

NORTH SAILS COWES WEEK 2026

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

NUMBER 2 - UPDATED

CLASS SPLITS

The allocation of boats to the IRC, Performance Cruiser and Club Cruiser classes is as follows:

1. IRC Classes

Class	Rating
IRC0	1.300 and above
IRC1	1.125 to 1.299 (except Landmark 43)
IRC2	1.065 to 1.124 and all Landmark 43
LMIS IRC3	1.020 to 1.064 (except J/88)
IRC4	All J/105, J/99, J/97, J/92, J/92S and J/88
IRC5	0.953 to 1.019 (except J/105, J/99, J/97, J/92, J/92S, J/88 and Half Ton)
IRC6	0.892 to 0.952 and all Quarter Ton and Half Ton
IRC7	0.891 and below (except Quarter Ton)

2. Performance Cruiser Classes

Class	Rating
A	828 and below
B	829 and above

3. Club Cruiser Classes

Class	Rating
C	915 and below
D	916 and above

BRITANNIA CUP AND NEW YORK YACHT CLUB CHALLENGE CUP

The races for the Queens Cup (Saturday), Britannia Cup (Wednesday) and New York Yacht Club Challenge Cup (Thursday) will include all boats in IRC0, IRC1 and Cape 31 who will sail the same course on those days.



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