC rating.

On days when the dayboats in White Group need to be sent east and the tide is west going, White Group may be started either from the Shrape line or the Bramble line instead of from the RYS. On these days, Black Group boats will be started on the RYS line to the west. Careful consideration has been given to safety factors, and for this reason, Black Group will only ever be started on the relatively short (450 metres) RYS line if going downtide, thus avoiding any tendency for boats to head inshore along the Green.

**White Group races**

The two-races-a-day format for the SB20 and J/70 classes at the start of the week proved very popular last year, as did a committee boat start for classes who requested it. Both initiatives will be continued in 2014. However, following feedback, especially from the XOD class, there will be one or two changes. In particular, all White Group committee boat starts will be scheduled rather than being an option to be decided on the day, and when the SB20 and J/70 fleets are having two races a day, both of these will start from the committee boat line. This should make planning simpler for these classes and will have the benefit of shortening the start sequence for the rest of White Group.

The XOD class will still have the option of an RYS or committee boat start on most days, but their scheduled start time on the committee boat line will be around 11:30 so that they start before the second race for the SB20s and J/70s. At the class’s request, they will also revert to standard rules for dealing with boats that are OCS at the start.

**Early Bird bonuses**

Each year CWL works hard to ensure that the costs of taking part in the regatta are kept as low as possible.

As a result of these efforts, early-bird discounts are now available until midnight on Monday 26 May for entry fees, berthing in Cowes, the cost of getting to the Island with Red Funnel, and Cowes accommodation bookings if made through Quay Management or Regattalets. In particular, East Cowes Marina has introduced a new, flexible pricing structure for those racing in this year’s regatta. See the event website for details.

To benefit from the 10% discount on Red Funnel vehicle crossings from Southampton, you will need to provide Red Funnel with a promotional code which is available from the Regatta Centre. The discount applies to travel between 31 July and 12 August 2014 for a car, small van (under 2m high) or minibus and up to 7 people.
UKSA is the new official event charity

CWL and Aberdeen Asset Management have announced the selection of UKSA as the official event charity for Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week for the next two years.

UKSA has a range of exciting activities planned for the regatta, designed to promote inclusivity for all. They will also help show that sailing is more than just a hobby and is a catalyst that transforms people’s lives.

Encouraging youth participation will play a vital part in the continued success and popularity of sailing events like Cowes Week. It therefore seems right to appoint a charity whose primary aim is to provide young people with opportunities in sailing and for whom Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week will provide the perfect platform. Further details on this new relationship will be announced in the near future. Visit www.uksa.org.

The commitment of Aberdeen Asset Management to providing sailing opportunities for the next generation is also demonstrated through their support of under 25 year-olds at the regatta. This highly successful youth initiative was introduced by Aberdeen in 2012, and having helped 10 crews aged 25 or under to participate in 2012, and 15 in 2013, Aberdeen’s support has been extended to 20 crews in 2014. Each crew will also receive Gill team sailing kit and have the chance to compete for the prestigious Under 25 Trophy. There are only a limited number of places still available, so if you are eligible and don’t want to miss out, enter soon!

IRC Limited Validity (LV) TCC

Following a successful trial in 2013, the GBR IRC Rule Authority (RORC Rating Office) is pleased to be continuing the Spinlock IRC Limited Validity (LV) TCC scheme for occasional racers from the UK.

LV TCCs are available at a reduced price to owners who only enter one or two IRC races a year. The LV TCC is not available to boats that hold a current valid certificate and is defined as “for use by a boat for a race or regatta (or part of) comprising races run over not more than 9 consecutive days including any lay days”. Boats are limited to holding two separate LV TCCs per year.

The cost of an LV TCC in 2014 will be £1.50 per metre LH plus £5.00 per day of validity. If an owner subsequently wishes to upgrade to a full IRC certificate, a discount will be applied to the application fee. Contact the Regatta Centre for more details.

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available for download from the event website in mid-July.

Please note that copies will not be posted in advance, but a waterproof set of the Sailing Instructions, plus the list of entries, laminated race chart and Racing Guide will be issued with the race registration packs from Thursday 31 July at 14:00 at the Regatta Centre.

Additional copies of the laminated race charts will be available from the Regatta Centre throughout the week for £10 (free if yours has delaminated and you bring it in for exchange). Information on shore-side events will be available on the event website from June.

