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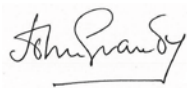
It is with great pleasure that we invite you to enter the inaugural Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week. We very much hope that you will be able to join us from 6 - 13 August for what promises to be a momentous regatta.

We are delighted to be working with Aberdeen Asset Management as our new Cowes Week partner. This is a particularly positive development given the continued tough economic climate. It means that we are able to make a reduction in entry fees – a move we hope you will all welcome! In addition we are exploring a number of new initiatives with Aberdeen that we look forward to announcing over the coming months.

Please take the time to read about some of the positive changes we have introduced for this year's regatta on the basis of your feedback, as well as the exciting plans that are in place with our new official charity, Toe in the Water. We also want to make it a memorable year for the XOD Class as it celebrates its Centenary. The class is not only one of the most venerable but is also likely to be the largest once again, with over 100 boats expected for the regatta.

Thank you for your continued support, and please don't forget to enter before Monday June 13th in order to benefit from the Early Bird Discounted Entry Fee.

I look forward to seeing you all in August.



John Grandy
Chairman, Cowes Week Limited

WELCOME FROM MARTIN GILBERT - CEO, ABERDEEN ASSET MANAGEMENT



On behalf of everyone at Aberdeen Asset Management, we are delighted to be onboard as title sponsor of Cowes Week.

It is a unique event steeped in nautical history and held in the highest regard by so many sailors all over the world. Indeed, the international nature of the event is something that greatly appealed to us as Global Asset Managers when initially agreeing the sponsorship.

Although we are only just beginning to see signs of spring, the regatta will be upon us before long and I am very much looking forward to seeing the various classes in action at the inaugural Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week. As a UK headquartered company, this year will see us steering our business more towards the retail sector and so the timing and fit with Cowes in 2011 is ideal.

I hope that our involvement in Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week will bring with it a new vigour in addition to the injection of sponsorship revenue which will help keep entry fees down. We are very much looking forward to making the journey to the Isle of Wight in August and I look forward to meeting as many of you there as possible.



Martin Gilbert
CEO, Aberdeen Asset Management

CHANGES TO CLASSES

Class 40 and IRC Big Boats

Many of the exciting Class 40 and really big IRC boats that are taking part in the Rolex Fastnet Race will be joining us for three days of racing from Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11 August.

The Class 40 is a modern breed of racing machine, designed for long distance, short-handed events. The IRC big boat fleet will include a host of the largest and most glamorous boats from around the world.

Cruisers

Following interest from a number of cruisers whose owners want to take part, we have reinstated the ISCRS cruiser fleet for the whole week.

We are also continuing the IRC no-spinnaker class for a second year to give those who want less frenetic racing a chance to join in.

Sunsail F40

The Sunsail charter fleet has been completely renewed since last year and the fleet is now comprised of Sunsail F40s, built by Beneteau.

We expect to have all 40 of these new boats racing at Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week this year.

Mixed Dayboat Class

Following the success of this class in 2010, the 707, 1720 and Sonata fleets will once again be amalgamated into a single mixed dayboat class together with modified J/80s which are owned by the RYS and RThYC. The fleet will use the same class flag and have the same starts, courses and finishes but will have separate one design fleet results.

Sportsboat (SBR) class

As the SBR system has been discontinued, boats that might have raced in the SBR class in the past should instead be able to race within the IRC fleet. Any that do not comply with the ORC Category 4 Special Regulations should email stuart.quarrie@aamcowesweek.co.uk.

J/Sprit

After discussions with J-Boats UK, it has been decided to amalgamate all J-Boats into the normal IRC fleets.

TRAVEL DISCOUNTS

Entrants bringing a boat plus trailer to the regatta can take advantage of a special offer from our travel partner, Red Funnel, and benefit from discounted travel.



The cheaper tickets are valid on sailings between 19:00 and 07:59 on 1 to 19 August and can be booked using the discount code **CWR11**.

In addition, competitors using ferry travel from the continental mainland to get to the regatta are eligible for a 20% discount from LD Lines on routes from Dieppe and Le Havre. Please contact the Regatta Centre for further details.



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available for download from www.aamcowesweek.co.uk and posted to all entrants at the start of July.

