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# WELCOME

FROM LAURENCE MEAD - REGATTA DIRECTOR, COWES WEEK LIMITED



Sitting here in Cowes on a November morning writing the Advance Notice of Regatta for 2020, it's impossible not to look out of the window and reflect on what was, in the end, a really amazing week's racing in 2019. After losing Saturday and some of Sunday to a 40 knot gale, the rest of the week was sailed in predominantly strong south-westerlies, but the smiles on people's faces after some of the amazing reaching legs were great to see. We had very good feedback on the racing from our competitor survey, so if you raced we hope you too enjoyed it, and if you didn't race we hope you will put Cowes Week 2020 into your calendar. Here's what you can look forward to.

Firstly, we will be running nine IRC classes, up from eight last year, as splitting class five into two classes (which we called A and B) worked really well. It enabled us to separate out lighter-weight asymmetric boats, and the feedback from competitors on this was excellent. Knowing that in advance means it makes sense to rename the classes Zero through Eight, but it won't make a huge difference to the IRC class rating bands in reality.

Secondly, we are splitting the cruiser division into two entirely separate entities, to be called Performance Cruisers (4 divisions as in 2019) and Club Cruisers. With luck the class names give the game away! We will be making racing available for what, in essence, are two entirely different types of boats and will be encouraging people to enter the right division based on their boat type. Modern cruising boats with bulb keels and epoxy construction deserve a class of their own, as do some of the more genuine cruisers, and the two will now be able to race separately. The new Club Cruiser division will also enable people who have not entered Cowes Week in the past to be able to do so, even if their boats really are set up for cruising most of the time.

We are delighted to be able to welcome back SailGP. It was amazing to watch these phenomenal boats racing right off the Green in 2019, and although it does mean some adaptations for Cowes Week, particularly in terms of where our races might finish on a light wind day, it is a pleasure to have SailGP racing at the Regatta. We hope you will enjoy watching them racing on Friday and Saturday (August 14th and 15th) over the last weekend of Cowes Week.

The second half of the week will also see the 44 Cup class racing at Cowes Week for the first time ever. These 44 footers (previously called the RC44 Class) are established as one of the world's leading yacht racing circuits and they are adding Cowes Week to their European tour this year. We are delighted to be able to welcome them to the Island.

We have had to increase the entry fees slightly this year but compared to other regatta entry fees we feel that for eight days of racing the regatta entry fee delivers excellent value for money.

We are aware that in the past it has been tradition to accept a day lost to poor wind conditions but our intention for 2020 is to make every effort to put on a second race to try to catch up on any missed racing, when conditions and time allows. It will not be possible to do it for all classes but we will make every effort to do so, and to rotate that second race around the classes so that everybody gets a chance to make up races lost to the weather. At this stage it is our intention that all of these races would start and finish off the RYS so we are not adding windward-leeward racing per se. Cowes Week is much more than a race round a short W/L course and we think it should remain so.

The prize giving will be on Friday (and we promise a bigger venue in 2020!) but don't forget we race the final Saturday (the 15th) for stand-alone trophies, with racing run in conjunction with the Cowes Town Regatta Committee, which dates back to 1869. A great chance to finish the week with combined classes adding to the fun factor.

We are working hard to make Cowes Week 2020 a fabulous week of regatta racing and socializing with friends and family, and we hope to be able to welcome you to the Island in August.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurence Mead'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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## 1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Cowes Week Limited (CWL).

## 2 RULES

2.1 Sentences in *italics* within this Advance 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 2017 – 2020 (RRS), with Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions, the Notice of Regatta 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).
- b. Class Rules for one-design entries, including crew limits (if any).
- c. Island Sailing Club Rating System for Cruiser classes.
- d. The MOCRA rating rule for the Multihull class.

*Copies of the relevant RYA prescriptions will be included with the Sailing Instructions, available online on Friday 3 July 2020. Online documents and information are available on the Official Website at [www.cowesweek.co.uk](http://www.cowesweek.co.uk).*

## 2.3 Safety regulations

2.3.1 Black Group and 44 Cup (see Tables 2 & 4)

Boats shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 Monohulls except that:

- a. 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 17:00 on Friday 31 July 2020.
- b. 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."
- c. Boats will not be required to carry a storm trysail nor need to be able to reef to 40% of their luff length.
- d. 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 09:00 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:
  - i. A marine band VHF transceiver.
  - ii. Visual means of attracting attention when in distress
  - iii. Equipment suitable for accepting a tow.