Cowes Week protected by a trademark

Cowes Week Limited is delighted to have successfully secured trademark protection for the term “Cowes Week”.

This is a positive step forward for the regatta as it works to ensure that its strong brand, built up over the last 188 years, has a legal framework in place to prevent unwanted or inappropriate exploitation.

Please contact Michelle Warner at the Regatta Centre for more information on using the trademark. (michelle.warner@aamcowesweek.co.uk)

Save 20% on your entry fee!

If you’re one of our regular entrants and love Cowes Week as much as we do, you can earn a discount on your entry for any newcomers you attract to the event.

Last year we introduced a new scheme designed to attract newcomers to the event which a number of you took advantage of.

If you’ve entered Cowes Week within the last five years, we’ll once again offer you a 20% discount on this year’s entry fee against any new entries we receive that have been referred by you.

Terms and conditions apply of course, so contact the Regatta Centre for more information or see the event website for details of how to claim your discount.
A year of anniversaries

This year the Victory Class celebrates its 80th anniversary, the Quarter Ton Class marks the 10th year of its reformation, and Cowes Combined Clubs celebrate 50 years of co-ordinated race management at Cowes Week!

Victory Class

The Victory Class was formed in 1934 and has two fleets in Portsmouth and Gibraltar, with the latter being formed as a result of maritime connections between the two ports. The fleet is hoping to have representation from the Gibraltar fleet at Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week this year. The Victorys regularly race in Portsmouth with an active fleet of 14 to 16 boats taking part three days a week.

A number of special events have been organised to celebrate the 80th Anniversary, with a class dinner onboard HMS Victory on 27 June coinciding with a Portsmouth Regatta being held to celebrate the 80th anniversary.

During Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week a special anniversary cocktail party will take place at the Royal Yacht Squadron on Tuesday 5 August, and the class dinner will be held on Thursday 7 August at the Royal London Yacht Club. The class also plans to hold an exhibition race off the Green on Wednesday 6 August.

Quarter Ton Class

The Quarter Ton Class this year celebrates its 10th birthday since reforming. While there are more glamorous, more modern and undoubtedly more expensive classes, the Quarter Ton Class consistently provides spectacularly close racing which has led to its popularity and growth.

Requests for dispensation

Competitors have the ability to ask for dispensation from some requirements of the Notice of Regatta. It is vital that these requests are made in writing, as far ahead of the regatta as possible.

For Black Group boats that do not meet all of the requirements of the ISAF Special Regulations for Category 4 races - for example, in not having guardrails or the basic accommodation required - then it is possible to apply for specific dispensation for those areas in which they are unable to comply.

Most boats in both Black and White Groups are required to display title sponsor decals on both sides of the hull in the forward 20%. For boats that have some feature which makes this impossible or would mean there is a genuine risk of damage, then it is possible to apply for dispensation to fly a sponsor flag instead.

Clinker hulled boats are an obvious example, or a newly painted finish where damage to the paintwork is a risk (although so long as the decals are removed promptly after the regatta, even on a painted hull there is unlikely to be a problem).

In all cases, dispensation must be applied for in writing prior to the regatta (email is best) in order to allow proper consideration to be given to the request. The deadline for such requests is 17:00 on Friday 25 July. Competitors asking for dispensation at registration are likely to have their request refused at such a late stage.
Continued support of website initiatives

The live streaming and online photo sharing initiatives introduced in 2013 courtesy of Aberdeen Asset Management were very well received.

The live streaming attracted over 50,000 views and the photo sharing facility resulted in over 1,252 photos being uploaded by 86 different photographers. Thank you for all your positive feedback on these developments.

We’re pleased to confirm that both initiatives will be supported again in 2014 thanks to continued funding support from Aberdeen. This will enable fans worldwide to connect with the event, live and direct.

Fireworks

Thank you to everyone that provided support for the 2013 fireworks display. We hope you enjoyed it.

Cowes Fireworks Committee continue with their efforts to generate sufficient funds for the display each year with an aim to carry forward a small surplus towards the funding of the following year’s display. Your continued support is very much needed and valued.

If you enjoy the spectacular annual fireworks display, please make a donation with your entry, donate securely via Paypal on the event website, or contact the Regatta Centre for information on alternative ways to pay.

