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LENDY COWES WEEK 2018

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WELCOME

FROM PETER TAYLOR MBE - CHAIRMAN, COWES WEEK LIMITED



We are very much looking forward to working for a second year with our new Title Sponsor, Lendy Limited, following a very successful event in 2017. With the new partnership firmly in place, we have been looking at entry fees and have lowered the Standard and Late Entry Fees for all competitors in 2018. We have also further reduced the fees for our smaller White and Black Group boats with the introduction of two new entry categories.

Since the last regatta, we have carefully considered your responses to the post event survey and will try to accommodate your feedback for Lendy Cowes Week 2018. There will be the usual mix of starts and finishes from the Royal Yacht Squadron line and at Committee Boats to give you variety and quality of racing.

Furthermore, I am delighted that in the Black Group the FAST40+, Quarter Ton and HP30s classes will each have a mini-series over the first four days with two races per day, one starting on a fixed line and one windward/leeward race from a committee boat. The HP30s are newcomers to the Black Group and we hope this will give them the best possible racing.

In the White Group the SB20s and J70s will continue to have their successful mini-series over the first four days, again with two races per day, one from a fixed line and one from a committee boat. We are also delighted to welcome the National Squib class for their National Championships and are expecting a really big turn out with the same mixture of fixed line and committee boat starts. Some of the other White Group classes will also have the same format during the week.

Finally, following on from the very successful Sevenstar Triple Crown mini-series in 2017, we are delighted to offer an Around the Island race on Thursday 9 August for IMOCA 60, Class40 and large IRC boats, which should be quite a spectacle.

More initiatives are in the planning stage and we'll update you on those in due course. In the meantime, I wish you some enjoyable and successful sailing in 2018 and very much look forward to seeing you at Lendy Cowes Week in August.

Peter Taylor MBE
Chairman, Cowes Week Limited

FROM LIAM BROOKE - DIRECTOR AND CO-FOUNDER, LENDY LTD



We at Lendy Ltd are extremely proud of our title sponsorship of Lendy Cowes Week, the world's premier sailing regatta. We were delighted to meet so many of you at the 2017 regatta and to experience first-hand the tremendous competitive spirit on the water as well as the fun-packed shore-side scene .

It's given us lots of enthusiasm and ideas for 2018, and looking ahead to the second year of our partnership, we're excited to be working with Cowes Week Ltd on a range of initiatives to improve the event still further for you.

We look forward to seeing you in Cowes!

Liam Brooke
Director and Co-founder, Lendy Ltd

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1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Cowes Week Limited (CWL).

2 RULES

2.1 Sentences in italics within this Advance Notice of Regatta are guidance notes for information only.

2.2 Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS), the Notice of Regatta and Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions and as appropriate:

- a. For boats racing under IRC, IRC Rules Parts A, B & C except that:
 - i. The use of a spare mainsail is allowed so long as it is carried onboard at all times while racing.
 - ii. For the purposes of IRC 21.1.5, this is a regatta run on consecutive days (so the sails on board while racing must remain the same throughout, including the spare mainsail if any being used).
- b. Class Rules for one-design entries, including crew limits (if any).
- c. FAST40+ class rules, International Class 40 Association rules, the International Monohull Classes Association rules and HP30 Class Association qualifying criteria.
- d. Island Sailing Club Rating System for Cruiser class.
- e. *The Notice of Regatta will be available online on Monday 9 April 2018, copies of the relevant RYA prescriptions will be included with the Sailing Instructions also available online on Friday 6 July 2018. Online documents and information are available at the Official Website at www.lendycowesweek.co.uk.*

2.3 Safety regulations

2.3.1 Black Group and Around the Island Classes (see Tables 2 & 3)

- a. Boats shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 Monohulls except that:
 - i. Any boats that do not comply fully with the Regulations may apply to CWL for written dispensation against specific requirements. Dispensation will not normally be considered unless applied for by 17:00 on Friday 27 July 2018.
 - ii. Delete paragraph 5.01.1 and replace with: "Each crew member shall have a lifejacket in accordance with ISO 12402 – 3 (Level 150) or equivalent, including EN 396 or UL 1180, and if inflatable, shall have a gas inflation system and have crotch/thigh straps."
 - iii. Boats will not be required to carry a storm trysail nor need to be able to reef to 40% of their luff length.
 - iv. For boats in the Sunsail class, Sunsail UK will decide on the allowable sail plan for each day of racing. This sail plan will be displayed on the Sunsail Noticeboard at Cowes Yacht Haven by 0900 each day.

2.3.2 White Group Classes (see Table 4)

- a. Boats shall comply with their class safety regulations (if any) and with the current CWL Safety Regulations for Dayboat Classes.
- b. Boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver.
- c. *Copies of the CWL Safety Regulations will be obtainable online at the Official Website at www.lendycowesweek.co.uk or from CWL and will be included with the 2018 Safety Booklet.*

2.3.3 All Boats

Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring.

