

QUARTER TON CUP 25-27 JUNE 2024

ORGANISING AUTHORITY ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON COWES

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Quarter Ton Cup (QTC) is governed by paragraphs 1.2-1.6 as listed below.
- 1.2 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3 [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).
- 1.4 The RYA national prescriptions that apply are detailed in Addendum B.
- 1.5 [DP] Quarter Ton Class Rules.
- 1.6 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at www.rys.org.uk by 1 June.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The ONB will be online at www.rys.org.uk and the Race Office will be at the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS).
- 3.2 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 In addition to VHF communication, the RC intend to use a Telegram group to communicate with competitors and a "QR code & Link" will be included in the SIs. Failure to receive information broadcast using Telegram will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, from the First Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Quarter Ton Class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to www.rys.org.uk by 2359 on 31 May 2024.
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority (OA) (see 5.2 below).
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall complete all entry requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Any boat that wishes to be eligible for the Corinthian Prize shall submit a written statement to the Race Committee no later than 1800 on 24 June 2024, unless this information has been included as part of the entry form, that all participating crew are amateurs.
- 4.6 For the purposes of clarification, they should conform to the World Sailing Competitor Categorisation description for Group 1. If no such statement is received, the boat shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Prize.
- 4.7 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 Organising Authority (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 £375 per boat, payable by 23.59 on 31 May 2024.
- 5.2 A late entry fee of an additional £50 will apply for entries made on or after 1 June 2024.
- 5.3 The entry fee includes Race Management and the Prizegiving.
- 5.4 Arrangements for the Opening Reception (24 June), Crew BBQ (25 June) and Class Dinner (26 June) will be posted on the ONB once the level of entries has been confirmed.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available on www.rys.org.uk 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 or the Class.

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.
- 9.2 The intention of the RC is to run up to eight (8) races over the three days of the Event.
- 9.3 A maximum of 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 two races ahead of schedule.
- 9.4 On the last day of the event, no Warning Signal will be made after 1400.

All correspondence should be directed to:

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DAY HWP (BST)	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday 24 June	1730		Registration	RYS Pavilion
	1800		Competitor Briefing	RYS Pavilion
	1830		Opening Reception	RYS Pavilion
Tuesday 25 June <i>HW 1450 4.4m</i>	0930		Briefing by VHF and Telegram	
		1055	Race 1	Committee Vessel
		1900	Race 2 and 3 ASAP on completion Crew BBQ	RYS Pavilion
Wednesday 26 June <i>HW 1539 4.45m</i>	0900		Briefing by VHF and Telegram	
		1025	Race 4	Committee Vessel
			Race 5 and 6 ASAP on completion	
	1830		Class meeting	RYS Pavilion
	1930		Class Dinner	RYS 'Castle'
Thursday 27 June <i>HW 1633 4.44m</i>	0900		Briefing by VHF and Telegram	
		1025	Race 7	Committee Vessel
			Race 8 ASAP on completion	
	ASAP after racing		Prizegiving	RYS Lawn

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 10.2 Prior measurements are not scheduled. All boats, sails and equipment shall be already measured. No damaged sail or equipment shall be substituted with another measured sail or equipment without the prior written permission from the Race Committee.
- 10.3 Each boat shall be in possession of a valid endorsed IRC Rating Certificate (to be presented to the event race office no later than 1800 24th June 2024).
- 10.4 There will be no official crew weigh-in. This changes Class Rule 5.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 See Class Rules.

12. VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel (CV) 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 RYS as soon as possible after racing.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than Six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When six (6) 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 Warning Signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or until the RC signals no more racing for the day.
- 16.2 All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.
- 16.3 Support person vessels shall be marked with a Class Flag.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 Class rules – Item 6 (ref owner helm) shall apply.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Event berthing is the responsibility of each boat and is not included in the entry fee.
- 18.2 Some berthing will be available in the RYS Haven at a cost of £30/night, which should be requested via this [online form](#).

19. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 [DP] Boats shall not be launched, re-launched or hauled out after 1800 on 24 June until the end of the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

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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.
- 20.2 [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.
- 20.3 [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 you wish to dive at. This prohibited activity is legislated under Cowes Harbour Commission General Direction 4.4 & 4.5.