A waterproof set of the Sailing Instructions, list of entries, laminated race chart, and Racing Guide will be issued with the race registration packs from Thursday 4 August at 14:00 at the Regatta Centre.

Additional copies of the laminated race charts will be available from the Regatta Centre throughout the week for £5.

Information on shore-side events will be available on the event website from June onwards.

TOE IN THE WATER



CWL is delighted to announce Toe in the Water as its nominated charity for 2011. The charity uses sailing as an integral part of the rehabilitation for injured servicemen and this new relationship will provide the charity with a platform to promote its outstanding work.

As well as the activities on the water, the charity's plans ashore will include a 1940's themed evening featuring a performance from The Soldiers, a "Chefs for Heroes" curry night, a performance from one of the military brass bands and a display from the Black Knights Royal Artillery Parachute Display Team. Full details will follow.

FAMILY DAY

Following your feedback in recent years, we have decided to have a day focused on family activities both on and off the water. Sunday 7 August will mark our first ever regatta Family Day.

Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week is already a must-do regatta for many family crewed boats and we will shortly be announcing a number of new initiatives to celebrate and further enhance this aspect of the event.

If you have any additional ideas that you'd like us to consider, please email michelle.warner@aamcowesweek.co.uk.



XOD CENTENARY

2011 is the Centenary of the first race of the XOD Class. These tough little classic boats are very active in great numbers across six locations from Poole harbour in the west to Chichester harbour in the east.

Cowes Week has always been a very popular event for the class and is therefore the natural host for their Centenary celebrations. Eighty-eight boats made it to the starting line in 2010 and over 100 are expected in this Centenary year.

It is inevitable that this large number of XODs may sometimes get in the way of others so, in appreciation of your tolerance and goodwill, the Class looks forward to inviting competitors across other White Group fleets to join them for a celebratory drink during the Week. Details will be provided in your race registration packs.



WE ARE LISTENING

Each year we spend considerable time gathering your feedback and many of the changes for 2011 are as a direct result of your comments. These include:

- Reduced entry fees.
- Reduced berthing fees at East Cowes Marina for the early bird discounted entry fee period.
- Improvements to the berthing facilities at Cowes Yacht Haven and to the day class moorings.
- Introduction of radio communication (in addition to course boards) for White Group as a trial with the XOD Class.
- Increased number of committee boats.
- Introduction of a fair pricing charter for the regatta throughout the town.
- Better promotion of, and improvements to, Shepards Wharf Marina as a crew enclosure.

Thank you to everyone who has provided us with feedback. Please continue to share your thoughts with us so that we can continue to make improvements to your regatta.

NEW SUPPORTING SPONSORS

CWL is delighted to be working with a number of new supporting sponsors for this year's event.



BOSS Watches is the new official watch of the event. BOSS will be showcasing their exceptional watches throughout the event and offering a number of opportunities to win one.



Sperry Top-Sider also enjoys a new relationship with the event as the official footwear sponsor for 2011. This sponsorship will help the premium US brand reach an international sailing audience.



TALISKER®, The Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Made by the Sea, is returning as our official whisky sponsor in 2011. TALISKER is the only single malt Scotch whisky rugged enough to call the Isle of Skye its home and has been distilled at this location since 1830. Look out for updates as TALISKER brings the first ever Sail-In Cinema to Cowes!

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Cowes Week Limited (CWL).

