

MASTERS' INVITATIONAL RANDOM PAIRS TEAM RACE CHALLENGE

13 - 14 JUNE 2026

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON
COWES

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The *event* is governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D, Team Racing. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will describe changes to the rules.
- 1.2. Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 shall apply while sailing - an OA-provided Personal Floatation Device (PFD) shall be worn at all times, except when adjusting clothing.
- 1.4. Racing will be in OA-supplied J70-type yachts. Spinnakers will not be used.
- 1.5. All races will be umpired.
- 1.6. RRS 17 is deleted.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The SIs will be available on www.rys.org.uk by 1 June 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at www.rys.org.uk and the Race Office will be at the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS).
- 3.2. The Race Committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio, which the OA will provide. The VHF Channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. In addition to VHF communication, the RC intends to use a Telegram Group to communicate with competitors. The "QR Code & Link" are at NoR Addendum B, and will be repeated in the SIs.
- 3.4. 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. Entry is by invitation of the OA.
- 4.2. A maximum of twelve entries (helm & crew) will be accepted for this Event. The OA's decision on those crews accepted is final.
- 4.3. Invited helms may enter by completing the Entry Form and submit it, together with the required fee, to the RYS at the address below.
- 4.4. Individual helms may request an Invitation.
- 4.5. The closing date for entry to the Event is 13 May 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall complete all entry requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7. If a crew accepts an invitation and later withdraws before the closing date, the Entry Fee, less any bank charges, will be returned.
- 4.8. If a crew accepts an invitation and later withdraws after the closing date, the Entry Fee, less any bank charges, will be returned except for a Non-Returnable Deposit of £1,000.
- 4.9. In the event that less than SIX teams have entered by 13 May 2026, the event may be cancelled, and all Entry Fees will be refunded.
- 4.10. In the event that the event is cancelled after the closing date, the Entry Fee, less any unavoidable expenses incurred by the OA, will be returned.
- 4.11. The Sailor's Agreement, NoR Addendum C, shall be signed by each team member by 12 JUNE 2026, and prior to going afloat.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Fee for The Masters' Invitational is £1,200 per team, to be paid by 13 May 2026.
- 5.2. A late Entry Fee of £250 will apply.
- 5.3. Entry Fees include the following:
 - (a) Race Management.
 - (b) Berthing.
 - (c) Morning Bacon rolls and Packed lunches.
 - (d) Regatta BBQ.
 - (e) Prizegiving.
- 5.4. For those arriving on the Friday evening, Supper will be available @ £30pp. Tickets shall be ordered by 6 June 2026.
- 5.5. Additional tickets for the BBQ on 13 June @ £30pp shall be ordered by 12 June 2026.
- 5.6. An initial Damage Deposit of £1,000 per boat shall be paid by credit card before the first race. The Deposit is the maximum payable by a boat as a result of one incident. In the event that a deduction is made by the OA, further funds may be required to top-up the Deposit.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Each boat shall consist of four persons, including at least one female and one male.
- 6.2. The Helm shall be aged 44 years of age, or over, on the first day of the event.

- 6.3. Only World Sailing Sailor Categorization Group One sailors shall helm. Teams shall be limited to one Group Three sailor.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. FORMAT

- 8.1. The intention of the Race Committee (RC) is to run numerous Random Pair races from the Committee Vessel (CV), VHF Call sign CASTLE TWO.
- 8.2. The Pairing Schedule will be provided at SIs Addendum G.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Times in this NoR are for BST (UTC +1). Tide times are for Portsmouth.

DATE	TIMINGS	ACTIVITIES
12 June 2026 <i>HW 0930 – 4.2m</i>	1915	Reception for those in Cowes RYS Pavilion
	1945	Supper available, tickets to be purchased by 6 June
13 June 2026 <i>HW 1020 – 4.4m</i>	0930	Bacon Rolls available
	1000	Briefing RYS Pavilion
	1700	Tea & Debrief RYS Pavilion
	1930 for 2000	Regatta BBQ RYS Pavilion
14 June 2026 <i>HW 1110 – 4.2m</i>	0800	Bacon Rolls available
	0855	Depart RYS Haven
	1600	Prizegiving RYS Pavilion
	1630	Launches available to Red Jet
	1645	Red Jet departs Cowes

- 9.2. On the last day of the event, no Warning Signal will be made after 1500.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. Boats may be inspected at any time during the Event.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. Event-branded clothing may be available for purchase.