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to the OA will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the Events (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the Rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your 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, your 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 Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Limited (RYSL) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of RYS.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 Rule 3 of the RRS 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:
- 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;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 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;

- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 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 All boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million or €3.5 million, or the equivalent and that such cover will be maintained throughout the event.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 The event prize giving will be at the RYS on 27 June as soon as possible after racing and any protest(s).
- 24.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows.
- Quarter Ton Cup to the winner of the Open Division.
 - Corinthian Trophy to the winner of the Corinthian Division.
 - Roger Swinney Trophy for the highest placed boat that wins neither the Quarter Ton Cup nor the Corinthian Trophy and has a low rating - the maximum rating for the Roger Swinney Trophy will be set once the entries, and their ratings, are available.
 - The Coutts Cup to the entrant with the most first places in the Open Division. In the event of a tie then the most second places will be taken into account and so forth.
 - The Kemp Cup, in memory of Stephen Kemp, will be awarded by the Class.
 - Other prizes will be awarded including the Walking Stick Trophy and the Concours d'Elegance (as judged by the RC)

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

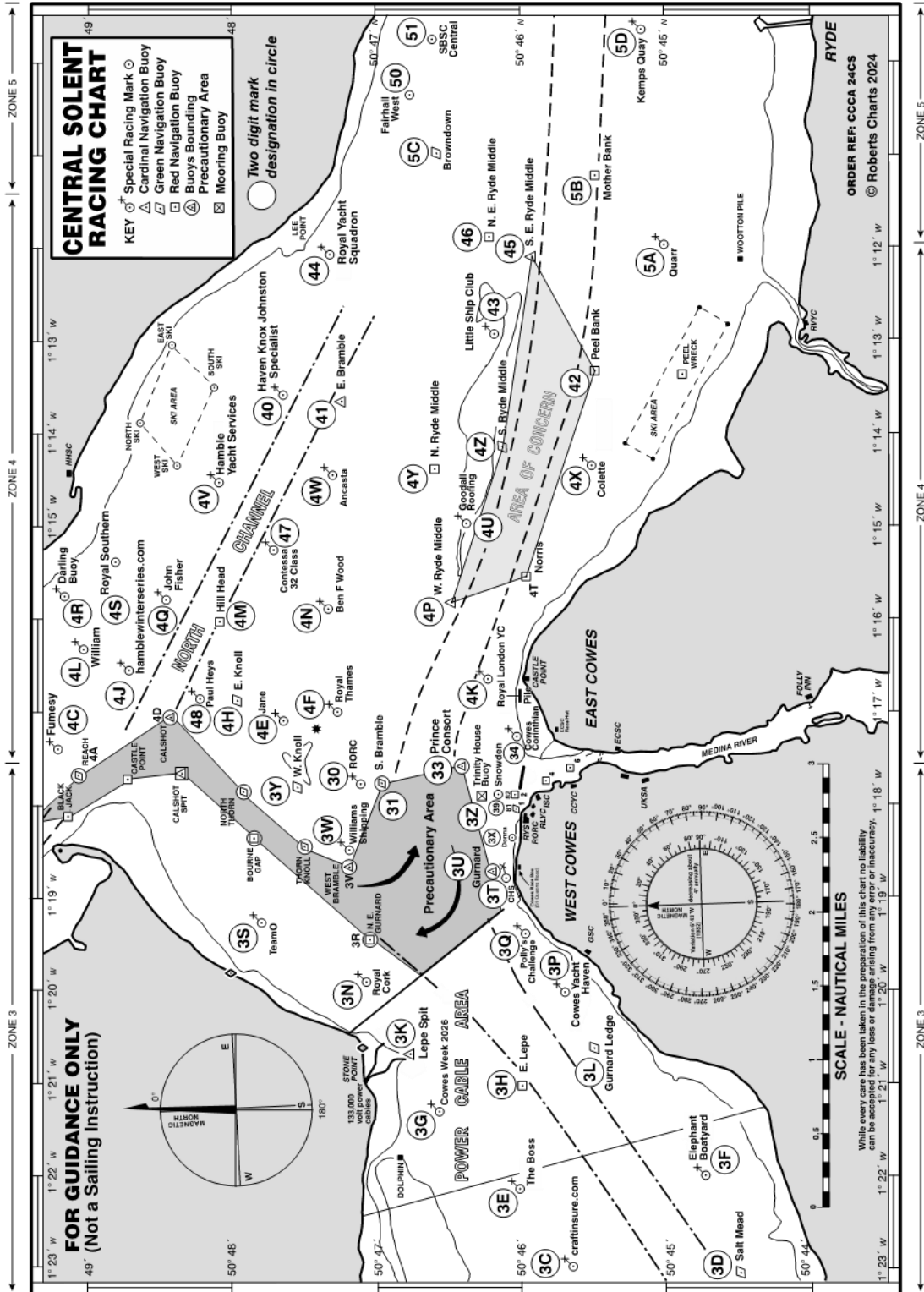
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NOTICE OF RACE ENDS**SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Social arrangements (see 5.4 above and timings in the table in section 9) and booking arrangements will be published separately on the ONB in early June, once the level of entries has been confirmed.

ADDENDUM A.

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



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ADDENDUM B.**RYA prescriptions that apply****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 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.

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.

Additional RYA prescriptions that apply if no international jury has been appointed.**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 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
 1. (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.
 2. (b) the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
 3. (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.

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