2 RULES

- 2.1 Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012 (RRS), with Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Prescriptions and, as appropriate:
- 2.1.1 For boats racing under IRC, IRC Rules Parts A, B & C except that:
- IRC Rule 21.1.5(e) shall not apply during Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week 2011, thus allowing the use of a spare mainsail as a racing replacement.
 - For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5(d), this is a regatta run on consecutive days (*so the sails on board while racing must remain the same throughout*).
- 2.1.2 MOCRA Rating Rule.
- 2.1.3 ISCRS (Island Sailing Club Rating System).
- 2.1.4 Class Rules for one-design entries, including crew limits (if any).
- 2.2 Sentences in italics within this Notice of Regatta are guidance notes for information only.
- 2.3 **Safety regulations**
- 2.3.1 **Black Group**
- Boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 Monohulls or Multihulls (as appropriate).
 - Any boats that do not comply fully with the requirements may apply to CWL for written dispensation.
 - Paragraphs 4.23.2(b), 4.26.4(g) and 5.01.1(c) of the Offshore Special Regulations shall not apply.
 - Copies of the Special Regulations are obtainable from the ISAF website at www.sailing.org/specialregulations.php, and extracts are reproduced in The Solent Book.*
- 2.3.2 **White Group**
- Boats shall comply with their class safety regulations (if any) and with the current CWL Safety Regulations for Dayboat Classes.
 - Boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver for use in emergency.
 - Copies of the CWL safety regulations are obtainable online at the Official Website at www.aamcowesweek.co.uk or from CWL and will be included with the Sailing Instructions.*
- 2.3.3 Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard except when anchoring.
- 2.4 All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a radio capable of receiving Cowes Radio broadcasts (FM87.7MHz).
- 2.5 **Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing & Rating Rules**
- 2.5.1 Changes are as detailed in this Notice of Regatta or in the Sailing Instructions. This changes RRS J1.2(1).
- 2.5.2 Alternative penalties will apply to infringements of RRS Part 2 as detailed in the Sailing Instructions. A yellow flag will be required.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 **One design boats**
- 3.1.1 One-design boats shall have a valid class certificate and/or registration document and comply with class rules (see 2.1.4).

3.1.2 Boats for which one-design class racing is provided in Table 2 or Table 3 are not normally permitted to race in a rated class. A request for dispensation from this rule must be made in writing and will be considered by CWL whose decision shall be final.

3.1.3 Notwithstanding 3.1.2, any Black Group boat may race on the final Saturday under IRC or ISCRS as appropriate.

3.1.4 One-designs and/or specific types of boat racing within the rated classes may be given additional results listings (but normally not CWL prizes) at the discretion of CWL. Class associations wishing to request this option should apply in writing to CWL.

3.2 Ratings and rating changes

3.2.1 Boats racing under ISCRS that have not already been allocated a rating in 2011 or who are planning to change any aspect of their setup since obtaining their 2011 ISCRS rating must have applied for one by 1200 on Sunday 17 July. *Please contact the Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week entries office for instructions on applying for a rating.*

3.2.2 Boats racing under either of the other rating systems (IRC, MOCRA) shall have a valid rating certificate issued by 1700 on Tuesday 2 August. For IRC ratings, contact the RORC Rating Office at www.rorcrating.com. For MOCRA ratings, contact Simon Forbes at simonforbes3@gmail.com.

3.2.3 New ratings or changes to a rating will not be accepted after the times stated in 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 as appropriate unless the rating change is:

- due to an error made by CWL, RORC, UNCL, ISC or MOCRA. In such a case the rating shall be corrected for all races;
- as the result of a rating protest, when RRS 64.3 will apply together with the rules applicable to the rating system;
- at the discretion of RORC, UNCL, ISC or MOCRA as appropriate.

3.3 Crew lists and crew numbers

3.3.1 A boat sailing as a one-design shall comply with her class crew limitations, unless these have been modified by the class association for Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week. As decided by the J/109 class, the crew number for J/109s during their points series shall be 10 but there shall be no crew weight limit.

3.3.2 Except as detailed in NoR paragraph 3.3.1, there shall be no restrictions on crew numbers or crew changes during the regatta. IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply.

3.3.3 Crew details

- Prior to the start of the regatta, every boat shall provide CWL with details of all the crew likely to be racing on the boat, including their full names and email addresses. This shall be done online and can be completed either at the time of entry or at any time up to the start of the regatta.
- Entrants are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the crew information provided to CWL is accurate and up to date.
- Changes made during the regatta should be notified to the emergency contact described in 3.3.4.

3.3.4 Prior to racing, each entrant is required to supply CWL with the details of an emergency contact ashore who shall keep an accurate record of the details of all crew sailing on the boat on each day during the regatta.

3.4 Classes

3.4.1 The regatta is open to boats and classes listed in Tables 2 and 3, and to any other classes accepted by CWL.

3.4.2 Mixed Dayboat Class

- a) The Mixed Dayboat class is designed to accommodate dayboat fleets where the number of entries for Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week does not merit their own class.
- b) Fleets within the Mixed Dayboat class will start and race together under a single class flag but will be given separate results (there will be no combined Mixed Dayboat class results).
- c) The class is open to the following one-designs which shall comply with their own class rules: 707, 1720, Sonata and modified J/80s owned by the RThYC and RYS.

