



COWES CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB
COWES SPRING CLASSICS REGATTA
30-31 May 2026
NOTICE OF RACE



ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by Cowes Corinthian Yachting Ltd t/a Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club (CCYC).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, save that:
- 1.2 RRS 44.3 is changed (see Penalties below)
- 1.3 RRS 63.7 is changed: If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

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 supplied by the organising authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to any classic boat designed before 1970 including Cruisers and Cruiser-Racers, Gaff-rigged yachts and Pilot Cutters, Day Boats and Raters, Classic Metre yachts and Modern Spirit of Tradition yachts. Entries will also be accepted, at the Organisers discretion, from boats of GRP construction designed before 1971 with classic styling and traditional long deep keels. Such yachts must race with white or cream sails (red or brown for gaffers) and will be eligible for class prizes but not for the overall Regatta Trophy.
- 3.2 *Bermudan rigged yachts shall have and shall comply with a 2026 IRC Rating and Gaff rigged yachts an OGA Rating.*
- 3.3 Entry forms shall be completed either online, or by downloading from the Cowes Spring Classics 2026 website: <https://cowesspringclassics.com/> and returned to: MSJ Events, Regatta House, 18 Bath Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7QN.
- 3.4 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 Entry Fees

Entry Fees for the event are as follows:

Yachts under 9m LOA	£295
Yachts 9m to under 12m LOA	£360
Yachts 12m to under 15m LOA	£440
Yachts 15m to under 18m LOA	£490
Yachts 18m to under 21m LOA	£545

Fees include two nights berthing at Shepards Marina (from midday Friday 29, Saturday 30

and up to 17:00 on Sunday 31 May). For boats that have their own berth or are dry-sailed a berthing discount will be given.

5 Schedule

- 5.1 Registration online and in person at the Event Regatta Office at Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club, Cowes, 29 May 2026.
- 5.2 The event will consist of four races for all boats.

All Times BST	Sat 30 May 2026	Sun 31 May 2026
High Water Portsmouth	11:49 4.27m	12:32 4.34m
First Warning Signal Races 1&3	10:30	10:00
First Warning Signal Races 2&4	ASAP thereafter	ASAP thereafter
Last Warning Signal	NA	Not later than 14:00

6 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be emailed to competitors and copies will be available from the Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club and from MSJ Events.

7 Courses

Courses will be in the central Solent from a Committee Boat line using fixed and laid marks.

8 Penalties

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 A boat taking a scoring penalty shall display a yellow flag in accordance with RRS 44.3(a)

9 Scoring

- 9.1 The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply. This regatta will be a no-discard series.
- 9.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 Finishing places in all races will be determined using the handicapping system appropriate to each class (IRC for Bermudan-rigged boats, OGA for gaffers).
- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 An overall regatta trophy will be awarded to one of the overall class winners using a system to be devised by MSJ Events.
- 9.6 Awards will be presented at the Prize Giving Reception to be held after racing at Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club on Sunday 31 May 2026.

10 Communication

- 10.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall make neither voice nor data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 10.2 All yachts shall carry a VHF receiver, capable of receiving international VHF Channels. Instructions afloat will be issued on VHF Ch 72 or 77, or as indicated in the Sailing Instructions. Boats are expected to monitor this race management channel at all times. Boats are reminded of the need for a Ship Radio Licence or Ship Portable Radio Licence as well as at least one Short-Range Certificate holder on board.

11 Risk statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 1 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;
- 2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 5 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;
- 6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 7 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 briefing held for the event;
- 8 They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; 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.

11.2 Supplementary Safety Requirements

- 1 All boats are required to carry one suitable personal flotation device for each person on board.
- 2 All boats shall carry at least one orange smoke flare in a position readily accessible to the helm.
- 3 All boats not covered by Class Rules shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B (inshore racing) Parts A and B.

12 Privacy

The Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR) will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of CCYC and MSJ Events event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.

13 Media

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and MSJ Events, 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.

14 Insurance

All Competitors shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing with a minimum third-party liability cover of £5 million.

15 Further information

For further information please contact:

Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club, 39 Birmingham Rd, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7AJ

Tel: +44 (0) 1983 296333 Email: racing@ccyc.org.uk

Or

MSJ Events, Regatta House, 18 Bath Rd, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7QN

Tel: +44 (0) 1983 245100 Email: mary@msjevents.co.uk

The Race Office and the Event Regatta Office during the regatta will be at the Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club Clubhouse, Birmingham Rd, Cowes.

Scan the QR code here to join our WhatsApp group for more information and to stay in touch with the event organisers:

