



COWES CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

BOXING DAY SCRAMBLE 2024



Thursday 26th December 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 This is NOT a race. RRS do not apply but all other regulations relevant to marine traffic do apply, together with good practice and Corinthian ethos.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located at the entrance to the Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club and via WhatsApp, in a group set up specifically for this event.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 All signals including postponement or abandonment will be broadcast by VHF Channel 37A. No flag signals will be used.

5. Schedule of Event

- 5.1 Thursday 26th December 2024:

High Water Cowes	06:52 GMT 3.7m	Red Funnel Ferry arrives 10:00/11:30	departs 10:30/12:00
Warning Signal	10:55 GMT	(5-4-1-GO sequence)	

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 No Class Flags will be used.

7. Course

- 7.1 The course will be wholly within the River Medina and estuary and/or over the Shrape Mud.
7.2 If conditions dictate, the course may be changed, or the event transferred ashore, by the Organizing Committee prior to the start.
7.3 Boats and/or shore crews will need a hand-bearing compass.
7.4 The course will be announced over VHF Ch 37A (M1).

8. Areas that are Obstructions

- 8.1 Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.
8.2 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes Harbour fairway.
8.3 *Boats shall keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic.*
Note that the Chain Ferry is expected to be in operation and that it has priority over other traffic.

9. Registration of entrants

- 9.1 Prior to the start on the day of the event, boats are required to deposit with the Organising Committee (in writing or electronically) notice of their intention to compete, the boat name and sail number and the number of persons on board. Boats not so registered will not be eligible for prizes. Upon registration boats will receive a printed copy of the SI Appendix, Declaration Form and Question/Answer Sheet.

10. The Starting and Finishing Line

- 10.1 The starting and finishing line is between the CCYC Club flagpole and No 6 Harbour Buoy.
The Inner Distance Marker is Lallows fuel berth.

11. Individual Recalls

- 11.1 Sail Numbers of individually recalled boats may be broadcast on VHF as soon as practical. Failure to broadcast the sail numbers will not be grounds for redress.

12. Radio Communications

- 12.1 The Organizing Committee will communicate with competitors on VHF channel 37A (M1).
No flag signals will be used.

13. Retirements

- 13.1 Boats that have retired shall notify the Organizing Committee, on VHF Channel 37A and receive an acknowledgement at the earliest opportunity.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protests will not be entertained.

15. Scoring/Results

- 15.1 Boats will not be scored.

16. Prizes & Time Limit

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the boats returning the first three correct and complete Declarations with answer sheets to the Organizing Committee in the Club Bar before the Time Limit. The Organizing Committee's decision will be final.
The Time Limit for submitting Declarations/answer sheets is 13:00.

17. Risk Statement

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR LIFEJACKETS WHILE AFLOAT. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the boat without appeal.

In view of the time of year and water temperature, skippers are strongly recommended to consider carefully whether all on board can be safely carried.

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in an event or to continue 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:

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore.
- 17.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 17.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail at the event and they are fit to participate.
- 17.5 The provision of an event management team, committee boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 17.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 17.7 It is their responsibility to familiarize 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.

End of Sailing Instructions (but see Appendix when issued)