2014 Prize Draw winners

Entries for the 2014 regatta opened immediately after Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week 2013 and eligible entries received before midnight on the 31 December were entered into a draw to win an amazing suite of prizes.

The overall winner, Ian Wilson with Wilson Covers in the J/70 class, received a rebate on his entry fee, free berthing, use of a Volvo for a weekend, a 25L Gill dry bag for all the crew, Chatham Marine shoes for all the crew, and Laithwaite’s Champagne Brut Premier Cru Magnum NV.

This year, there were also three runner-up prizes. The first runner-up, Nick Fletcher with Widgeon in the Cruiser class, won a bar tab of £150 at the Spinnaker bar on Cowes Parade, a bottle of Mount Gay Extra Old Rum, an Icom handheld radio, and a copy of the Reeds Almanac (courtesy of Aberdeen Asset Management).

The second runner-up, David Biddle and Mike Brown with their Squib Corsair, received a bar tab of £100 at the main bar at Cowes Yacht Haven, a bottle of Mount Gay Extra Old Rum, and tickets to one of the Britannia Events’ Cowes Week Receptions in the Dream Yacht Charter Hospitality area.

The third runner-up, Aasmond Drolsum with Magic in IRC, received a bar tab of £75 at Shepards Wharf Marina, a bottle of Mount Gay Extra Old Rum, and a RIB ride for 2 with Solent Events.

Congratulations to all winners and good luck to everyone entering for the 2015 regatta before the end of this year. You’ve got to be in it to win it!

Our Sponsors

Our sponsors have introduced a range of benefits for competitors taking part at this year’s Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week.

Discounts with Gill

Gill, the regatta’s official technical clothing sponsor, is offering 20% off all Gill products available online at www.gillmarine.com. Simply enter COWES14 at the checkout to take advantage of the discount.

In addition, Gill is offering a free branding service (terms and conditions apply) on crew clothing. Give the Sales team a call on 0115 946 0844 to discuss your requirements.

Our relationship with Gill means they have an exclusive right to use the event logo on clothing. In addition, as ‘Cowes Week’ is now a trademark there are restrictions on its use. Please contact us for more details.

Volvo Car UK RYA Affinity Scheme

As part of Volvo Car UK’s ongoing support of British sailing, RYA members can benefit from exclusive savings on a wide range of brand new Volvo cars. For more details on the 2014 Affinity scheme, featuring the best savings to date, visit the member benefits page on the RYA website: www.rya.org.uk/go/volvo.

During Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week, the latest product range will be on display at Cowes Yacht Haven, including the all new Volvo V40 Cross Country, the rugged 5 door hatchback.

Discounts with Chatham too!

Official Footwear Sponsor, Chatham Marine, is offering a 20% online discount at www.chatham-marine.co.uk using the code: AAMCW20

A new relationship with Laithwaite’s CWL is delighted that Laithwaite’s Wine will join the event family of sponsors this year as the official wine and champagne sponsor. Plans are being finalised for this exciting new relationship and these will be announced soon. Watch this space!
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.

2.2 Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016 (RRS), with Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions to RRS 5, 67, 86.3, 88.2 and Appendix R; byelaws and general directions for the Port of Southampton, Portsmouth Harbour and Cowes Harbour; and as appropriate:

a. For boats racing under IRC, IRC Rules Parts A, B & C except that:
   i. For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5(d), this is a regatta run on consecutive days. This means that the sails on board while racing must remain the same throughout, including the spare mainsail (if any).
   ii. IRC Rule 21.1.5(e) shall not apply. During the regatta, may use up to two mainsails, changing from one to the other without restriction, so long as both are carried onboard while racing for the whole regatta.
   iii. With the permission of the IRC Rating Authority, IRC Rule 8.2 is modified to include GBR boats holding Limited Validity TCCs. For terms & conditions please see the downloadable document on the Official Website at www.aamcowesweek.co.uk.
   b. MOCRA Rating Rule for multihulls.
   c. ISCRS (Island Sailing Club Rating System) for cruisers.
   d. Class Rules for one-design entries, including crew limits (if any).

Copies of the relevant RYA prescriptions are available online at the Official Website and will be included with the Sailing Instructions. Copies of the Special Regulations are obtainable from the ISAF website at www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php.