2.4 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing & Rating Rules

2.4.1 Changes to the RRS and Rating Rules are as detailed in the Notice of Regatta or in the Sailing Instructions. This changes RRS J1.2(1).

2.4.2 Alternative penalties (in the form of a scoring penalty) will apply to infringements of RRS Part 2 and 31, as detailed in the Sailing Instructions. A yellow flag will be required.

2.5 Equipment inspection

2.5.1 Officials from the Race Committee may inspect boats at any time during the regatta.

2.5.2 A boat that is found to be in contravention of the safety regulations or class rules or fails to comply with any reasonable request of an official scrutineer may be protested by the Race Committee.

2.6 Tracking

For safety and race management purposes, boats shall carry and use CWL approved tracking devices. Further details will be provided in the Notice of Regatta.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 It is intended that the regatta will be open to boats and classes listed in Tables 2, 3 and 4, and to any other classes accepted by CWL.

3.1.1 CWL reserves the right to:

- a. Combine the start of one class with another.
- b. Subdivide any class. *Black Group IRC and Cruiser fleets will be split during July into classes based on rating, or exceptionally for other reasons, depending on the number of entries received.*
- c. Cancel racing for any class or amalgamate classes if the number of entries is less than ten.

TABLE 1: ENTRY FEES

CLASSES		'Super Early bird' discounted entry fee For entries and fees paid on or before Friday 29 Dec 2017		'Early bird' discounted entry fee For entries and fees paid on or before Monday 7 May 2018		Standard entry fee For entries and fees paid on or before Friday 27 July 2018		Late entry fee For entries and fees paid from Saturday 28 July 2018	
		Whole Regatta	Daily Entry	Whole Regatta	Daily Entry	Whole Regatta	Daily Entry	Whole Regatta	Daily Entry
WHITE GROUP	Squib, Flying Fifteen	£231	£49	£243	£51	£267	£56	£291	£61
	SB20 and J/70 short series Sat-Tue (see Table 3)	£266	-	£279	-	£287	-	£335	-
	SB20 and J/70 all week	£372	£69	£391	£72	£402	£79	£469	£87
	Redwing, Seaview Mermaid, Swallow, Solent Sunbeam, Sonar, Victory, XOD.	£283	£59	£297	£62	£327	£69	£357	£74
	Daring, Dragon, Etchell, J80, RS Elite, Sportsboat.	£329	£69	£345	£72	£380	£79	£415	£87
BLACK GROUP	Less than 9m LOA	£329	£69	£345	£72	£380	£79	£415	£87
	9m to under 11m LOA	£497	£104	£521	£109	£574	£120	£627	£131
	11m to under 13m LOA	£540	£113	£568	£118	£625	£130	£682	£142
	13m and above LOA	£724	£151	£760	£158	£836	£174	£912	£190
	Quarter Ton and HP30 short series Sat - Tue	£329	-	£345	-	£380	-	£415	-
	Quarter Ton and HP30 all week	£411	£69	£432	£72	£475	£79	£518	£87
	FAST40+ short series Sat - Tue	£540	-	£568	-	£625	-	£682	-
	FAST40+ all week	£675	£113	£710	£118	£781	£130	£853	£142
AROUND THE ISLAND	All boats	£200	-	£200	-	£250	-	£300	-

Saturday 11 August - Entry for racing on the final Saturday is included free of charge for boats racing on four or more days earlier in the week. Otherwise there is a £44 entry fee for this day, regardless of boat size.

Fees shown above are for all methods of payment..

3.2 One-design boats

Boats in one-design classes listed in Table 2 or Table 4 will not normally be 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.

3.3 Sportsboats

3.3.1 Sportsboats shall have:

- a. A valid 2018 IRC rating of 1.150 or less.
- b. A Maximum Length (HL) of 9.50 metres.
- c. A displacement to length ratio (DLR) of 160 or less.

3.3.2 Boats outside these limits may be accepted at the sole discretion of CWL.

3.3.3 This class may be split into 2 divisions based on rating.

3.4 Ratings and rating changes

3.4.1 IRC and ISCRS

Boats racing under IRC or ISCRS shall have a valid rating issued no later than 1700 on Tuesday 31 July 2018.

For IRC ratings in the UK, contact the RORC Rating Office at: www.rorcrating.com.

For ISCRS ratings contact the Regatta Office in the first instance.

3.4.2 New ratings or changes to a rating will not be accepted after the time stated in 3.4.1 unless the change is:

- a. Due to an error made by CWL, RORC, UNCL or ISC. In this case, the rating shall be corrected for all races. For errors made by CWL where a rating would drop if corrected, boats must request a correction within 24 hours of registration (when they receive a list of entries and ratings).
- b. As the result of a rating protest, when the RRS rules dealing with decisions on measurement protests will apply, together with the rules applicable to the rating system.
- c. At the discretion of CWL with the agreement of RORC, UNCL or ISC as appropriate.