*Copies of the CWL Safety Regulations will be obtainable online at the Official Website at [www.cowesweek.co.uk](http://www.cowesweek.co.uk) or from CWL and will be included in the 2020 Safety Booklet.*

2.3.3 All Boats

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 the 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

2.5.1 Officials from the Race Committee may inspect boats at any time during the regatta.

2.5.2 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.

## 2.6 Tracking

For safety and race management purposes, boats shall carry and use CWL approved tracking devices, which shall be as follows:

- a. An AIS transponder. Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that the AIS device is switched on and transmitting at least once every 5 seconds; or
- b. A compatible mobile device running the Cowes Week competitor app. Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their boat has one or more such devices onboard and operating.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 It is intended that the regatta will be open to boats and classes listed in Tables 2, 3 and 4, subject to the eligibility requirements listed below and in those tables.

3.1.1 CWL reserves the right to:

- a. Combine the start of one class with another.
- b. Subdivide any class. *Black Group IRC and Performance 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 2020 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 Multihulls

3.4.1 Multihulls shall have:

- a. A valid 2020 MOCRA rating of between 1.190 and 1.650.
- b. A hull length (HL) between 7.2 metres and 10 metres.

3.4.2 Boats outside these limits may be accepted at the sole discretion of CWL.

#### 3.5 Ratings and rating changes

3.5.1 IRC, ISCRS and MOCRA

Boats racing under IRC, ISCRS or MOCRA shall have a valid rating issued no later than 17:00 on Tuesday 4 August 2020. Ratings may be obtained as follows:

- a. For IRC ratings in the UK, contact the RORC Rating Office at: [www.rorcrating.com](http://www.rorcrating.com)
- b. For ISCRS ratings, contact the Regatta Office in the first instance.
- c. For MOCRA ratings, contact the MOCRA rating website at: [www.mocrarating.org](http://www.mocrarating.org)

3.5.2 New ratings or changes to a rating will not be accepted after the time stated in 3.5.1 unless the change is:

- a. Due to an error made by CWL, RORC, UNCL MOCRA 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, MOCRA or ISC as appropriate.

3.5.3 Boats racing in Black Group 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 17:00 on Tuesday 21 July. This alters IRC Rule 8.6.

#### 3.6 Crew numbers

3.6.1 Except as detailed in clause 3.6.3, there shall be no restrictions on crew numbers or crew changes during the regatta.

3.6.2 IRC crew number limitations shall not apply.

3.6.3 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.

3.6.4 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.

#### 3.7 Crew List

3.7.1 Prior to the start of the regatta, every boat shall provide CWL with a completed Crew List using the online entry system on the Official Website. A boat shall not sail with a crew member who has not provided their personal and emergency contact details to CWL.

3.7.2 Entrants are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the crew information is accurate.

3.7.3 Changes to crew information made during the regatta should be notified to the emergency contact described in clause 3.8.

#### 3.8 Shorewatch

Prior to racing, each entrant is required to supply CWL with details of a Shorewatch person who shall keep an accurate record of the crew members sailing on the boat on each day. This contact information will only be used in the event of an emergency and will not be held by CWL after the conclusion of 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 to the Regatta Office, 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, and 44 Cup entries will be completed by the 44 Cup Secretariat.
- 4.1.5 Prospective competitors who have made payment of the correct fees in full will rank as an Entrant (see Table 1).

### 4.2 Late Entries

Late entries will be accepted until 17:00 on the day prior to a race so long as they are accompanied by the full entry fee. Entries after 17:00 on Wednesday 5 August 2020 must be made in person at the Regatta Office.

### 4.3 Entry Cancellation and Refunds

If written cancellation of entry is received at the Regatta Office by 17:00 on Wednesday 5 August 2020, 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.

