



**INTERNATIONAL SIX METRE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
31 AUGUST 2023 – 8 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON (RYS)
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE BRITISH SIX METRE ASSOCIATION
(BISMA)**

NOTICE OF RACE

Amended 26/04/2023 with a clarification of NoR 23 Insurance.

Amended 08/08 2023 as highlighted in yellow

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).
- 1.3. [DP] International Six Metre Class Rating Rule and Measurement Instructions.
- 1.4. [DP] International Six Metre World Championship Trophies Deed of Gift.
- 1.5. RRS 90.3(e) is applicable, but '24 hours' is replaced by '60 minutes'.
- 1.6. The RYA national prescriptions that apply are detailed in Addendum B.
- 1.7. Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.
- 1.8. In all rules governing this regatta, the notation [NP] means that a breach of that rule will not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1a.
- 1.9. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the Yachtscoring website by 10 August 2023 (www.yachtscoring.com).

All correspondence should be directed to:

The Royal Yacht Squadron, The Castle, Cowes, UK, PO31 7QT. Tel: 01983 292191, Email: mail@rys.org.uk

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at www.yachtscoring.com and the Race Office will be at Cowes Yacht Haven.
- 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. On the water the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] **Except as permitted in Class Rule 37 or as required by NoR 3.2,** the use of mobile/cell phones, or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited during racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Six Metre Class, with a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2. All measurement certificates will be open to public inspection.
- 4.3. Boats may enter in either the Open or the Classic divisions, as specified by the Class Rules.
- 4.4. All boats shall have paid their 2023 membership dues to their International Six Metre Association (ISMA) affiliate national association or, for those entrants whose boat is registered outside the countries of the ISMA affiliate national associations, directly to ISMA.
- 4.5. Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.yachtscoring.com. A copy of the boat's current valid measurement certificate shall be sent to mail@rys.org.uk.
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in the World Championships, a boat shall complete all registration requirements above and pay all fees.
- 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 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 £2,500.
- 5.2. The closing date for entries will be 1159 hrs on Wednesday 9 August 2023.
- 5.3. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority (OA) and there will be a late entry supplementary fee of £500.
- 5.4. The entry fee for the event includes:
 - (a) Launching from the yard at the Cowes Boatyard on or after Tuesday 29th August;
 - (b) In the water berthing at Cowes Yacht Haven from Tuesday 29th August to Sunday 10th September inclusive;
 - (c) Recovery at the Cowes Boatyard after the end of racing over the weekend of 9th & 10th September;
 - (d) Social tickets for the crew members (up to six) at the following events;

At the Royal Yacht Squadron

 - (i) Opening reception (Sunday 3rd September)
 - (ii) Prize-giving (Friday 8th September)

At the Cowes Yacht Haven

- (i) After racing party (Monday 4th September)
- (ii) Class dinner (Wednesday 6th September)

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Class Rule 25 applies. Each boat shall submit a crew list of maximum five people plus one alternative crew when registering. Each boat may use this extra crewmember by registering the change by 1900 at the Race Office on the day before the crew change is to take place. Any additional change(s) shall be subject to prior approval by the International Jury.
- 6.2. A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available on www.yachtscoring.com, shall be submitted for crew under 18 years of age.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Class Rule 30 applies.
- 7.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA and/or by BISMA.

8. 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.

DAY HWP (BST)	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Tues 29 – Thurs 31 Aug	0900 – 1600		Registration & measurement checks over 3 days
Day 1 - Fri 1 Sep HW 1316 5.02m	0900 – 1600	1155	Registration & measurement checks Practice Races 1 & 2
Day 2 - Sat 2 Sep HW 1358 5.03m	0900 – 1600	1155	Registration & measurement checks Practice Races 3 & 4
Day 3 - Sun 3 Sep HW 1443 4.93m	0900 – 1600 1800 for 1830		Final registration & measurement checks Opening reception at RYS
Day 4 - Mon 4 Sep HW 1529 4.74m		1125	Worlds Race 1 Worlds Race 2
Day 5 - Tue 5 Sep HW 1615 4.47m		1125	Worlds Race 3 Worlds Race 4
Day 6 - Wed 6 Sep HW 1702 4.17m		1125	Worlds Race 5 Worlds Race 6
Day 7 - Thu 7 Sep HW 1756 3.87m		1125	Worlds Race 7
Day 8 - Fri 8 Sep HW 0635 3.68m HW 1904 3.65m	 1900 for 1930	1125	Worlds Race 8 Prize-giving at RYS

- 9.2. The intention of the Race Committee is to run four (4) practice races and eight (8) races during the World Championships.
- 9.3. A maximum of three 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 one race ahead of schedule.
- 9.4. On the last day of racing at the World Championships, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 9.5. There will be separate starts for Open and Classic divisions.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 10.1. Each boat shall produce a current valid measurement certificate, issued by the owner's World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA) or by ISMA, no later than Friday 21st July 2023.
- 10.2. Official Registration, Equipment Inspection and Measurement Checks are available on Tuesday 29 August through to Sunday 3 September, and instructions as to where these will take place will be issued prior to the beginning of the event.
- 10.3. Each boat shall arrive with a complete set of correctly placed measurement marks as required by the 6mR class rules.
- 10.4. **[DP]** Each boat will be checked for compliance with her rating certificate. This may include, but not be limited to; Weight, Freeboards, Overhangs, Equipment, Rig and Sail Area Measurements and Sail Dimensions.
- 10.5. Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 10.6. After measurement until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without prior written permission given by the OA and posted on the ONB.
- 10.7. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

- 12.1. Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel 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 Sailing Instructions.