3.4.3 CWL reserves the right to:

- a) Combine the start of one class with another.
- b) Subdivide any class.
- c) Cancel racing for any class or amalgamate classes if the number of entries is less than ten.
- d) If one design classes are amalgamated for race management purposes (starting, courses, finishing), they will be given a coloured pennant to display over their class flag to indicate the mixed class in which they are racing.

4.3 Entry Cancellation and Refunds

If written cancellation of entry is received at the Regatta Centre by 1700 on Sunday 31 July, the whole fee less a £75 administration charge will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances.

4.4 Race Abandonment or Cancelled

In the event of a race being abandoned or cancelled, entry fees will **not** be refunded.

4.5 Mobile telephones

4.5.1 The race committee will text courses (and other information) to a single mobile telephone number that has been registered to the boat. To enhance this service, all such telephones should use a UK based service provider. Additional numbers may be registered for the additional fee of £10 per number.

4.5.2 A mobile telephone may also be used by competitors to declare at the end of each day's racing. This too needs to be registered and may be the same number as described above or a different number.

4.5.3 Numbers may be altered at no extra charge if a registered telephone becomes unusable. At the latest, a new number can be registered by 1700 on the day before the new number is to be used.

4 ENTRY

4.1 Entry

- 4.1.1 All entrants (except as detailed below) should enter online at the Official Website.
- 4.1.2 Exceptionally, entries may be made in person or by telephone at the Regatta Centre when a member of staff will complete the entry on your behalf. *Note that some basic details about your entry will be viewable on the Official Website and may be changed or added to online by the entrant after the initial entry.*
- 4.1.3 Sunsail F40 entries will be completed by Sunsail UK.

4.2 Late Entries

Late entries will be accepted until 1700 the day prior to a race so long as they are accompanied by the full entry fee. Entries after 1700 on Thursday 4 August must be made in person at the Regatta Centre.

5 REGISTRATION AND SKIPPERS BRIEFING

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Website from early July as a downloadable pdf file. One copy on ordinary paper will be posted to each entrant prior to the regatta and a further copy, printed on waterproof paper, will be given to all entrants at registration.
- 5.2 It is likely that there will be some amendments to the NoR, Sailing instructions and Schedule of Racing. Changes to be included in Amendment Number 1 will be posted on the Official Website in draft form as items are noticed. This amendment will become final at 1400 on Thursday 4 August when registration opens.

Table 1: ENTRY FEES

		'Early bird' discounted entry fee For entries and fees received before 1700 on Mon 13 June		Standard entry fee For entries and fees received from 1700 on Mon 13 June until 1700 on Sun 31 July		Late entry fee For entries and fees received after 1700 on Sun 31 July	
		Whole Regatta	Daily entry	Whole Regatta	Daily entry	Whole Regatta	Daily entry
White Group	Squib and Flying Fifteen	£175	£50	£250	£65	£350	£90
	All other WG classes	£225	£60	£300	£75	£450	£115
Black Group	Less than 9m LOA	£275	£70	£350	£90	£550	£135
	9m to under 13m LOA	£450	£115	£525	£135	£900	£225
	13m and above LOA	£600	£150	£675	£170	£1200	£300

The entry fee for Black Group boats racing on the final Saturday is included free of charge for boats racing 4 or more days earlier in the week. Otherwise there is a £50 entry fee for this day, regardless of boat size.

- 5.3 Race registration packs containing sponsor decals/pennants, class numerals (if ordered), Racing Guide, waterproof Sailing Instructions and any initial amendments to the NOR or Sailing Instructions will be available for collection from the Regatta Centre from 1400 on Thursday 4 August.
- 5.4 All entrants or their representatives shall register in person at the Regatta Centre before their first race.
- 5.5 **Skipper's briefing**

There will be a voluntary skipper's briefing during the evening of Friday 5 August (1830 for White Group and 1930 for Black Group). The venue will be confirmed at registration. *Note that among other things, these briefings will look at some of the main areas where competitors incur avoidable penalties for Cowes Week specific infringements and are thus aimed at those with little prior experience of the regatta.*