TABLE 1: ENTRY FEES

CLASSES		'Super Early Bird' discounted entry fee For entries and fees PAID on or before Friday 17 Jan 2020		'Early Bird' discounted entry fee For entries and fees PAID on or before Friday 8 May 2020		Standard entry fee For entries and fees PAID on or before Friday 31 July 2020		Late entry fee For entries and fees PAID from Saturday 1 August 2020	
		Whole Regatta	Daily Entry	Whole Regatta	Daily Entry	Whole Regatta	Daily Entry	Whole Regatta	Daily Entry
WHITE GROUP	Squib, Flying Fifteen	£249	£52	£263	£55	£289	£61	£328	£69
	Redwing, Seaview Mermaid, Solent Sunbeam, Sonar, Victory, XOD	£306	£64	£323	£68	£355	£74	£403	£85
	Daring, Dragon, Etchells, J/70, Multihull, RS Elite, Sportsboat, SB20	£356	£75	£375	£79	£413	£87	£469	£98
BLACK GROUP	Less than 9m LOA	£356	£75	£375	£79	£413	£87	£469	£98
	9m to under 11m LOA	£542	£114	£570	£120	£627	£132	£713	£150
	11m to under 13m LOA	£602	£126	£634	£133	£697	£146	£792	£166
	13m and above LOA	£805	£169	£848	£178	£932	£196	£1059	£222

Saturday 15 August - Entry for racing on the final Saturday is included in the 'Whole Regatta' rates above.

Otherwise there is a £30 entry fee for this day, regardless of boat size.

Fees shown above are for all methods of payment.

TABLE 2 : BLACK GROUP CLASSES

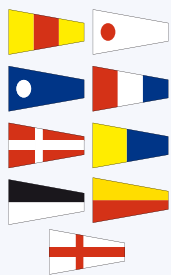











CLASS	FLAG	2A : RATED CLASSES : ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
IRC CLASSES 0 - 8	 NP0 - NP8	<p>A1. Boats shall have a valid 2020 IRC rating with a TCC of between 0.750 and 1.399, and a hull length (HL) between 6.0 and 24.0m. CWL may grant dispensation to boats outside these limits at its sole discretion.</p> <p>A2. IRC class splits will be made according to entries received and will be confirmed by 17:00 on Sunday 2 Aug 2020. Draft class splits may be posted on the Official Website general forum approximately one week earlier in order to allow comment from competitors.</p> <p>A3. 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.</p> <p>A4. Boats shall display class numerals 0 - 8 as appropriate (see 12.5).</p>
PERFORMANCE CRUISERS A - D	<p>Pink (A) </p> <p>Green (B) </p> <p>Light Blue (C) </p> <p>Dark Blue (D) </p>	<p>B1. Boats shall have a valid 2020 ISCRS rating issued by the Island Sailing Club (this is free).</p> <p>B2. Performance Cruisers with a hull length between 6m and 18m will be eligible. This class is for genuine cruiser/cruiser-racer boats. Boats considered to be performance racing boats are likely to be refused entry in this class and they should enter under IRC. The decision of CWL is final and not subject to appeal. CWL reserves the sole right to accept entries outside the size limits.</p> <p>B3. The class may be split into divisions depending on entry numbers (maximum 4). Performance Cruiser class splits will be made according to entries received and will be confirmed by 17:00 on Sunday 2 Aug 2020. Draft class splits may be posted on the Official Website general forum approximately one week earlier in order to allow comment from competitors.</p> <p>B4. Boats racing in the Performance Cruiser class will not be eligible for the overall Black Group Trophy.</p> <p>B5. Boats shall display class letters "A,B,C,D" as appropriate (see 12.5).</p>
CLUB CRUISERS	<p>White (E) </p>	<p>C1. Boats shall have a valid 2020 ISCRS rating issued by the Island Sailing Club (this is free).</p> <p>C2. Cruisers with a hull length between 8m and 12m will be eligible. This class is for genuine cruising boats. Boats considered to be racing boats or performance cruisers will be refused entry in this class and they should enter under the Performance Cruiser class. The decision of CWL is final and not subject to appeal. CWL reserves the sole right to accept entries outside the size limits.</p> <p>C3. Boats racing in the Club Cruiser class will not be eligible for the overall Black Group Trophy.</p> <p>C4. Boats shall display distinguishing letter E (see 12.5).</p>
GRP CLASSICS	<p>NNI </p>	<p>D1. Boats shall be from a production mould with a design date before the 31.12.1974 and shall have no modifications.</p> <p>D2. Boats shall have a valid 2020 ISCRS rating between 0.950 and 1.050. CWL reserves the sole right to accept entries outside these limits.</p> <p>D3. Boats shall display distinguishing letter M (see 12.5).</p>
CLASS	FLAG	2B : ONE-DESIGN CLASSES : ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
J/109	<p>NN0 </p>	<p>E1. Boats shall comply with J/109 class rules.</p> <p>E2. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class and shall have a valid 2020 IRC rating.</p> <p>E3. The J/109 class association has modified the class crew limit for Cowes Week to 10 crew with no weight limit.</p>
HP30	<p>NN8 </p>	<p>F1. Boats shall comply with the HP30 qualifying criteria and shall have a valid 2020 IRC rating</p> <p>F2. Boats shall display distinguishing letter "H" (see 12.5).</p>
QUARTER TON	<p>A </p>	<p>G1. Boats shall comply with the Quarter Ton class rules and shall have a valid 2020 IRC rating</p> <p>G2. Boats shall display distinguishing letter "T" (see 12.5).</p>
CONTESSA 32	<p>G </p>	<p>H1. Boats shall comply with the Contessa 32 class rules.</p> <p>H2. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate Performance Cruiser class and shall have a valid ISCRS 2020 rating.</p>
SUNSAIL MATCH FIRST 40	<p>Sunsail Flag </p>	<p>J1. Boats shall be part of the fleet owned and managed by Sunsail UK.</p> <p>J2. Sunsail UK will manage all aspects of entry direct with CWL.</p>

