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. For the World Championships, an International Jury has been appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. For the World Championships the low point scoring system will be used as in RRS Appendix A with the following changes;
- (a) Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - (b) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (c) 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.

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16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP], [NP]

- 16.1. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay **at least 100m** outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16.2. Support person vessels shall register at the Race Office and be marked with identifying flags issued by the OA.
- 16.3. All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.

17. NOT USED**18. BERTHING [DP]**

- 18.1. All boats shall be kept in their assigned places in Cowes Yacht Haven while in harbour.

19. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP],[NP]

- 19.1. Boats shall not be launched, re-launched or hauled out after 1800 on Sunday 3 September except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]

- 20.1. Except as specified in SI 20.3, during the World Championships 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. 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](#).
- 20.3. A diver holding a local permit is allowed to scrub the hull **between 0400 and** 1000 of the mornings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday within Cowes Yacht Haven. In order to have a fair and equal competition, each boat can have its hull cleaned within the times above. We have arranged discounted prices with **Island Divers +44 1983 240255 and Delta Divers +44 7400 250 472** who are licensed within the harbour. There should be no advantage in delaying launching because boats can be scrubbed first thing Monday morning. 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.

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1. The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority 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 Organising Authority'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 Organising Authority, 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 Racing Rules of Sailing 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

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million (UK), €3 million (Europe), \$3 million (US) **per incident or the equivalent**.

24. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded in accordance with the International Six Metre Deed of Gift for the World Championships. See Addendum C for details.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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NOTICE OF RACE ENDS**SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Further details of the social programme will be available in a separate document.

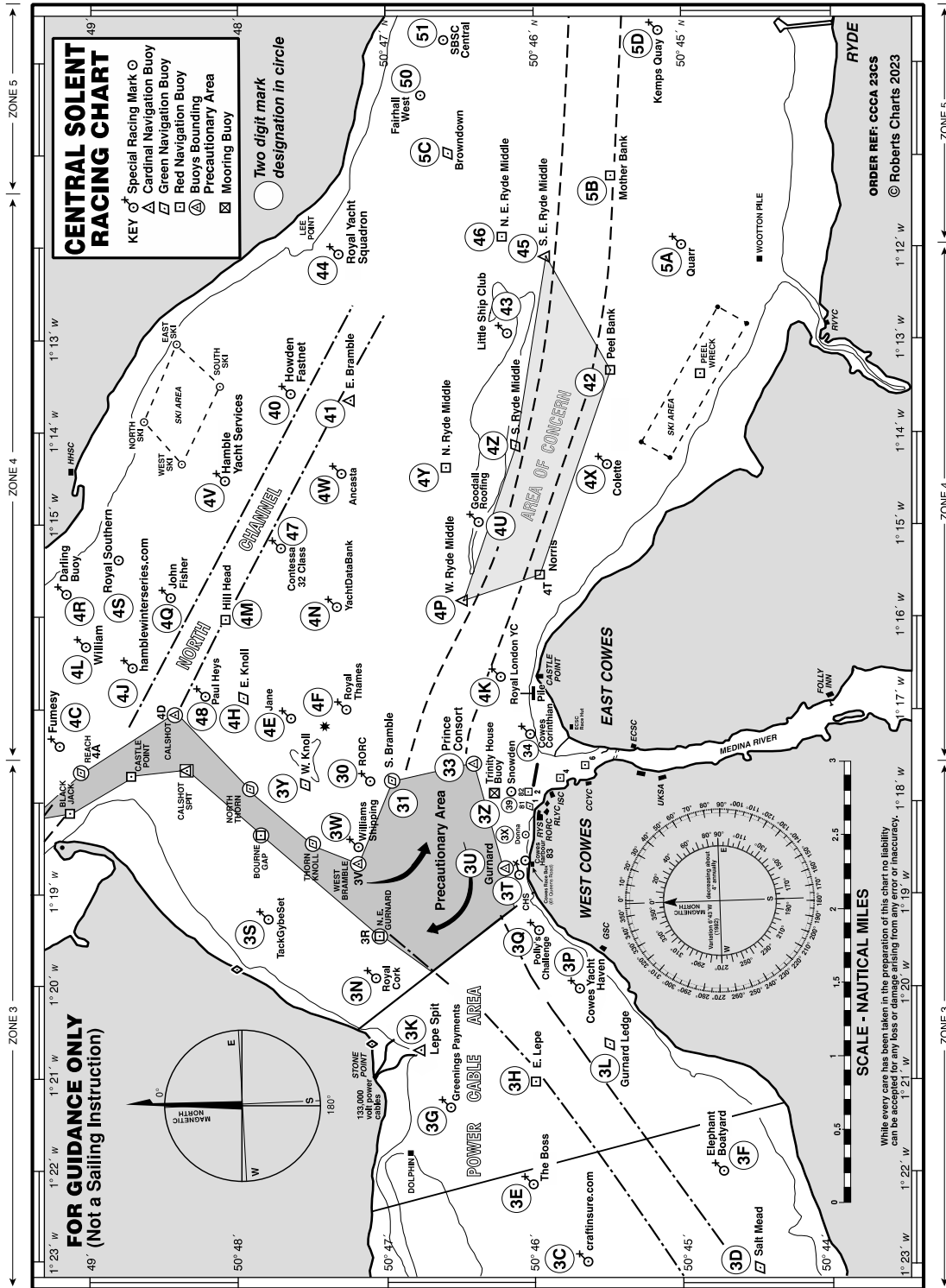
Additional social tickets will be available for purchase from RYS.

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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.

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ADDENDUM C.

Trophies will be awarded in accordance with the International Six Metre Deed of Gift for the World Championship as follows:

The **Six Metre World Cup** shall be awarded to the winning yacht in the Open division.

The **Djinn Trophy** shall be awarded to the highest placed Classic yacht. For the purpose of this trophy, Classic is defined as a boat first constructed and/or certificated before 31 December 1965 and built according to Class rules and guidelines. Replicas of such yachts whose construction has been endorsed by the International Six Metre Association Classics and Technical Committees are also eligible to compete for the Djinn Trophy. Yachts that hold a certificate issued using the provisions of Appendix A of the Class Rule are not eligible for the Djinn Trophy.

The **KSSS Cup** shall be awarded to the highest placing Classic yacht built to the First (1907-1919) or Second (1919-1933) International Rule which retains its original underwater configuration.

The **Lucie Trophy** shall be awarded to the highest placed yacht that includes a woman as helmsperson or crew. To qualify, the same woman must be on board for every race. In the event of a tie, the tied yacht with the most women on board wins the Trophy. If two or more yachts remain tied, the tied scores shall be resolved by the methods outlined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix A - Scoring to determine the winning yacht. If the result remains a tie, the trophy shall be held jointly and each yacht will have the right to engrave their name on a plaque.

The **Nelson Trophy** shall be awarded to the highest placed yacht in the Open division among those first constructed between 1 January 1966 and 6 September 1979 (the date of the first race of the 1979 World Championships) inclusive, and which has had no alteration to its underwater shape other than permitted modifications to the rudder. Should such modification have been carried out, then the rudder shall have a maximum thickness (athwartship dimension) of no more than 95mm.

The **Robbe and Berking Trophy** shall be awarded, in accordance with the Deed of Gift for the trophy dated 5 October 2008, to the highest placed Classic yacht that uses white or cream sails, and wooden mast, boom and spars.

The **YRS Astor Cup** shall be awarded to the highest placed boat at the end of racing which includes a person aged 25 years or under as helmsperson or crew. To qualify, the same person must be on board for every race. In the event of a tie, the Cup will be awarded to the yacht with the most wins. If the result remains a tie, the tied scores shall be resolved by the method reasonably and fairly determined by the Race Committee of the event.

The **Tim Street Perpetual Trophy** shall be awarded to the highest placed Classic yacht which holds a certificate issued under the provisions of Appendix A of the Class Rule. For the purpose of this trophy, Classic is defined as a boat first constructed and/or certificated before 31 December 1965 and built according to Class rules and guidelines. Replicas of such yachts are not eligible for Appendix A and hence not eligible for this trophy.

The **Merula Trophy** shall be awarded to the highest placed Classic yacht built to the First (1907-1919) International Rule that retains its original underwater configuration.

The **Shipshape Trophy** shall be awarded to the official practice race's winning yacht in the Open division.

The **Maharajah of Djeezupuhr Trophy** shall be awarded to the official practice race's winning yacht in the Classic division.

Scoring for the 'official practice race' will be:

- (a) One practice race is required to be completed to constitute an 'official practice race' series.
- (b) When fewer than four practice races have been completed, a boat's 'official practice race' score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When four practice races have been completed, a boat's 'official practice race' score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

ISMA intends to provide two **Corinthian Trophies** to be awarded to the highest placed Corinthian entrant in each of the Open and Classic divisions. In order to qualify as a Corinthian entry a boat shall sail with no more than one professional sailor on board, who shall not steer the boat. In addition, to demonstrate Corinthian status, each amateur crew member shall be required to produce evidence of current World Sailing Category 1 status which shall remain valid for the duration of the championship. Crew members without a valid World Sailing Categorisation shall be treated as Category 3.

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