6 RACING SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The first start each day is scheduled for 1000 or later. The schedule of starts for all classes will be detailed on the Official Website from mid-July and in the Racing Guide.
- 6.2 IRC class splits and the starting schedule will be confirmed by 1700 on Sunday 31 July. These details will be promulgated on the Official Website and by email to all entrants who have registered an email address with us. They will also be available at registration.
- 6.3 All classes, as detailed in Tables 2 & 3, will have one race scheduled per day from Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 August, except as follows:
 - 6.3.1 Sunsail F40, Ondeck Ocean Racer, RS Elite and Victory: Sat 6 to Fri 12 Aug.
 - 6.3.2 IRC Big Boats and Class 40: Tues 9 to Thur 11 Aug.
 - 6.3.3 Contessa 32, Sigma 33, Sigma 38, J/109, First 40.7, Quarter Ton and IRC (no spinnaker): Sat 6 to Fri 13 Aug, except that these boats may race on Sat 13 Aug within the appropriate IRC or ISCRS fleet.
- 6.4 Overall Points Series for Black Group classes (except IRC Big boats and Class 40) will run from Sat 6 to Fri 12 Aug with special trophies for the final Saturday when all boats will race in either MOCRA, IRC or ISCRS as appropriate.
- 6.5 Overall Points Series for Laser SB3, RS Elite, Victory and J/80 will run from Sat 6 to Fri 12 Aug. Overall Points Series for all other White Group Series will run from Sat 6 to Sat 13 Aug.

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may carry advertising as allowed by the ISAF advertising code unless their class rules further restrict what may be carried.
- 7.2 Boats intending to carry advertising must indicate this on their entry form, along with the names of companies and/or products to be advertised.
- 7.3 Notwithstanding the classes listed in Tables 2 & 3, CWL reserves the right to refuse entry to any class of boat that carries advertising in conflict with any of the regatta sponsors. Any class considering accepting sponsorship that might be affected by this rule is advised to contact CWL as soon as possible. For the avoidance of doubt, this rule does not apply to individual entries, only to whole classes.
- 7.4 As permitted by the ISAF advertising code, boats will be required to display official event sponsor decals or pennants as follows:
 - 7.4.1 Boats in the Daring, Dragon, Redwing, Seaview Mermaid, Solent Sunbeam, Squib, Swallow, Victory and XOD classes will be required to fly sponsor pennants from their backstays. All other classes will be required to display sponsor decals on both sides of their hulls in the forward 20%.
 - 7.4.2 Competitors may apply in writing for dispensation not to display sponsor decals if doing so would be likely to damage the hull. Dispensation will not normally be given to any boat that carries other advertising decals or stickers on her hull. Any boat given such dispensation will instead be required to fly a sponsor pennant from their backstay.
- 7.5 Boats may not carry or display advertising other than official event sponsor decals on the forward 20% of their hulls.

8 SCORING SYSTEM & PRIZES

- 8.1 **Daily trophies & prizes:**
 - 8.1.1 Daily prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in all classes listed in Tables 2 & 3. Prize winners will have the option of either a small keeper prize (engraved glass) or a voucher from the regatta's clothing partner, Gill.
 - 8.1.2 Daily perpetual trophies will be awarded by the member clubs of Cowes Combined Clubs and by class associations, in accordance with the trophy list for each day as detailed in the Racing Guide.
 - 8.1.3 Special trophies and prizes will be awarded by the Island Sailing Club and Royal Southern Yacht Club for the final Saturday.

Table 2: WHITE GROUP CLASSES

CLASS	CLASS FLAG	CLASS	CLASS FLAG	CLASS	CLASS FLAG	CLASS	CLASS FLAG
Daring	O	Laser SB3	NN2	Sonar	T	RS Elite	NN4
Dragon	D	Longtze	NN5	Squib	NN9	Mixed Dayboat Class incorporating the following classes: 707, 1720, Sonata and RYS/RThYC owned J/80s	NN3
Etchells	E	Redwing	R	Swallow	K		
Flying Fifteen	NN6	Seaview Mermaid	U	Victory	F		
J/80	H	Solent Sunbeam	V	XOD	W		