12. VENUE

- 12.1. Yachting will take place in Cowes in the Isle of Wight, UK.
- 12.2. To indicate the general sailing area off Cowes, a local racing chartlet is attached at Addendum A. (The SIs will show the 2026 version.)

13. COURSES

- 13.1. Courses will be a windward / leeward course with offsets, and a downwind finish, which will be depicted in the SIs.
- 13.2. The intended course area is in east Osborne Bay.

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 14.1. Does not apply.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. See SIs.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. As per RRS Appendix D, modified by the SIs.
- 16.2. The provisions of RRS 90.3(e) will apply.

17. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 17.1. Not applicable.

18. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 18.1. Boats will be provided by the OA.

19. BERTHING

- 19.1. Berthing will be in the RYS Haven.

20. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 20.1. Does not apply.

21. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 21.1. Does not apply.

22. DATA PROTECTION

- 22.1. 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 RRS and the other *rules* that govern the Event (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.
- 22.2. 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.
- 22.3. The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RYS.
- ## 23. RISK STATEMENT
- 23.1. 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."
- 23.2. 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:
- (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 event;

- (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 event 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 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 familiarize 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.

24. INSURANCE

- 24.1. The OA insures the boat for the period of hire against fire and all usual marine and collision risks to include third party risks to such an extent as is required by law and in addition as RYS shall deem appropriate. The Excess for any One Incident is GBP 1,000.
- 24.2. A copy of the Insurance Policy is available for inspection, if required.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. The Prizegiving will be held on 14 June 2026 at 1600.
- 25.2. Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second and Third teams.

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 26.1. For further information please contact the OA, the details of whom are shown at the bottom of each page.

ADDENDA

- A. Chartlet of the Racing Area - *2026 Chart in the SIs*.
- B. Telegram Instructions.
- C. Sailor's Agreement.

