

# ETCHELLS SPRING REGATTA

27–28 APRIL 2024



## ORGANISING AUTHORITY ROYAL LONDON YACHT CLUB

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and
- 1.2 [DP] the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).

This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the [IECA website](https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Approved_2023.07.25.pdf).  
([https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code\\_of\\_Conduct\\_Approved\\_2023.07.25.pdf](https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Approved_2023.07.25.pdf)).  
Competitors entering the regatta are confirming that they accept this Code of Conduct.
- 1.3 The RYA national prescriptions that apply are detailed in Addendum B.
- 1.4 [DP] International Etchells Association Class Rules apply.
- 1.5 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.
- 1.7 Bow numbers will be assigned by the organising authority (OA) and should be fixed to each participating boat prior to inspection. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the Regatta. Boats failing to follow these requirements are subject to protest only by the race committee (RC).

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the YachtScoring website on or before 19 April 2024. ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)).

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board (ONB) will be online at ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)) and the race office will be at the Royal London Yacht Club (RLYC).
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio capable of receiving all normal International VHF Channels. All VHF communication shall be on international VHF channels.
- 3.3 On the water the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 In addition to VHF communication, the RC may use a WhatsApp group to communicate with competitors and a “QR Code & Link” will be included in the SIs. Failure to receive information broadcast using WhatsApp will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 3.5 [DP] The use of mobile/cell phones, or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited during racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class, with a valid measurement certificate.

- 4.2 All boat owners or helms must be current members of the International Etchells Class Association as described by IECA rule 4. Information on how to join the Class can be found [on the Association website, https://etchellsukfleet.co.uk/shop/](https://etchellsukfleet.co.uk/shop/).
- 4.3 Please refer to Class Rules for category definitions for membership.
- 4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the Etchells Spring Regatta boats shall complete all registration requirements above and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Entries shall not be open to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality or a boat that is registered with or a member of the National Association in those countries. The OA may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £190 per boat.
- 5.2 The closing date for entries will be 24 April 2024.
- 5.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com), shall be submitted for crew under 18 years of age.

## 7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## 8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Not used.

## 9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The times shown in the table below are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time - BST). Indicative Tide Times are for High Water (HW) Portsmouth.

DAY HWP (BST)	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
<b>Day 1</b> <b>Saturday 27 April</b> <i>HW 0200 – 4.5m</i> <i>HW 1422 – 4.4m</i>	1000	1155	Briefing by WhatsApp Race 1 Race 2 asap Race 3 asap
<b>Day 2</b> <b>Sunday 28 April</b> <i>HW 0232 – 4.4m</i> <i>HW 1501 – 4.3m</i>	0900	1055	Briefing by WhatsApp Race 4 Race 5 asap Race 6 asap Followed by the prize-giving

- 9.2 A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed on a day in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons, provided that the programme does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 9.3 On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## **10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 10.2 After any measurement and until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without prior written permission given by the OA and posted on the ONB.
- 10.3 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## **11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

- 11.1 See Class Rules, available at <https://etchells.org/class/rules>.

## **12. VENUE**

- 12.1 Racing will take place from a committee vessel in the Central and Eastern Solent.
- 12.2 To indicate the general race area a local racing chartlet can be found in Addendum A.

## **13. COURSES**

- 13.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in the SIs.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This change is added to RRS 44.2.
- 14.3 Hearings will be in the RLYC asap after racing.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.

## **16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 16.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16.2 All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.

## **17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

- 17.1 Not used.

## **18. BERTHING**

- 18.1 Event berthing is the responsibility of each boat and is not included in the entry fee.

## **19. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 19.1 [DP] Boats shall not be launched, re-launched or hauled out after 1900 on Friday 26 April until the end of the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

## **20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 20.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the series.

20.2 [DP] No person shall undertake any swimming, underwater or diving activities of any kind within the harbour without a valid permit to dive from the Cowes Harbour Master or the manager of the marina they wish to dive at. This prohibited activity is legislated under Cowes Harbour Commission General Direction 4.4 & 4.5, available at <https://www.cowes.co.uk/safety-navigation/general-directions/>.

20.3 [DP] Competitors may at any time and within the existing marina regulations; scrub the hull using flossing, sponging or mechanical devices as long as no person enters the water.

## 21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1 Personal information provided to the OA will be used to facilitate participation in the event. If a person has agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the Events (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If a person is not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, the relevant national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2 Competitors automatically grant to the OA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

21.3 The RLYC Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of RLYC.

## 22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 Rule 3 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."

22.2 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 by the event organiser 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 competitor or safety briefing held for the event.

## 23. INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

## 24. PRIZES

24.1 The event prize giving will be held at Cowes Yacht Haven on Sunday 28 April as soon as possible after racing and any protest(s).

24.2 Prizes shall be awarded to the first boat in the series overall, as well as to the first boat in the "Youth" and "Corinthian" divisions.