Table 3: BLACK GROUP CLASSES

CLASS	CLASS FLAG	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Contessa 32	G	1a) Boats shall comply with Contessa 32 class rules, except that boats built as Contessa 32s but not currently sailing within Class may race in the Class using a current ISCRS certificate. 1b) Results will be given both for Contessa 32s that are within Class and also for the whole fleet, using ISCRS. 1c) Boats wishing to race on the final Saturday will be amalgamated into the overall ISCRS fleet.
Sigma 33	NN7	2a) Boats shall have a valid IRC certificate (except J/109s, Sigma 33s and Sigma 38s Sat - Fri which race level).
Sigma 38	NN1	2b) Boats wishing to race on the final Saturday will be amalgamated into the appropriate IRC class.
J/109	NN0	2c) Boats in the Sigma 33 & Sigma 38 classes shall comply with their class rules.
First 40.7	NN8	2d) Boats in the J/109 class shall be standard J/109s.
Quarter Ton	A	2e) Boats in the First 40.7 class shall hold (or have held) a builder's certificate stating the boat is a Beneteau First 40.7. 2f) Boats in the Quarter Ton class shall comply with the current Quarter Ton Class Rules.
Class 40	Coloured pennant supplied at registration	3a) Boats shall comply with Class 40 class rules. 3b) Racing will be on Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 August.
IRC Big Boats mini-series	2x numeral pennant zero	4a) Boats shall have a valid IRC certificate with a TCC of more than 1.400 and be between 18.2 and 30.5 m LOA. 4b) Racing will be on Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 August. 4c) Notwithstanding paragraph 4a) , CWL may grant dispensation to longer boats at its discretion.
IRC 0 - 7	Numeral pennants 0-7	5a) Boats shall have a valid IRC certificate with a TCC of between 0.750 and 1.400 and be between 6 and 24m LOA. 5b) Racing on Sat 13 August will be for trophies provided by the Royal Southern Yacht Club and Island Sailing Club and for a special overall IRC trophy for the day and shall not form part of the points series. 5c) Class splits will be made in July according to entries received. 5d) Boats rating 0.010 or less below the lower limit of the next class up, may request permission to move up to the class above and race using the bottom rating of that class. The decision of CWL is final and not subject to appeal.
IRC (no spinnaker)	Coloured pennant supplied at registration	6a) Boats shall have a valid IRC certificate with a hull factor of 7.5 or less. 6b) Boats shall be between 10.5 and 18.5 metres LOA. 6c) Boats shall use their No Spinnaker TCC and shall comply with the appropriate IRC rules regarding downwind sails. 6d) Boats wishing to race on the final Saturday may do so but may be amalgamated into the appropriate open IRC class. However, they shall continue to race without downwind sails.
IRC Ondeck Ocean Racer Class	Numeral pennant 9	7a) This class is designed to accommodate large and relatively heavy cruiser racers. 7b) Boats shall normally be between 20 and 26 metres LOA with an IRC rating between 1.200 and 1.350. Boats outside these limits may be accepted at the discretion of CWL. 7c) Ondeck Farr 65s are specifically eligible. 7d) Boats wishing to enter this class are advised to contact CWL to discuss their eligibility before entering.
Multihull	Numeral pennant 8	8a) Boats shall have a valid endorsed MOCRA rating certificate. 8b) LOA shall be between 7.2 and 12.2 metres. 8c) Ratings shall be between 1.130 and 1.600. 8d) Notwithstanding 8b) and 8c) , CWL may grant dispensation to longer and/or faster boats at its discretion.
Sunsail F40	Sunsail class flag	9a) Boats shall be part of the F40 charter fleet owned and managed by Sunsail UK 9b) Sunsail UK will manage all aspects of entry direct with CWL.
ISCRS (Island Sailing Club Rating System - for cruisers)	Coloured pennant supplied at registration	10a) Boats shall have a valid rating issued by the Island Sailing Club (contact the Cowes Week entries team if you do not already hold a 2011 ISCRS rating). 10b) Boats must be in the same configuration, including sail choice, as on their rating application form. 10c) LOA shall be between 6.4 and 14 metres inclusive. 10d) Boats must not have held an IRC certificate during 2011. This rule may be waived by CWL at its discretion. 10e) Class splits will be made according to entries received.