TABLE 3 : WHITE GROUP CLASSES		
CLASS		FLAG
DARING	O	
DRAGON	D	
ETCHELLS	E	
FLYING FIFTEEN	NN6	
J/70	J	
MULTIHULL	NN5	
REDWING	R	
RS ELITE	NN4	
SB20	NN2	
SEAVIEW MERMAID	NP9	
SONAR	T	
SOLENT SUNBEAM	V	
SPORTSBOAT	NN3	
SQUIB	NN9	
VICTORY	F	
XOD	W	

TABLE 4 : 44 CUP	
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	
K1.	Boats shall be accredited and fully compliant members of the 44 Cup Class Association.
K2.	Boats shall display a class flag and distinguishing numeral which will be advised by the Secretariat.
K3.	Entries should be sent to the 44 Cup secretariat.

## 5 MOBILE TELEPHONES

- 5.1 In addition to the information sent on the Cowes Week App (see 2.6b), 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 19:30 on the day before the new number is to be used. *(Requests made after this time will be accommodated wherever possible).*

## 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Website from 3 July 2020 as a downloadable pdf file. A copy 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 will be available for collection from the Regatta Office from 14:00 on Thursday 6 August 2020.

### 7.3 Skippers' briefings

There will be a skippers' briefing for all classes in the Sugar Store at Shepards Marina at 18:00 on Friday 7 August. It is intended to hold a skippers' briefing for the 44 Cup competitors (details to be confirmed).

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

## 8 RACING SCHEDULE

- 8.1 It is intended that all classes, as detailed in Tables 2, 3 & 4, will have one race scheduled per day from Saturday 8 August to Saturday 15 August, except as follows:
- a. Sunsail Match First 40 will have one race scheduled per day from Saturday 8 August to Friday 14 August 2020.
  - b. J/109, HP30, Quarter Ton and Contessa 32 will have one race scheduled per day from Saturday 8 August to Friday 14 August and will race within the appropriate IRC / Performance Cruiser class on Saturday 15 August.
  - c. The J/70 class will have two series. The first is from Saturday 8 August to Tuesday 11 August with three races scheduled per day. The second series is from Saturday 8 August to Friday 14 August with one race scheduled per day from Wednesday onwards. An additional race is scheduled for Saturday 15 August.
  - d. The SB20 class will have two series. The first, the SB20 Grand Slam, is from Saturday 8 August to Tuesday 11 August with three races scheduled per day from Saturday to Monday and two races scheduled on Tuesday. The second, the SB20 Mini Slam, is from Wednesday 12 August to Friday 14 August with one race scheduled per day. An additional race is scheduled for Saturday 15 August.
  - e. The 44Cup will be a ten race series from Wednesday 12 August to Saturday 15 August.
- 8.2 The first Start Time each day will not be before 09:40 (see Sailing Instructions for details).

