



Notice of Race

2026 Solent Super Series

10th/11th October 24th/25th October 7th/8th November 21st/22nd November

The ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA) is: The ISLAND SAILING CLUB

EVENT MANAGEMENT by FourthCape

Pre-Amble

The 2026 Solent Super Series is now in its fourth year and has been growing in popularity, designed to offer a winter series with a difference - the same amount of sailing as a 'traditional' seasonal series, condensed over fewer weekends, with an enhanced social scene.

Round 2 coincides with the end of British Summer Time and this establishes the dates each year. The crew limit for the event has been chosen to appeal to competitors who might not normally race inshore series events, or those who don't want to co-ordinate a larger crew 'out of season'.

The 2026 entry Fee **includes berthing, entry into the Prize Draw and welcome drinks** for each of the four Rounds.



1. RULES

- 1.1 In entering all participants agree to be bound by these clauses:
The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)2025 - 2028, the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Class rules, and the Cowes Harbour Commissioner's Local Notices to Mariners (LNTM).
In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
The Race Officer, Race Committee or Protest Committee appointed by the Island Sailing Club (ISC) may modify or interpret any RRS rule [except those listed in RRS 86.1 (a) or (b)] in accordance with RRS2 "Fair Sailing" or for any other reason.
- 1.2 Competitors must comply with any current rules/guidance in force at the time of each race.
- 1.3 The official language of the regatta will be English. If there is a conflict between languages English will take precedence
- 1.4 IRC Rules parts A, B and C will apply
- 1.5 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Regatta is open to IRC Rated boats that have a TCC from 0.990 up to 1.060
- 2.2 All IRC boats shall have a valid IRC certificate.
 - a. Crew Numbers - IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The Minimum number of crew that may sail is two and the maximum number is four that may sail aboard.
 - b. Rating Changes - Boats shall be scored using the TCC valid on the date of the first race she sails in the series.
 - c. The rating deadline under IRC Rule 8.2.1(c) is noon on the Wednesday before the first race entered. Boats may not change their declaration once submitted.
- 2.3 Standard entry closes at midnight on 11th September

3. FEES

- 3.1 The Solent Super Series entry fee is £750 per boat for the 4-weekend series, this entry fee includes Saturday night berthing, entry into the prize draws and welcome drinks for each of the four Rounds.
- 3.2 Returning Series competitors will be entitled to a £100 discount if entered before 1st June 2026.
- 3.3 Entries after the 11th of September will attract a late fee

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available to download online from the FourthCape website after 0900 on 25th September 2026
- 4.2 The Sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S. Standard Sailing Instructions will be on the official notice board located at www.fourthcape.com/solentss



5. COURSES

- 5.1 Courses will be a mixture of windward leeward races and round the cans races. Races will use fixed metal race marks, inflatable laid marks and robotic marks.
- 5.2 Racing charts of the Solent with mark designations are available from The Solent and Racing Association website: <https://www.scra.org.uk/solent-marks/solent-marks2>
- 5.3 Start Lines and Finish Lines for the series shall consist of The Island SC transit line for Round 1 and Committee Boat Lines for all other Rounds – further information of the vicinity of these will be shared in the Sailing Instructions
- 5.4 Competitors may be required to record their finish times along with boats ahead/behind them.

6. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Round	Date	Location	HW Portsmouth GMT
1	10 th /11 th October	Cowes	Sat – 12.50 – 4.8m
2	24 th /25 th October	Yarmouth	Sat – 11:00 – 4.6m
3	7 th /8 th November	Lymington	Sat – 10:30 – 4.7m
4	21 st /22 nd November	Gunwharf Quays	Sat – 08:40 – 4.3m

	Warning Signal	Preparatory Signal	One Minute Signal	Start
Sat Race 1	10:25	10:26	10:29	10:30
Sat Race 2	To follow Race 1			
Sun Race 3	09:55	09:56	09:59	10:00

- 6.1 The intended schedule is as follows:
Three races are scheduled per weekend with two races sailed on the Saturday starting in the central Solent finishing in the host port of the Round. Sunday's race will start in the vicinity of the host port with its finish being located in the central Solent.
- 6.2 Except as a result of a general recall, no warning signal will be displayed after 13:00 on Sundays.

7. COMMUNICATION

- 7.1 The online official notice board is located at: www.solentsuperseries.com
- 7.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 77
- 7.3 The race committee will make broadcasts to competitors on VHF **Channel 77** broadcasting courses etc. Series information and where possible course information will be shared on the WhatsApp Group [courses not received via Whats App shall not be grounds for redress.]
- 7.4 To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.
- 7.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the Solent Super Series entry form and paying the entry fee by the 11th September 2026 online at: www.solentsuperseries.com



8. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 8.1 A boat shall sail with a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 crew.
- 8.2 Entries will be required to submit a crew list for each round via the Solent Super Series website, this must be submitted before the warning signal of the first race of each round, failure to do so will be grounds for disqualification.

9. ADVERTISING

- 9.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 9.2 Boats may be required to fly event sponsor flags when **sails are not hoisted** on race days i.e. when transiting from berth to race area, when transiting from race area to berth at host port, overnight at a host port (weather permitting), and after racing and returning to home berth. Flags shall be supplied by the organising authority. Should teams not comply the OA may issue penalties

10. BRIEFING

- 10.1 No live briefing will take place – briefing notes will be shared with the fleet via a WhatsApp Group.

11. BERTHING

- 11.1 A nominated marina at the host port will be communicated to competitors for each round. Berthing is for the boat entered in the series and is included in their entry fee. Use of the nominated marina is encouraged but not mandatory. For Rounds based in a boats home port it is assumed their own berth will be used:

> 10 th October – Shepards Marina, Cowes	> 7 th November – Lymington Yacht Haven
> 24 th October – Yarmouth Harbour	> 21 st November – Gunwharf Quays Marina

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The Two-Turn penalty in RRS 44.1 will be replaced by a single penalty turn.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply
- 13.2 RRS A5.3 shall apply (Each Round shall be scored separately)
- 13.3 Competitors will be required to sign up to and run mobile phone 'Geo Racing' tracking on their phone or carry a tracker supplied by the Race Organisation for each round for provisional results and post-race analysis

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 For clarity boats may be lifted and cleaned or dived in between rounds.

15. DATA PROTECTION

- 15.1 By participating a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show still and motion pictures taken during the period of the event without compensation. The Organising Authority will not release personal contact details of competitors to third parties or to the internet.



16. RYA CHARTER

16.1 Competitors should note that Island Sailing Club implement the RYA Racing Charter and that competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone,"

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part series, 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 series;
- 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 series and they are fit to participate;
- e. 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 (the competitors') responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g. 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 safety briefing held for the event.
- h. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- i. Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 sterling against third party claims.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. The attention of all competitors is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, 'Decision to Race'
- b. A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- c. It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions it finds itself. By launching or going to sea the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- d. The boat is responsible to ensure that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.
- e. Nothing done by the Organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the Organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury; however, it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing.
- f. The Organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and club Bosun.



- g. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- h. The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this section.

19. INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating boat is required to hold insurance cover and in particular to hold adequate insurance against third party claims with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident.

20. PRIZES

20.1 The winner of the Solent Super Series will be the team with the lowest points accumulated over the four rounds and will be awarded the Solent Super Series perpetual trophy.

20.2 Prizes for each Round will be awarded on the Saturday of each following Round, the prizes for Round 4 and the Overall winner prizes will be awarded at the prize giving to be held at a location and date to be announced.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information please contact:

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