

2010 Solent Series Regattas at Cowes

Notice of Race

Participating clubs invite boat owners of the Daring Class, International Dragon Class, and other keelboat classes by arrangement, to enter the Solent Series of Regattas at Cowes to be held on the dates shown below:

1. Organising Authorities

Host Club	Solent Series Fixtures	Fixed Shore Line
Royal London YC	1/2/3 May, 9/10 Oct	RLYC
Cowes Corinthian YC	15/16 May, 2/3 Oct	RCYC
Island Sailing Club	29/30/31 May, 16/17 Oct	ISC
Royal Thames Yacht Club	12/13 June, 11/12 Sept	RLYC
Royal Yacht Squadron	26/27 June, 25 July, 25/26 Sept	RYS
Royal Corinthian YC	10/11 July, 17/18 July	RCYC
Household Division YC	24 July	RYS

2 Rules

Racing is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). Boat safety equipment shall comply with the requirements as generally set out for White Group keelboats in Cowes Week. The link is as follows:

<http://www.cowesweek.co.uk/web/download/2009/CW09-WGSafetyRegs.pdf>

3. Conditions of Entry

Before racing the first named boat owner shall sign a Disclaimer of Liability indicating that they have read and understood the Notice of Race for the Solent Series at Cowes, posted on the website www.cowesweek.co.uk, and that they agree to be bound by the contents.

Upon demand by the relevant host club, entrants shall present a valid measurement certificate and/or proof of membership of the class association. Boats may be measured before or after each race at the discretion of the race committee. There shall be no race unless two boats start. No dedicated rescue boats are provided for this series.

To the extent permitted by law, the participating host clubs and their race officers, jointly and severally, shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever arising directly or indirectly from their rules, policy or rulings during the races or related activities. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races. The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars rigging, sails and all gear. He must also ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

Before racing the first named boat owner shall ensure that there is adequate insurance for racing risks including third party indemnity of at least £2 million and that co-owners and co-helms, if any, and the crew are made aware of the undertakings in these conditions of entry.

4. Sailing Instructions, Flag Signals made Ashore and Communications

Sailing instructions will be available from each organising club on the Saturday of the weekend prior to their regatta weekend. Sailing instructions, flag signals and the race committee for the Cowes Corinthian YC, Royal Thames YC and Household Division YC will be located at the Royal Corinthian YC, Royal London YC and Royal Yacht Squadron respectively. Safety and race information may be broadcast on VHF Channel 37(M). Boats are required to carry a marine VHF handheld set on board.

5. Warning Signal Times

Unless otherwise advised in Part 2 or in any Amendment to the SIs, the following warning signal times will apply to all Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Warning Signal Times</u>	
	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun and Mon</u>
International Etchells*	1245*	1145*
Daring	1255	1155
International Dragon	1305	1205
XoD*	1320*	1220*
International Flying15*/Sonar*	1330*	1230*

* Only if requested by the class to the organising club of the day.

Applicable to Darings, Dragons and Etchells only: Flag R displayed with one sound before the first warning signal of the day indicates that it is the intention of the race committee to hold a second race that day.

6. Scoring, Penalty System, RYA Arbitration and Results

Class associations will score their own class seasonal points series. For any club trophies the scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A with one discard allowed from each club's Solent Series. If 3 or fewer races are completed then all shall count. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. RYA Arbitration will be available for this series and the exoneration penalty will be a 25% scoring penalty implemented in accordance with rule 44.3(c).

Results will be posted at: <http://cowes.result.vg/public/regattaindex>

7. Prize-givings

Club prize-giving 2010 dates are planned as follows:

Household Division YC - Sat 24 July	Royal London YC - Sat 20 November
Royal Corinthian YC - Sat 6 November	Island Sailing Club - Sat 23 October
Royal Thames YC - Tue 9 November	

8. Entry

An **Entry Form** for the series with details of the boat and the **Declaration and Disclaimer of Liability shall be signed by the first named boat owner** and sent, **before racing**, to the relevant class association secretary together with the advance seasonal entry fee below. The entry fee will be **either £180 per boat for the season in advance** for all classes for **both** the Solent Series and Red Funnel Cowes Keelboat Championship provided the seasonal entry fee is paid to the class secretary **before first day raced by your boat this season or £15 per day** for the Solent Series alone regardless of the number of races held on any day. Any additions or changes to the entry shall be notified by the class secretary to the host club no later than the Thursday before the weekend concerned.

2010 Season Entry Form

Solent Series and Red Funnel Regattas at Cowes

6 Metres, Darings, Etchells, Dragons, Sonars, Flying 15s and XoDs

The **first named owner** shall complete and return this form to the relevant Class Secretary before racing, together with your cheque if entering the whole season:

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First Named Owner: _____ Name of Boat: _____

Class: _____ Sail No: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Tel: _____(Daytime) Tel: _____(Evening)

Mobile number : _____ Email address: _____

Declaration and Waiver of Liability

I have read and understand the Notice of Race for the Solent Series and Red Funnel Regattas at Cowes, posted on the website www.cowes.co.uk and agree to be bound by their contents.

I am fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in engaging in active water sports and that I and my crew's physical safety could be endangered by the actions or in-actions of other competitors, the organisers and the race committee. I further accept full responsibility for the safe navigation of my boat and its crew who shall use their own judgement whether to start, continue or retire from a race in the existing or forecast conditions. To the extent permitted by law, I therefore understand and accept that the organising club of the day and their race officers, the sponsor and their representatives, jointly and severally, shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever arising directly or indirectly from their rules, policy or rulings during the races or related activities. Before racing I shall ensure that there is adequate insurance for racing risks including third party indemnity of at least £2 million and that my co-owners and co-helms, if any, and the crew are made aware of the undertakings in this declaration.

I enclose my advance seasonal entry fee of £180 (payable to my class association) for both the Solent Series and Red Funnel Championship, **or** I will pay for each day entered in accordance with the fees as indicated in the Notices of Race (£20 **per day** for Red Funnel and £15 **per day** for the Solent Series shoreline regattas). (*Delete as applicable*)

Signed: _____ **Name:** _____ **Date:** _____