



GLOBAL TEAM RACING REGATTA

17 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON (RYS)
COWES

PROVISIONAL 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. As emended by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2. The SIs will describe changes to the Rules.
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 shall apply while sailing - Competitors should bring their own Personal Floatation Device (PFD).
- 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 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on www.rys.org.uk by 10 September 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. Attendance at the Mandatory Briefing is for skippers. It is hoped that all crew will attend.
- 3.3. In addition to VHF communication, the RC intends to use a Telegram Group to communicate with competitors, and the "QR Code & Link" are in NoR Addendum B and will be repeated in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Entry is by invitation of the OA.
- 4.2. A maximum of twelve teams will be accepted for this Event. The OA's decision on those teams accepted is final.
- 4.3. Invited teams may enter by completing the Entry Form and submit it, together with the required fee, to the

RYS at the address below. A Non-Refundable Deposit of GBP 500 is required by 2 April 2026 to secure a holding-place.

- 4.4. The closing date for entry to the Event is 20 July 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall complete all entry requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6. If a team accepts an invitation and later withdraws after the closing date, the Entry Fee, less any bank charges, will be returned.
- 4.7. In the event that less than ELEVEN teams enter, the event may be cancelled, and all Entry Fees will be refunded.
- 4.8. The Sailor's Agreement, Addendum C of this NoR, shall be signed by each team member by 1800 17 September 2026, and prior to going afloat.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Fee for The Global Team Racing is GBP 2,360 per team.
- 5.2. A late Entry Fee of GBP 500 will apply.
- 5.3. Entry Fees include the following:
 - (a) Race Management.
 - (b) Berthing.
 - (c) Opening Reception.
 - (d) BBQ.
 - (e) Prizegiving.
- 5.4. Additional tickets to cover evening events may be purchased at Registration for the cost of GBP 30 per person per event.
- 5.5. An initial Damage Deposit of GBP 1,000 per boat is to be paid by credit card at Registration. The Deposit is the maximum payable by a boat as a result of one incident. In the event a deduction is made by the OA, further funds may be required to top-up the Deposit to GBP 1,000.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Each team shall consist of eight persons including at least three females and three males.
- 6.2. Crews will consist of members of any category of the yacht club that the Team is representing.
- 6.3. A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available on www.rys.org.uk shall be submitted for crew under 18 years of age.

7. ADVERTISING

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

8. FORMAT

- 8.1. The intention is to run a series of Round Robins with a final race.
- 8.2. Boats will be allocated by the OA. All reasonable steps will have been taken to equalize the boats. Perceived variations will not be grounds for redress.
- 8.3. Teams may be required to change boats after each race.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. The times shown in the table below are Local Time in Cowes. High Water (HW) is for Portsmouth.

DATE	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	ACTIVITIES
17 September Cowes <i>HW 1610 – 4.3m</i>	1200 1400 1830 1915 1945		Sailing Practice Registration Mandatory Briefing Opening Reception
18 September Cowes <i>HW 1640 – 4.0m</i>	1630	1015	Team Racing Debrief RYS Pavilion Cash Bar
19 September Cowes <i>HW 17.30 – 3.8m</i>	1630 1930 - 2000	1015	Team Racing Debrief RYS Pavilion BBQ RYS Pavilion
20 September Cowes <i>HW 0640 – 3.6m</i>	1715	1015	Team Racing Prizegiving RYS Pavilion

- 9.2. On the last day of the event, no Warning Signal will be made after 1600.

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. The Course will be Windward / Leeward, with an Offset, and a Downwind Finish, which will be depicted in the SIs.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. RRS Appendix D as modified by the SIs.
- 15.2. The team with the lowest overall score will win. This changes RRS Appendices D3 & D4.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1. Not Applicable.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1. Not Applicable

18. BERTHING

- 18.1. Event berthing will be in the RYS Haven, Cowes.

19. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1. Not Applicable.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1. Not Applicable.

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1. 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 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 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.
- 21.2. 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.
- 21.3. 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.
- 22. RISK STATEMENT**
- 22.1. 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."
- 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:
- (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 organizer 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.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. 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.
- 23.2. A copy of the Insurance Policy is available for inspection, if required.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizegiving will be held on 20 September 2026.
- 24.2. Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second and Third teams.
- 24.3. The Winning Team will also be awarded the Global Team Race Regatta Perpetual Trophy.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