8.2 Overall series & trophies

- 8.2.1 **Overall class trophies** will be awarded to the first three boats in each class listed in Tables 2 & 3.
- 8.2.2 **The Overall Winner** of Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week will be awarded a special trophy.
- 8.2.3 **Overall Black Group and overall White Group trophies** will be awarded to the best performing boat in each of Black and White Groups.
- 8.2.4 **The Young Skipper's Trophy** is open to any skipper who is under 25 years on Saturday 13 August 2011.
- 8.2.5 **IRC and ISC overall trophies** will be awarded to the overall winners of these divisions for the final Saturday.
- 8.2.6 **The Nautor's Swan Trophy** is open to any Nautor's Swan sailing in an IRC class.
- 8.2.7 **The Liz Earle Close Shave Trophy** will be awarded to the class winner who beats the second placed boat in the class by the smallest margin.
- 8.2.8 **The Commodores' Challenge Trophy** is open to challenges from any boat in an IRC class owned or sailed by a present or past commodore of a yacht club in Britain or the USA. Full details can be obtained from CWL.
- 8.2.9 **The Royal Southern Ariel Trophy** will be awarded to the boat with the best result on the final Saturday with a lady helm.
- 8.2.10 Scoring for the award of CWL trophies will use a modified form of the RRS Appendix A low points system. This, together with the detailed scoring for special trophies, will be detailed in the SIs.
- 8.2.11 White Group classes and the Contessa 32 class will use the series and discards as determined by their class associations. All other Black Group Classes will use the races from Saturday 6 to Friday 12 August with one discard if 6 or 7 races are sailed and no discards if 5 or fewer races are sailed.

9 CLASS FLAGS, CLASS NUMERALS & SAIL NUMBERS

- 9.1 It is the responsibility of each boat to provide its own class flags, number dodgers and class-distinguishing numerals or letters as described below. *Advice on where it is possible to purchase these items can be given by CWL on request.*
- 9.2 Class flags (see tables 2 & 3) shall be displayed by all competitors unless specific dispensation has been given in writing by CWL. Class flags shall be of the following minimum sizes:
- For White Group boats 20cm x 15cm.
 - For Black Group boats either 30cm x 23cm for rectangular flags or 61cm x 15cm for numeral pennants.
- 9.3 All Black Group boats are required to display a sail number dodger with numerals and suffix letters at least 375mm high for boats of 8.5m or greater LOA, and at least 300mm high for boats less than 8.5m LOA. The dodger does not need to include national letters. Alternatively, equivalent sized sail numbers with suffix letters may be displayed on both sides of the hull in such a way as to be visible to the race committee at the start and finish.
- 9.4 Class-distinguishing numerals or letters are required for IRC classes 0-7 and for the Quarter Ton and ISCRS classes (except for boats sailing in these classes only on the final Saturday). Each numeral shall be black or blue on a white background and shall be at least 300mm high (*available from CWL for a fee of £20*).

- 9.5 Black Group boats that do not have guardrails fitted may apply in writing for dispensation from NoR 9.2 and 9.3 above. Boats granted such dispensation must still display their sail number on their mainsail (or by other means if no mainsail is carried).

10 COURSES

- 10.1 White Group courses will be located in the central Solent area as further defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 Black Group courses will be located in the Solent and its approaches (*approximately Anvil Point to Nab Tower*). A full list of marks will be included in the Sailing Instructions and will be available for download from the Official Website.
- 10.3 Admiralty small craft chart folio SC5600 ('The Solent') is recommended.
- 10.4 All boats will be issued with a laminated chartlet of the racing area, together with the marks to be used thereon. However, these are diagrammatic only and should not be used for navigation. *Note that, subject to availability, any charts that delaminate in normal use and are returned will be replaced free of charge and that additional laminated charts may be purchased for £5 each.*

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 It is a condition of entry that, prior to the boat's first race, the person in charge of each boat and/or his authorised representative shall, at registration, sign a disclaimer of liability and declaration that they will comply with the RRS. If the person in charge will be under 18 years old on the first day of the regatta then a special disclaimer, available from the Regatta Centre, shall also be countersigned by a parent or guardian.
- 11.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Regatta or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for these conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 11.3 The boat is responsible to ensure that she 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 that the crew knows how to use it. The fact that the organisers conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.
- 11.4 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims including cover for racing in the sum of at least £2,000,000 sterling (or near equivalent in foreign currency). Entrants shall declare when entering that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the regatta.
- 11.5 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. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officers, patrol boats, beachmasters and sponsors. The provision of patrol craft does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

TRAVEL

FERRY SERVICES

There are regular ferries to and from the Island, and even during the event there is no need to book as a foot passenger. However, if you plan to bring a car, remember that parking in Cowes is very limited and bookings for the car ferry are essential.