## 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 may be required to display official event sponsor advertising. CWL reserve the right to make alterations to images and footage to include the addition of "virtual" official sponsor branding.
- 9.4 Boats may not carry or display advertising on the forward 20% of their hulls.
- 9.5 No more than 5 boats in a class listed in Tables 2, 3 & 4, may carry advertising for the same organisation, person, product, service, brand or idea without the written permission of CWL. CWL reserves the right to refuse entry to any class of boat that contravenes this rule. *Any class considering accepting sponsorship that might be affected by this rule is advised to contact CWL as soon as possible.*

### 9.6 Use of Event-related still images and footage by CWL

CWL and, as authorized by CWL, its agents, sponsors, licensees and other 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

- 10.1.1 Overall points series will be run for each class listed in Tables 2, 3 and 4. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.1.2 Scoring and abbreviations will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A unless amended below or in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.1.3 For Rated Classes in the Black Group (Table 2A) the series will run from Saturday 8 August to Friday 14 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.
- 10.1.4 For White Group (Table 3) and other Black Group classes (Table 2B) the series will run from Saturday 8 August to Friday 14 August. The races to count for a boat's series score will be determined by CWL in conjunction with the relevant class associations. Class associations wishing to request specific scoring should apply in writing to the CWL Regatta Director.
- 10.1.5 For the 44Cup class (Table 4) the series will run from Wednesday 12 August to Saturday 15 August. The races to count for a boat's series score will be determined by CWL in conjunction with the class Secretariat.
- 10.1.6 All scoring details will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

*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 Black and White Group 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 8 August to Friday 14 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 18:00 on Friday 7 August).
- g. When more than one race is completed on a day, a boat's score for that day will be the average of the individual race scores.

### 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 the CWL Regatta Director.



## 11 TROPHIES & PRIZES

- 11.1 **Daily prizes** will be awarded to the first three boats in all classes listed in Tables 2 & 3. 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 17:00 on Friday 4 September 2020 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.
- 11.4 **Overall Black Group Trophy**  
To be eligible for the Overall Black Group Trophy and the Royal Naval Club and Royal Albert Yacht Club Trophy, boats must have won a class that is included in Table 2 (excluding the Performance Cruiser and Club Cruiser classes, which are not eligible for the Overall Black Group trophy), for which at least five valid races were completed and in which there were a minimum of ten boats entered for five or more races as at 18:00 on Friday 7 August. Scoring will be as described in clause 10.2.
- 11.5 **Overall White Group Trophy**  
To be eligible for the Overall White Group Trophy and the Queen Victoria Jubilee Cup, boats must have won a class that is included in Table 3, for which at least five valid races were completed and in which there were a minimum of ten boats entered for five or more races as at 18:00 on Friday 7 August. Scoring will be as described in clause 10.2.
- 11.6 **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.
- 11.7 **The Musto Young Skipper's Trophy** will be awarded to the top skipper in any Black or White Group class who is under 25 years on Saturday 8 August 2020. The skipper must have registered prior to the first race sailed. Scoring will be as described in clause 10.2.
- 11.8 **The Under 25 Trophy** will be awarded to the best performing boat in any Black or White Group class whose crew are all under 25 years on Saturday 8 August 2020. Boats must have registered prior to the first race sailed. Scoring will be as described in clause 10.2.
- 11.9 **The Nautor's Swan Trophy** will be awarded to the top Nautor's Swan sailing in IRC class 0 to 8, using average corrected speed calculated using IRC ratings in each day's racing from Saturday 8 August to Friday 14 August, and using the same points system as for individual classes.
- 11.10 **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 8 August to Friday 14 August, and using the same points system as for individual classes.
- 11.11 **The Best Female Helm Trophy** will be awarded to the Black or White Group boat with the best result on Ladies Day, Tuesday 11 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 18:00 on Monday 10 August. 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.
- 11.12 **The Best Female Crew Trophy** will be awarded to the Black or White Group boat with the best result on Ladies Day, Tuesday 11 August, with an all-female crew. 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 18:00 on Monday 10 August. 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.
- 11.13 **The Sailing Today Cruiser Trophy** will be awarded to the Overall Winner of the Cruiser class on the final Saturday.
- 11.14 **The Bridgestone Tyres Trophy** will be awarded to the overall winner of the J/109 class.
- 11.15 **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.
- 11.16 **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).
- 11.17 **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.
- 11.18 **The Newcomers Trophy** will be awarded to the most successful entrant in either Black or White Group who has not sailed at Cowes Week before, as decided by CWL.
- 11.19 **CCC 50th Anniversary Team Trophy**
- 11.19.1 Teams of three boats nominated by any National Authority or Club recognised by a World Sailing national authority or a National Authority will be eligible.
- 11.19.2 Each Club or National Authority may nominate one team.
- 11.19.3 Boats may race for only one team.
- 11.19.4 Boats may be from any Black or White Group class or combination of classes, but must include at least one boat from each of Black and White groups.
- 11.19.5 Each boat's score will be calculated in accordance with clause 10.2.
- 11.19.6 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. *Advice on where it is possible to purchase these items can be given by CWL on request.*