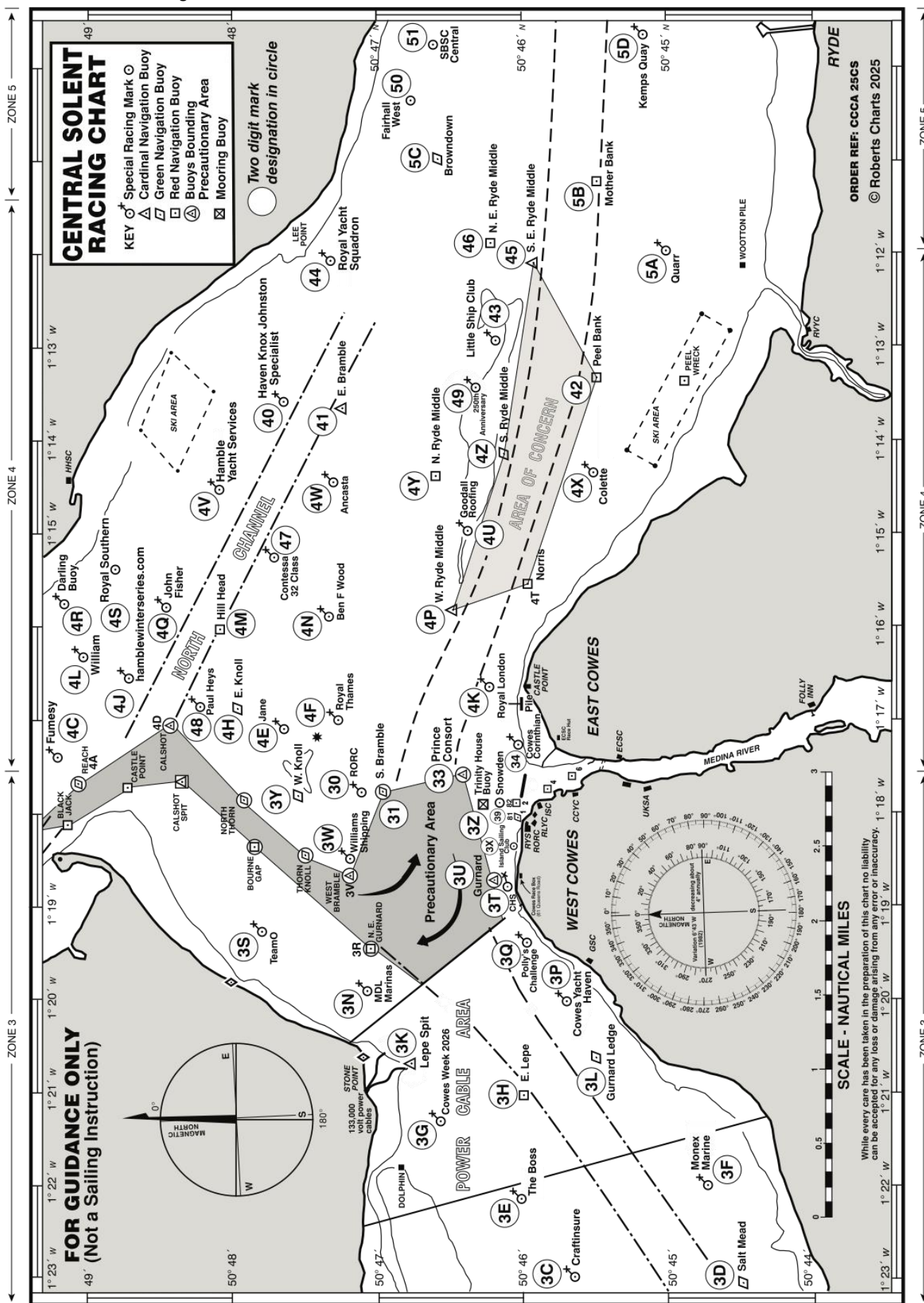
NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- Friday 12 Supper available @ £30pp
- Saturday 13 Bacon Rolls & Coffee available
Regatta BBQ - extra tickets available @ £30pp
- Sunday 14 Bacon Rolls & Coffee available
Prizegiving.

ADDENDUM A

Chartlet of the Racing Area - 2026 Chart to be included in the SIs



All correspondence should be directed to:

The Royal Yacht Squadron, The Castle, Cowes, UK, PO31 7QT. Tel: +44(0)1983 292191, Email: mail@rys.org.uk

ADDENDUM B

TELEGRAM INSTRUCTIONS



Telegram

We have set up an official [Telegram](#) group for receiving general information from the Race Office and Race Committee.

If you do not already have the Telegram app installed on your device, please follow the instructions below:

- Apple iPhones – download and install via the App Store.
<https://apps.apple.com/app/telegram-messenger/id686449807>
- Android Phones – download and install via the Google Play Store.
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.telegram.messenger>

To join the Telegram Group please use either the link or the QR code below:

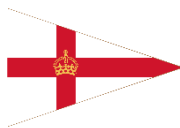
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ADDENDUM C

[Online form](#)

ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

Tel: 01983 292191 Email: mail@rys.org.uk

SAILOR AGREEMENT FORM (the "Sailor Agreement")

EVENT NAME:	Masters' Invitational Random Pairs Team Racing
DATES:	13-14 June 2026
NAME:	
CLUB:	
MOBILE TELEPHONE:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:	

HEALTH DECLARATION

Details of any medical treatment being received by any crew member (if none, write none):

I declare that to the best of my knowledge, that no crew members are suffering from epilepsy, disability, giddy spells, asthma, diabetes, angina or other heart condition, and all are fit to participate.

Signature:

Date:.....

EVENT DECLARATIONS

- I agree to report to the RYS Office any damage, breakage or loss of equipment concerning either the boat that I am sailing or another boat of which I become aware or with which I was involved in an incident. This also includes damage to Navigation Buoys.
- I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and all other rules that govern this event. In particular, I confirm that I have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions, including the Risk Statement and agree to conform to these requirements throughout the event.

Signature: Date:.....