



STONEWAYS *VPRS*

National Championship 2023

Notice of Race

9th - 11th June 2023

The Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club - Isle of Wight

ORGANISING AUTHORITY - The organising authority is The Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club.

RULES - Racing will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021- 2024 (including the Racing Charter), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

REGULATIONS - World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Cat 4 shall apply.

ADVERTISING - Boats may carry advertising as allowed by the World Sailing advertising code.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY - The championship is open to boats carrying a valid 2023 VPRS racing certificate.

Racing will not take place with fewer than 6 entries, in which case entry fees will be refunded.

Entries will be accepted by completing the online entry available at:

www.vprs.org

www.pyra.org.uk

www.stoneways.co.uk

Or in writing to the VPRS Rating Office, 2 Ratcliffs Garden, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8HJ.

Entries must be made no later than Wednesday 31st May 2023 after which date entries may only be allowed at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority and may incur a financial penalty.

ENTRY FEE - The entry fee shall be £45.00

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RATINGS - Each boat must have an up-to-date VPRS rating certificate. Entrants must have a current rating certificate by Thursday 1st June. **Ratings are available by contacting the VPRS Rating office - vprs.org**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions will be published on the website, vprs.org and available at The Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club from 9th June 2023.

CLASSES- Dependent on entry numbers, competing boats may be divided into separate classes. This will be decided by rating bands, with splits to be confirmed.

COURSES - Racing will be in the Central Solent.

RACE PROGRAMME – Three races are scheduled to take place on Saturday, 10th June 2023, with a first warning signal not before 10:30 am. One longer distanced race is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 11th June 2023 with a first warning signal not before 10:30 am – for which double points will apply.

SCORING - One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. The Low Points scoring system will be used with the exception that RRS 90.3 is amended. There will be double points scored for a single race taking place on Sunday, 11th June 2023.

VHF RADIO & COMMUNICATION - All boats when racing shall carry an operational VHF radio. Radio communications with competitors will normally be by VHF radio Channel M2 (P4). In the event of this channel being blocked Channel M (37) may be used.

PRIZES for each class will be presented at the Prize Giving immediately following racing on Sunday, 11th June 2023 at The Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club.

RISK STATEMENT - Rule 4 of the RRS states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

INSURANCE - All boats are 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 (three million pounds sterling). By entering, entrants declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the championship.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

BERTHING – Competing boats requiring berths must make their own individual bookings. There are various options for berthing in Cowes and information can be found at www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/berthing_and_facilities

The Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club – All competitors may avail themselves of the facilities, kindly provided by The Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club, for the duration of the championships.

SOCIAL – Friday 9th June 2023 – A rendezvous is scheduled to take place at The Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club at 18:00. It includes the results for the PYRA feeder race from Poole to Cowes.

Saturday 10th June 2023 – A daily prizegiving is scheduled to take place at The Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club in the Marquee at 19:00. This will be followed by the VPRS Class Dinner for which separate booking will be required in advance at £25.00 per person (see entry form).

Sunday 11th June 2023 – An overall Championship prizegiving is scheduled to take place at The Cowes Corinthian Yacht club early afternoon in the Marquee.

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