Southampton to Cowes (Car ferry to East Cowes, Red Jet fast passenger catamaran to Cowes)

Red Funnel

Telephone: 0844 844 9988
(int: +44 (0)845 155 2442)
Web: www.redfunnel.co.uk

A special discount code (CWR11) can be used by those entrants bringing a boat plus trailer to the regatta and intending to use off-peak travel (19:00 – 07:59) between the 1 and 19 August.

Portsmouth to Fishbourne

Lymington to Yarmouth (Cars and passengers)

Portsmouth to Ryde (Fast Cat passenger service)

Wightlink

Telephone: 0871 376 1000
(int: +44 (0)2392 855 230)
Email: booking@wightlink.co.uk
Web: www.wightlink.co.uk

Lymington to Cowes (passenger service) from Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 August only

Blue Funnel Cruises

Telephone: +44 (0)2380 223 278
Email: office@bluefunnel.co.uk

TRAVEL FROM OVERSEAS

For overseas visitors, the nearest airports are Southampton or Bournemouth (Hurn), with London airports within easy reach by taxi or train.

Competitors using ferry travel from the continental mainland to get to the regatta are eligible for a 20% discount from LD Lines on routes from Dieppe and Le Havre. Please contact the Regatta Centre for further details.



BERTHING

Berthing in Cowes during the regatta is in high demand and must be arranged as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. One-design classes should contact their class secretary as berthing is arranged on a fleet basis in many cases. Others should contact:

Cowes Yacht Haven

Vectis Yard, High Street,
Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7BD.
Telephone: +44 (0)1983 299 975
Email: info@cowesyachthaven.com
Web: www.cowesyachthaven.com

East Cowes Marina

Britannia Way, East Cowes,
Isle of Wight, PO32 6UB.
Telephone: +44(0)1983 293 983
Email: sales@eastcowesmarina.co.uk

Moorings & Trots, Shepards Wharf Marina and Venture Quays

Captain Stuart McIntosh, Harbour Master, Town Quay, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7AS.
Telephone: +44 (0)1983 297 821
Email: shepards.chc@cowes.co.uk
Web: www.shepards.co.uk



ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is at a premium during the event, so if you haven't done so already, we suggest you book up as soon as possible. The following agencies and hotels can help with your enquiries:

Quay Management

Sarah Marshall
Telephone: +44 (0)7773 339 730
Email: sarah@quaymanagement.co.uk
Web: www.quaymanagement.co.uk

A Base Ashore

Jamieson & Rachel Ide
Telephone: +44 (0)7809 299 874
Email: jamieson@abaseashore.com
Web: www.abaseashore.com

Regattalets

Andrea Vaughan
Telephone: +44 (0)7747 811 203
Email: andrea@regattalets.com
Web: www.regattalets.com

Holiday Inn

Herbert Walker Avenue,
Southampton, SO15 1HJ
Telephone: +44 (0)8719 429 073
Web: www.holidayinn.co.uk/southampton

Solentnightz

Telephone: +44 (0)1983 209 909
Email: info@solentnightz.co.uk
Web: www.solentnightz.co.uk

Jury's Inn

Charlotte Place,
Southampton, SO14 0TB
Telephone: +44 (0)2380 371 111
Web: www.jurysinns.com

Mercure Southampton Centre Dolphin Hotel

34-35 High St, Southampton,
SO14 2HN
Telephone: +44 (0)2380 386 460
Email: H7876-re@accor.com
Web: www.dolphin-southampton.com

De Vere Hotel

Grand Harbour West Quay Road,
Southampton, SO15 1AG
Telephone: +44 (0)2380 633 033
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