24.2.1 A "Youth" boat is defined as one where all crew members are under 29 years of age on 01 January 2024.

24.2.2 A "Corinthian" boat is defined as a boat whose helm and crew are all World Sailing Sailor Categorisation Group 1.

24.3 The Etchells Spring Regatta Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of the event.

## 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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Tel: 01983 300727

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## NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

## SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

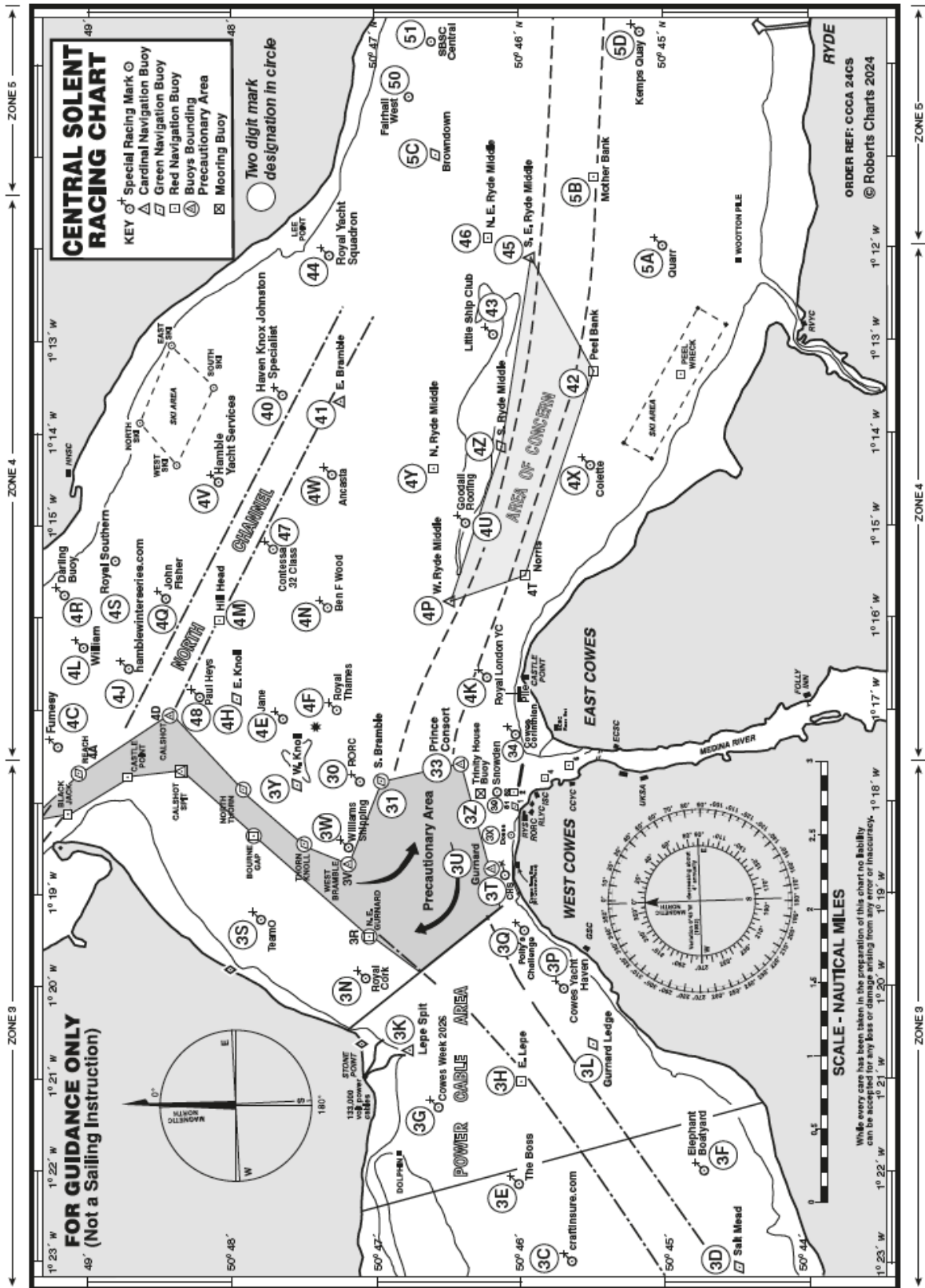
All competitors and friends are invited to the Royal London Yacht Club  
for a **two-course supper at 1930 on Saturday 27 April.**

**A cash bar will be open serving drinks from 1900.**

Further details, including supper price, will be posted on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).  
**Pre-booking for this event will be required by 1200 on Wednesday 24 April.**

**ADDENDUM A**

See below a chartlet of the Racing Area showing the Solent Two Character Codes.



All correspondence should be directed to:

The Royal London Yacht Club, The Parade, Cowes, UK, PO31 7QS. Tel: 01983 300727, Email: [sailing@rlyc.org.uk](mailto:sailing@rlyc.org.uk)

## **ADDENDUM B**

### **RYA prescriptions**

#### **Rule 4 Acceptance of the Rules**

Add new rule 4.6: Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Add new rule 4.7: The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

#### **Rule 6 Anti-Doping**

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the RYA Anti-Doping Rules, as published on the RYA website.

#### **Rule 40 Personal Flotation Devices**

When a rule requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them.

#### **Rule 67 Damages**

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

#### **Rule 70.5 Right of Appeal**

1. RYA approval is not required to deny the right of appeal under rule 70.5(a).
2. The RYA will not consider approving the denial of the right of appeal under rule 70.5(b) unless:
  - (a) the RYA decides there is good reason to approve. The cost of an international jury which would otherwise be appropriate for the event is not a good reason.
  - (b) the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
  - (c) application to the RYA is made no later than one month before the notice of race is to be issued. In exceptional circumstances, the RYA may consider a later application.A copy of the RYA letter of approval shall be displayed on the official notice board.
3. However, the denial of appeal shall not apply to a party to a hearing under rule 69.2, Misconduct, but the decision of the protest committee shall determine the results of the event.

#### **Rule 78 Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates**

Add new rule 78.3: The Race Committee or Technical Committee may inspect or measure any boat or personal equipment, at any time.

Terms in **bold** are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

### **86.3 Rule Changes**

An Organising Authority wishing to develop or test alternative racing rules, other than test rules approved by World Sailing, shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. An application form is available from the RYA. The notice of race shall include the approved alternative rules. The Organising Authority shall promptly report the results of the development or test to the RYA.

### **88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions**

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.