### 12.2 Class Flags

- 12.2.1 Class flags as shown in Tables 2 and 3 shall be displayed by all Black and White Group boats unless specific dispensation has been given in writing by CWL.
- 12.2.2 Class flags shall be of the following minimum sizes:
- For White Group boats 200mm x 150mm.
  - For Black Group boats either 300mm x 230mm for rectangular flags or 610mm x 150mm for numeral pennants.
- 12.2.3 Class flags shall be flown from the backstay, or if no backstay is fitted, from the leech of the mainsail, between 1.5 - 2.5m 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. Blue or Red sail numbers on black sails do not comply.

### 12.4 Sail number dodgers

- 12.4.1 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.
- 12.4.2 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.
- 12.4.3 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

- 12.5.1 IRC 0-8, Performance Cruisers, Club Cruisers, HP30 and Quarter Ton classes are additionally required to display class-distinguishing numerals or letters (except boats in these classes racing only on the last Saturday). See Table 2.
- 12.5.2 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).
- 12.5.3 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 The 44Cup courses will be located in the Solent and its approaches (approximately Anvil Point to Nab Tower).
- 13.4 Full lists of marks will be included in the Sailing Instructions and will be available for download from the Official Website.
- 13.5 It is intended that all boats will be issued with a 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 Office, 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 17:00 on Friday 24 July 2020.

## 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 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.
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefings held for the event.
- h. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face all weather conditions that might be experienced during the event, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

## 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.

## 17 RYA CHARTER

Competitors should note that Cowes Week Limited implement the RYA Racing Charter and that competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020) or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter).

## 18 PRIVACY STATEMENT

- 18.1 All of the information provided on your entry form, excluding your payment details, will be stored on CWL computers and those of our IT Partner, NGR, so that we can manage your entry to the regatta. Management includes assigning your boat to the correct class, checking your eligibility for sub-races and prizes, checking your boat's rating, sending necessary materials in the post to you, contacting you prior to the event to resolve any queries regarding your entry, contacting you during the event to inform you of messages, protests and other key information, allowing you to declare by SMS text message and providing printed and electronic lists that include your boat details (including sail number, name, hull colour, design and length) to our race management team.
- 18.2 A subset of your data will be stored on our website and made publicly available so that your fellow competitors and other visitors can see who has entered the event. This data will be limited to your boat details, the days of the regatta for which you have entered, the name which you have chosen to be publicly displayed (which may be your own name or another name) and any additional data you have provided about the Skipper or Boat for public viewing.
- 18.3 The same subset of data will be made available to the media covering the event, together with the town and country in which you live, so that they can include a regional element in their reporting. The media will not be provided with further address details and will only be given contact details where you have expressly indicated that you are happy to be interviewed.
- 18.4 We will use your contact details before, during and after the event to provide you with information about the regatta. You may opt out of these communications at any time, except that you may not opt-out of communications containing important safety or race management information about an event that you are currently entered for.
- 18.5 We will retain your personal data on our servers after the regatta to provide you with information about subsequent events and so that you can make an entry to an event without needing to re-enter all of the information. We will also retain the website data as a historic public record of your participation in the regatta. You may request to see the personal information that we hold about you at any time and/or request that such personal information is deleted.
- 18.6 Where you have expressly provided consent at the time of entry, we will make your email address available for a limited time to our official photographers, official sponsors, our official charity and other third parties so that they may contact you. Use of your email address in this way will be restricted to the period from the date of your entry to December 31st following the event. You may change your consent options at any time by contacting us.