2.3.2 White Group

a. Boats shall comply with their class safety regulations (if any) and with the current White Group Safety Regulations.
b. Boats shall carry a radio capable of receiving Cowes Radio broadcasts (FM 87.7MHz).

Copies of the White Group Safety Regulations are obtainable online at the Official Website and will be handed out at registration.

2.3.3 All boats

a. All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a radio capable of receiving Cowes Radio broadcasts (FM 87.7MHz).
b. Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring.

2.4 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 and in the Sailing Instructions. This changes RRS J1.2(1).

2.4.2 Alternative time penalties will apply to infringements of RRS Part 2 as detailed in the Sailing Instructions. A yellow flag will be required.

2.4.3 RRS Rule 55 (Disposal of trash)

a. Rule 55 is modified in that material used to band spinnakers shall not be considered to be trash for the purposes of this Rule.
b. Protests against alleged infringements of Rule 55 may be brought only by the Race Committee or Protest Committee.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The regatta is open to boats and classes listed in Tables 2 and 3, and to any other classes accepted by CWL.

3.2 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, 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.

3.3 One design boats

Boats in one-design classes listed in Tables 2 or 3 will not normally be permitted to race in a rated class (except J/111s from Wednesday 6 to Saturday 9 August and all other Black Group classes on Saturday 9 August). A request for dispensation from this rule must be made in writing and will be considered by CWL whose decision shall be final.

3.4 Sportsboats

Sportsboats shall have:

b. A maximum Hull Length (HL) of 8.50 metres.
c. A displacement to length ratio (DLR) of 160 or less.
3.5 Ratings and rating changes

3.5.1 Boats racing under IRC, ISCRS or MOCRA shall have a valid 2014 rating issued no later than 1700 on Tuesday 29 July. New ratings or changes to a rating will not be accepted after this time unless the change is:

a. Due to an error made by CWL, RORC, UNCL, ISC or MOCRA. In this case, the rating shall be corrected for all races.

b. As the result of a rating protest.

c. At the discretion of CWL with the agreement of RORC, UNCL, ISC or MOCRA as appropriate.

3.6 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 22 July. This alters IRC Rule 8.6.

Note that it can take considerable time for one of the rating authorities to process a rating and therefore early application is advised.

3.6.1 Rating system contacts:

a. For Cruiser class ISCRS ratings, contact CWL in the first instance.

b. For MOCRA ratings, contact Simon Forbes at simonforbes3@gmail.com.

c. For IRC ratings, contact the RORC Rating Office at www.rorcrating.com.

3.7 Crew numbers

3.7.1 Except as detailed below, there shall be no restrictions on crew numbers or crew changes during the regatta. IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply.

3.7.2 A boat sailing as a one-design shall comply with her class crew limitations, as modified by the class association for Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week if appropriate. Note that boats racing in the J/111 European Championship during the first four days of Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week shall comply with their class crew weight limits for these days but need not do so for the remainder of the week when racing within the IRC fleet. Boats in the Etchells class shall comply with the class crew weight limits.

3.7.3 As decided by the J/109 and Sigma 38 class associations, there will be a crew number limit for these classes during their points series instead of a crew weight limit. The crew number limit is 10 for both J/109s and Sigma 38s.

3.8 Crew details

3.8.1 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.

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Saturday 9 August - The entry fee 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 £30 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.

This year we’re continuing the scheme introduced in 2013 to attract newcomers to the event. If you’ve entered Cowes Week within the last five years, we’ll offer you a 20% discount on this year’s entry fee for any new entries we receive that have been referred by you. Terms and conditions apply, so contact the Regatta Centre for more information or see the event website for details of how to claim your discount.
3.8.2 Entrants are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the crew information provided to CWL is accurate.

3.8.3 Changes to crew details made during the regatta should be passed on to the emergency contact described in NoR 3.9.

3.9 Emergency contact
Prior to racing, each entrant is required to supply CWL with details of an emergency contact ashore who shall not be racing and who shall keep an accurate record of the details of all crew sailing on the boat on each day during the regatta.

4 ENTRY PROCEDURE

4.1 All entrants (except as detailed below) should enter online at the Official Website.

4.2 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.