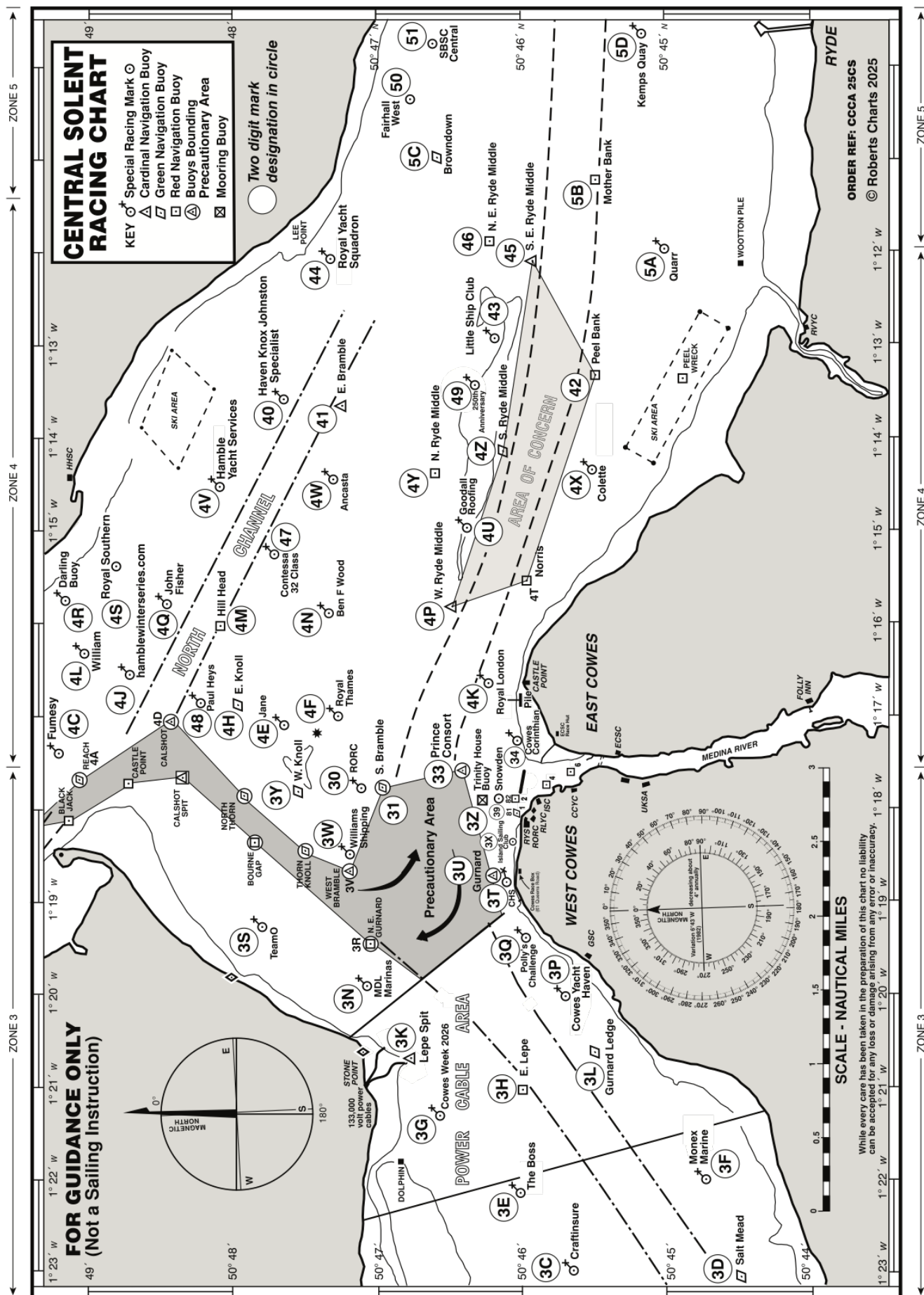
ADDENDA

- A. Chartlet of the Racing Area.
- B. WhatsApp Instructions.
- C. Sailor's Agreement.

NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

ADDENDUM A

Chartlet of the Racing Area - 2026 Version will be included in the SIs.



All correspondence should be directed to:

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

ADDENDUM B**WhatsApp Instructions**

We have set-up an official WhatsApp group for receiving general information from the Race Office and Race Committee.

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

- **Apple iPhones – download and install via the App Store.**
<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/whatsapp-messenger/id310633997>
- **Android Phones – download and install via the Google Play Store.**
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.whatsapp&pcampaignid=web_share

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

LINK:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LiXJtf2WioRJSHp2Lsk9KL>

QR:

ADDENDUM C[\(Online form\)](#)**ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON**Tel: 01983 292191 Email: mail@rys.org.uk**SAILOR AGREEMENT FORM (the "Sailor Agreement")**

EVENT NAME:	The Global Team Racing Regatta
DATES:	17-20 September 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 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:.....