



Cowes Spring Classics Regatta
11th – 13th May 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club in conjunction with MSJ Events.

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with any class rules and world sailing regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the Organising Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to any wooden classic boat designed before 1970 including Cruisers and Cruiser Racers, Gaff Riggered yachts and Pilot Cutters, Day Boats and Raters, Classic Metre yachts plus Modern Spirit of Tradition Yachts.
- 3.2 Entry forms shall be completed and returned to: MSJ Events, Regatta House, 18 Bath Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7QN.
- 3.3 Subject to entries received, it is the Organising Authority's intention to sub-divide Classic Yachts and Modern Classics into various classes for racing.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The fees for the event are as follows:
Yachts under 9m LOD £180
Yachts 9m to under 12m LOD £240
Yachts 12m to under 15m LOD £300
Yachts 15m to under 18m LOD £360

Fees include two nights berthing at Shepards Wharf Marina (*Prices are inclusive of VAT*)

5 SCHEDULE

	Saturday 12 th May 2018	Sunday 13 th May 2018
HW Portsmouth	10:09 4.1m	10:46 4.3m
First Warning Signal	10:30	10:30

5.1 The event will consist of three races for all boats.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.2 The Standard Cowes Clubs and Classes Association 2018 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will apply with the exception to the timing and the number of races. These will be emailed to competitors and copies will be available from the Royal Ocean Racing Club, Cowes Clubhouse.

5 THE COURSES

5.1 Racing will be in the Solent from a shore based line using fixed marks.

6 PENALTIES

- 6.1 RRS 44.3 is changed in that a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing or that has broken RRS 31 shall take a **Scoring Penalty** instead of a One or Two Turns Penalty. The Scoring Penalty will be to add 2% of her elapsed time to her elapsed time, rounding the increased time to the nearest second. For example, the value 23.5 gets rounded to 24.
- 6.2 A boat taking a scoring penalty shall display a yellow flag in accordance with RRS 44.3 (a)

7 SCORING AND PRIZES

- 7.1 The low point system of Appendix A will apply.
- 7.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.3 Finishing places in all races will be determined using the handicapping system appropriate to each class.
- 7.4 An overall points series will be run for each class, and prizes will be awarded to the first three yachts in each of these series.
- 7.5 An overall regatta trophy will be awarded to one of the overall class winners using a system detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.6 Awards will be presented at the Prize Giving Reception to be held in the Sugar Store at Shepards Wharf Marina on Sunday 13 May 2018.

8 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 8.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 8.2 All yachts shall carry a VHF receiver, capable of receiving international VHF Channels. Instructions afloat will be issued on VHF, as indicated in the Sailing Instructions.

9 RISK STATEMENT

- 9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, the attention of persons in Charge is drawn to fundamental rule 4 '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 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, committee boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

10 INSURANCE

- 10.1 All Competitors shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.

11 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 11.1 For further information, please contact:

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Tel: +44 (0) 1983 295144 Email: racing@rorc.org

MSJ Events , Regatta House, 18 Bath Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7QN
Tel: +44 (0) 1983 245100 Email: mary@msjevents.co.uk

- 11.2 The Race Office will be will be at the Royal Ocean Racing Club, Clubhouse, The Parade, Cowes.
- 11.3 The event Regatta Office will be at The Sugar Store, Shepards Wharf Marina, Medina Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7HT