



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 42(T) of 2025

Royal Thames Yacht Club 250th Anniversary Regatta

Notice is hereby given that the **Royal Thames Yacht Club 250th Anniversary Regatta** will be taking place in Cowes and the Solent between **Wednesday 11 and Sunday 15 June 2025**.

Approximately 200 yachts involving 1000 participants are expected to take part. Racing will take place throughout the Solent, and in the approaches to Cowes Harbour.

Mariners should be particularly vigilant and should maintain an efficient lookout, as per COLREGS Rule 5, for large vessels and sailing vessels and, at all times, navigate with extreme caution in these areas. Mariners are also reminded to not impede large ships displaying constrained by draft as per COLREGS Rule 9.

Mariners are reminded of the "Moving Prohibited Zone" as referred to [in Southampton Harbour Byelaws 2003 No11](#) and Local Notice to Mariners 2025 [No.06 Precautionary Area \(Thorn Channel\)](#).

Start and finish lines:

The Royal Thames Yacht Club 250th Anniversary Regatta races will start and finish from a committee boat in the Solent. There will be multiple starts each day, with the first start time being 1100. Racing is expected to finish at approximately 1600 each day.

Advice for all mariners – Navigation within the Cowes Harbour Fairways

Vessels may enter or depart Cowes via the main fairway or the dredged Eastern Channel depending upon their size and draught and the direction of approach or departure.

Small craft including those racing or preparing to race should be vigilant for large and regular commercial traffic including Red Funnel vehicle and freight ferries, Red Jet passenger ferries, and cargo vessels, which cannot safely navigate outside of the main fairways, and are reminded of their duty under Rule 9 of the Collision Regulations to avoid impeding their safe passage.

All mariners should make themselves familiar with all the relevant Cowes Local Notice to Mariners, which are available on the [Cowes Harbour Commission website](#).

This local notice to mariners will self-cancel at 2359 on 16 June 2025.

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Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.