



**INTER SERVICES MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS
FOR THE CONINGHAM CUP
17-18 JUNE 2021**

REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Organising Authority
Royal Yacht Squadron

Abbreviations:

CV – Committee Vessel

RC – Race Committee

OA – Organizing Authority

RRS – Racing Rules of Sailing 2020-2023

ONB – Official Notice Board

SSIs – Standard Sailing Instructions

PC – Protest Committee

RSIs – Regatta Sailing Instructions

1. APPLICABLE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.1. The Sailing Instructions for this Regatta, as required by RRS 90.2, are constituted by these RSIs in conjunction with the RYS SSIs, which may be found on the RYS Website.

1.2. The Event will be governed by:

- (a) the 'rules' as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) the rules for Handling Boats (SI Addendum C) which also applies to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

1.4. Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

1.5. Add after the first sentence of Appendix A5 'When one of the boats in a match fails to sail the course in accordance with rule 28.1, she shall be scored DNF without a hearing.'

1.6. Delete RRS C6.3 and replace with: A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise while she is racing or in the finishing area, shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but no later than two minutes after finishing or retiring.

1.7. When the umpires proceed under RRS C8.6 they will follow the guidance in SI Addendum E.

2. REGATTA OFFICE

2.1. The Regatta Office is located in the RYS Container, Shepards Wharf Marina.

2.2. The ONB is located in the RYS Container.

3. BOATS AND SAILS

3.1. The J70 to be sailed, and the sails to be used, which may include symmetrical spinnakers, will be provided by the OA, and allocated by the RC.

3.2. The RC may require boats to reef their mainsails, in which case boats will be informed by the umpires.

3.3. The use of the spinnakers may be restricted by the RC in response to the prevailing conditions.

3.4. Other restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats verbally by an umpire. Code Flag L is not required.

4. ELIGIBILITY and CREW NUMBERS

4.1. Each team shall be comprised of two crews of four persons in each boat.

4.2. Teams may consist either of any category of member of the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS), including those participating in Squadron Sailing Associate Programme, or of members of the Royal Navy Sailing Association (RNSA).

4.3. To remain eligible each crew shall complete Registration, and lodge the Sailing Agreement. All Skippers shall sign the Disclaimer before going to sea.

4.4. Each skipper shall be responsible for the damage or loss to their boat and supplied equipment unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC.

5. IDENTIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS

5.1. Each team will be identified by a bib – details to be briefed before racing commences.

6. ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY

6.1. To remain eligible the entire crew shall complete registration, pay any entry fee and a deposit for damage.

6.2. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to maintain eligibility.

6.3. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC.

6.4. After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

7. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

7.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the RYS Container, Shepards Wharf.

7.2. Skippers shall attend the first briefing with the Race Officer and Umpires, which will be at 0830 in Shepards Wharf, unless excused by the OA.

7.3. The RC will communicate any on the water amendments via the Umpires.

8. RACE AREA

8.1. Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the Solent, which is likely to be anchored in Osborne Bay.

9. REGATTA PROGRAMME, FORMAT AND TIMINGS

9.1. See Addendum A.

9.2. There will be a round robin of 16 races. Then, time allowing, semi-finals between the top four teams (first races fourth, second races third) and then a final. The number of races for the semi-finals and finals will be decided by the RC depending on remaining sailing time.

9.3. Each subsequent race will be started as soon as practicable after the previous race. Boats are advised to stay close to the CV after finishing / retiring.

10. COURSE

10.1. All races will be conducted on Course Configuration A, SSIs 9.2.

10.2. Note the Definition in SSIs C1.2.

Addenda:

Addendum A: Regatta Programme and Format.

ADDENDUM A

REGATTA PROGRAMME

Serial	Time	Item	Remarks
Wednesday 16 June 2021			
1	1800	Boat Transfer from HMNB Portsmouth.	30 pax. From Fleet Landings, HMNB Portsmouth to Trinity Landing, Cowes
3	2030	Collect Scout Hut key for Team Accommodation	Poc for Scout Hut: Liz Banks
5	O/C	Informal social in Cowes	
Thursday 17 June 2021			
1	0830	First Day Brief	Sugar Store, Shepards Wharf. Race Officer, Umpires. Opportunity to discuss match racing techniques.
3	0900	Boat allocation.	Shepards Wharf
5	0930	Commence sail out to sailing area.	Expected to be Osborne Bay.
7	1100	Commence practice races.	
9	1300	Commence racing.	
11	1545	Last race start.	
13	o/c	Commence return to Shepards Wharf.	
15	1800	Debrief.	Pavilion at RYS. Cash Bar.
17	1930	Buffet Supper	Pavilion, RYS. Then Cowes High Street.
Friday 18 June 2021			
1	0800	Square away Scout Hut.	Hand back key o/c.
3	0830	Second Day Brief.	Sugar Store, Shepards Wharf. Race Officer, Umpire.
5	0845	Boat allocation.	Shepards Wharf
7	0900	Commence sail out to sailing area.	Expected to be Osborne Bay.
9	1015	Commence racing.	
11	1230	Last race start.	
13	o/c	Commence return to Shepards Wharf.	
15	1415	Prizegiving.	Pavilion at RYS.
17	1500	Boat transfer departs Trinity Landing.	30 pax. Expected 1600 in HMNB Portsmouth.