4.3 Note that some basic information about the entry will be viewable on the Official Website and can be edited by the entrant.

4.4 Sunsail F40 entries will be completed by Sunsail UK.

4.5 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 30 July must be made in person at the Regatta Centre.

4.6 Entry Cancellation and Refunds
If written cancellation of entry is received at the Regatta Centre by 1700 on Friday 25 July, the whole fee less a £75 administration charge will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will only be made in exceptional circumstances.

4.7 Race Abandonment or Cancellation
In the event of a race or races 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.

It is highly recommended that telephones should use a UK based service provider (this ensures that at least 98.2% of competitors receive messages in a timely manner, whereas with non-UK service providers, it is far more likely that text messages will be delayed or not received at all).

5.2 The registered mobile telephone may also be used by competitors to declare at the end of each day’s racing.

5.3 If a registered telephone becomes unusable, a replacement telephone number may be registered at no cost, up to 1700 on the day before the new number is to be used.

5.4 Additional numbers for the receipt of courses (but not for declaring) may be registered for a fee of £10 per number.

6 REGISTRATION AND SKIPPERS’ BRIEFINGS

6.1 Sailing Instructions
The Sailing Instructions will be available for download from the Official Website from early July. A copy, printed on waterproof paper, will be given to all entrants at registration, but copies will not be posted.

6.2 Amendments
6.2.1 It is likely that there will be some amendments to the Notice of Regatta, Sailing Instructions and/or Schedule of Racing.

6.2.2 Changes to be included in Amendment Number 1 will be posted on the Official Website in draft form as items are identified. This amendment will become final at 1400 on Thursday 31 July when registration opens. The Sailing Instructions will include details of how any later amendments will be promulgated.

6.3 Registration
6.3.1 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.

6.3.2 Registration packs containing sponsor decals/pennants, class numerals (if ordered), Racing Guide, waterproof Sailing Instructions and any initial amendments to the NoR or Sailing Instructions will be available for collection from the Regatta Centre from 1400 on Thursday 31 July.

6.4 Skippers’ briefings
There will be skippers’ briefings in the Cowes Yacht Haven ‘Events Centre’ during the evening of Friday 1 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.

7 RACING SCHEDULE & OVERALL POINTS SERIES

7.1 The first start each day is scheduled for 1000 or later.

7.2 See Tables 2 and 3 for details of racing days and points series for each class.

7.3 The schedule of starts for all classes will be detailed on the Official Website from mid-July and in the Racing Guide and the Sailing Instructions.

8 ADVERTISING

8.1 Boats may carry advertising as allowed by the ISAF advertising code unless their class rules further restrict the advertising that may be carried.

8.2 Boats intending to carry advertising must indicate this on their entry form, together with the names of companies and/or products to be advertised.

8.3 As permitted by the ISAF 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%.

8.4 If there is a legitimate reason to believe that the carrying of decals would damage the hull then competitors may apply in writing by 1700 on Friday 25 July for dispensation from NoR 8.3.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. Any boat given such dispensation will instead be required to fly a sponsor pennant from their backstay.

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

8.6 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 PRIZES & SCORING SYSTEM

9.1 Trophies and prizes

a. Daily prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in all classes listed in Tables 2 & 3. Prize winners will have the option of either a small keeper prize (engraved glass) or a voucher from the regatta’s clothing partner, Gill. Daily prizes will be available for collection from the Regatta Centre.

b. Daily perpetual trophies will be awarded by the member clubs of Cowes Combined Clubs and by class associations. These trophies will be awarded at each club’s own prizegiving, in accordance with the trophy list for each day as detailed in the Racing Guide.

c. The following trophies will be awarded at the Aberdeen Asset Management Overall Prizegiving which will be held at the Cowes Yacht Haven Events Centre on Saturday 9 August:

i. Overall class trophies will be awarded to the first three boats in each class listed in Tables 2 & 3 except that the trophies for the J/111 class will be awarded at their European Championship prizegiving on Tuesday 5 August.

ii. The Aberdeen Asset Management Overall Winner Trophy will be awarded to the best performing boat at the regatta.

iii. Overall Black Group and Overall White Group Trophies will be awarded to the best performing boat in each of Black and White Groups.

iv. The Young Skipper’s Trophy will be awarded to the top skipper in any class who is under 25 years on Saturday 9 August 2014.

v. The Aberdeen Asset Management Under 25 Trophy will be awarded to the best performing boat (in any class) whose crew are all under 25 years on Saturday 9 August 2014.

vi. The Nautor’s Swan Trophy will be awarded to the top Nautor’s Swan sailing in an IRC class.

vii. The Royal Southern Ariel Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best result on the final Saturday 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 later).

viii. 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.

9.2 Scoring

Scoring for the award of CWL trophies will use a modified form of the RRS Appendix A low points system. This, together with the scoring for special trophies, will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9.3 Additional results listings

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.

10 BOAT IDENTIFICATION

10.1 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 obtained from CWL.

10.2 Class flags (see Tables 2 & 3) shall be displayed by all competitors unless specific dispensation has been given in writing by CWL. Class flags shall be of the following minimum sizes:

a. For White Group boats 20cm x 15cm.

b. For Black Group boats either 30cm x 23cm for rectangular flags or 61cm x 15cm for numeral pennants.

10.3 All Black Group boats are required to display a sail number on both sides of the hull in such a way as to be visible to the race committee at the start and finish.

10.4 IRC 0-7, Quarter Ton and Cruiser classes are also required to display class-distinguishing numerals or letters (except for boats racing in these classes only on the final Saturday). Each numeral shall be black or blue on a white background and shall be at least 300mm high (available from CWL).

10.5 Black Group boats that do not have guardrails fitted may apply in writing for dispensation from NoR 10.3 and 10.4 above. Boats granted such dispensation must still display their sail number on their mainsail (or by other means if no mainsail is carried).
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<td>A2. Boats race for their overall points series from Saturday to Friday.</td>
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<td>A3. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate Cruiser class and will be given a standard ISCRS Contessa 32 rating.</td>
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<td>First 40.7</td>
<td>NN8</td>
<td>B1. Boats shall have held a builder’s certificate stating the boat is a Beneteau First 40.7.</td>
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<td>B2. Boats shall have a valid 2014 IRC rating.</td>
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<td>B3. Boats race for their overall points series from Saturday to Friday.</td>
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<td>B4. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class.</td>
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<td>J/109</td>
<td>NN0</td>
<td>C1. Boats shall comply with J/109 class rules.</td>
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<td>C2. Boats race level for their overall points series from Saturday to Friday.</td>
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<td>C3. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class and shall have a valid 2014 IRC rating.</td>
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<td>C4. The J/109 class association has modified the class crew limit for Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week to 10 crew with no weight limit.</td>
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<td>J/111</td>
<td>NN5</td>
<td>D1. Boats shall comply with J/111 class rules.</td>
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<td>D2. Boats race level from Saturday to Tuesday during the class European Championships. There will be six races scheduled for the Championship with all races counting.</td>
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<td>D3. Boats racing from Wednesday to Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class and shall have a valid 2014 IRC rating. There will not be a J/111 points series for the whole week.</td>
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<td>D4. The J/111 class association will enforce the class crew weight limit for the European Championship but boats racing under IRC later in the week will not be required to comply with this limit.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Multihull</td>
<td>NP8</td>
<td>E1. Boats shall have a valid endorsed MOCRA certificate.</td>
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<td>E2. Hull Length (HL) shall be between 7.2 and 12.2 metres and ratings shall be between 1.130 and 1.600. CWL may grant dispensation to boats outside these limits at its sole discretion.</td>
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<td>E3. The overall Multihull points series will be from Saturday 2 to Saturday 9 August with one race per day.</td>
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<td>Quarter Ton</td>
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<td>F1. Boats shall comply with Quarter Ton class rules.</td>
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<td>F2. Boats shall display class distinguishing letter ‘T’ (see NoR 10.4).</td>
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<td>F3. Boats race for their overall points series from Saturday to Friday.</td>
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<td>F4. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class.</td>
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<td>Sigma 33</td>
<td>NN7</td>
<td>G1. Boats shall comply with Sigma 33 class rules.</td>
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<td>G2. Boats race level from Saturday to Friday.</td>
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<td>H1. Boats shall comply with Sigma 38 class rules.</td>
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| Sunsail   | Sunsail flag | J1. Boats shall be part of the fleet owned and managed by Sunsail UK.  
J2. Sunsail UK will manage all aspects of entry direct with CWL.  
J3. CWL shall charge an agreed race management fee for the Sunsail fleet.  
J4. The overall points series will be from Saturday 2 to Friday 8 August with one race per day. There will not be racing on Saturday 9 August. |
| IRC Classes 0 - 7 |            | K1. Boats shall have a valid 2014 IRC rating with a TCC over 0.700 and a hull length (HL) between 6.0 and 30.5m. CWL may grant dispensation to boats outside these limits at its sole discretion.  
K2. IRC class splits will be made according to entries received and will be confirmed by 1700 on Sunday 27 July. Draft class splits may be posted on the official website general forum approximately one week earlier in order to allow comment from competitors.  
K3. 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.  
K4. Boats shall display class numerals 0-7 as appropriate (see NoR 10.4).  
K5. There will be one race per day from Saturday 2 to Saturday 9 August.  
K6. The overall points series for IRC classes will run from Saturday 2 to Friday 8 August. |
| Cruiser Class | Coloured pennant (supplied at registration) | L1. Boats shall have a valid 2014 rating issued by the Island Sailing Club.  
L2. Boats must be in the same configuration, including sail choice, as on their rating application form.  
L3. Hull Length (HL) shall be between 7 and 14 metres inclusive. CWL reserves the right to accept boats outside this range at its sole discretion. Boats above 14 metres are encouraged to enter the IRC classes, remembering there is the option of a low cost IRC Limited Validity IRC Ratings (see NoR 2.2(a)iii.)  
L4. Boats must not have held an IRC certificate during 2014. This rule may be waived by CWL at its sole discretion.  
L5. At its sole discretion, CWL reserves the right to reject any entry which it believes is not a bona-fide cruiser or family cruiser-racer, or which does not conform to the spirit of a cruiser class.  
L6. Boats shall display class numeral 8 or 9 as appropriate (see NoR 10.4).  
L7. The fleet will be split into two classes depending on the entries received. This will be decided in July and final splits (if any) will be made by 1700 on Sunday 27 July.  
L8. Boats will not be eligible for the Overall Black Group Trophy. |
11 COURSES

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

11.2 Black Group courses will be located in the Solent and the approaches to the Isle of Wight (approximately Anvil Point to Nab Tower).

11.3 Full lists of marks will be included in the Sailing Instructions and will be available for download from the Official Website.

11.4 Admiralty Leisure small craft chart folio SC5600 (‘The Solent’) is recommended.

11.5 All boats will be issued with a laminated chartlet of the racing area, together with the marks to be used thereon. However, these are diagrammatic only and should not be used for navigation. If there is a discrepancy between the charted position of a mark and its stated latitude and longitude, the latter shall prevail.

12 DECLARATION

12.1 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.

12.2 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.

13 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 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.

14 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 an insurance claim.

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The following classes have overall points series from Saturday 2 to Friday 8 August with one race a day with no racing on Saturday 9 August.

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The SB20 and J/70 classes each have 2 points series. The first is from Saturday 2 to Tuesday 5 August with 2 scheduled races a day. The second is from Saturday 2 to Friday 8, with one race a day for the second part of the week. There will also be a race on the final Saturday.

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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 26 May. More information is available on p2. Contact the Regatta Centre for full details.

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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:

A Base Ashore
Telephone: +44 (0)1983 281891
Web: www.abaseashore.com

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

Regattalets*
Telephone: +44 (0)7747 811 203
Web: www.regattalets.com

Solentnightz
Telephone: +44 (0)1983 209 909
Web: www.solentnightz.co.uk

Grand Harbour Hotel (Southampton)
Telephone: +44 (0)2380 633 033
Web: www.grandharbourhotel.co.uk

* indicates that a discount may apply when booking with this agency prior to 26 May.

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 also offer an early-bird discount for bookings paid for before the 26 May.

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

Red Funnel
Telephone: +44 (0)845 155 2442
Web: www.redfunnel.co.uk

Wightlink
Telephone: +44 (0)2392 855 230
Web: www.wightlink.co.uk

Blue Funnel Cruises
Telephone: +44 (0)2380 223 278
Email: office@bluefunnel.co.uk

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.

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