3.4.3 Boats racing in the IRC classes that do not wish to use a spinnaker or cruising chute at any time during the regatta may use their non-spinnaker TCC. This choice must be made no later than 17:00 on Tuesday 17 July. This alters IRC Rule 8.6.

3.4.4 Black Group on the Final Saturday

- a. Contessa 32s that are racing on the final Saturday will race in the Cruiser class.
- b. All other boats in Black Group one-design classes will race in the IRC class appropriate for their rating and must hold a valid 2018 IRC rating.

3.5 Crew numbers

3.5.1 Except as detailed in clause 3.5.3, there shall be no restrictions on crew numbers or crew changes during the regatta.

3.5.2 IRC crew number limitations shall not apply.

3.5.3 A boat racing in a one-design class shall comply with her class crew limitations, as modified by the class association for Lendy Cowes Week, if appropriate.

3.5.4 Accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen who are not regular crew members may join and/or leave a boat at any time and by any means so long as their doing so does not directly affect another competitor and they play no part in the racing of the boat. This changes RRS 47.2.

3.6 Crew List

3.6.1 Prior to the start of the regatta, every boat shall provide CWL with a completed online Crew List with full emergency contact details. A boat shall not sail with a crew member who has not provided their personal and emergency contact details on the online Crew List. Full details and online links for completing the Crew List will be provided in The Notice of Regatta.

3.6.2 Changes to crew information made during the regatta should be notified to the Shorewatch person described in clause 3.7.

3.7 Shorewatch

Prior to racing, each entrant is required to supply CWL with details of a Shorewatch person who shall keep an accurate record of the crew members sailing on the boat on each day. This contact information will only be used in the event of an emergency and will not be held by CWL after the conclusion of the regatta.

4 ENTRY

4.1 Entry Procedure

4.1.1 All entrants (except as detailed in clause 4.1.4) should enter online at the Official Website.

4.1.2 Exceptionally, entries may be made in person or by telephone at the Regatta Office, where a member of staff will complete the entry on behalf of the entrant.

4.1.3 Note that some basic information about the entry will be viewable on the Official Website and can be edited by the entrant.

4.1.4 Sunsail Match First 40 class entries will be completed by Sunsail UK.

4.2 Late Entries

Late entries will be accepted until 1700 on the day prior to a race so long as they are accompanied by the full entry fee. Entries after 17:00 on Wednesday 1 August 2018 must be made in person at the Regatta Office.

4.3 Entry Cancellation and Refunds

If written cancellation of entry is received at the Regatta Office by 17:00 on Wednesday 1 August, the whole fee less a £75 administration charge will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances. Entries made prior to the publication of the Notice of Regatta may, in the event of prompt notification and at the discretion of CWL, be refunded in full.

TABLE 2 : BLACK GROUP CLASSES	
CLASS & FLAG	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
CONTESSA 32 G 	A1. Boats shall comply with the Contessa 32 class rules. A2. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate Cruiser class and shall have a valid 2018 ISCRS rating.
FAST40+ FAST40+ FLAG 	B1. Boats shall comply with the FAST40+ class rules and shall have a valid 2018 IRC rating. B2. Boats race for the short series from Saturday to Tuesday and their overall series from Saturday to Friday. B3. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class. B4. Boats shall display class distinguishing letter "F" (see 12.5)
J/109 NN0 	C1. Boats shall comply with J/109 class rules. C2. Boats race level for their series from Saturday to Friday. C3. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class and shall have a valid 2018 IRC rating. C4. The J/109 class association has modified the class crew limit for Lendy Cowes Week to 10 crew with no weight limit.
QUARTER TON A 	D1. Boats shall comply with Quarter Ton class rules, and shall have a valid 2018 IRC rating D2. Boats race for the short series from Saturday to Tuesday and their overall series from Saturday to Friday. D3. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class. D4. Boats shall display class distinguishing letter "T" (see 12.5)
HP30 NP8 	E1. Boats shall comply with the HP30 qualifying criteria and shall have a valid 2018 IRC rating E2. Boats race for the short series from Saturday to Tuesday and their overall series from Saturday to Friday. E3. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class. E4. Boats shall display distinguishing letter "H" (see 12.5)
SIGMA 33 NN7 	F1. Boats race level for their series from Saturday to Friday and shall comply with their class rules. F2. Boats racing on the final Saturday will race within the appropriate IRC class and shall have a valid 2018 IRC rating.
SUNSAIL MATCH FIRST 40 SUNSAIL FLAG 	G1. Boats shall be part of the fleet owned and managed by Sunsail UK. G2. Sunsail UK will manage all aspects of entry direct with CWL. G3. The series will be from Saturday to Friday with one race per day. There will not be racing on Saturday 11 August.
IRC CLASSES 0-7  NP0 - NP7	H1. Boats shall have a valid 2018 IRC rating with a TCC of between 0.750 and 1.399, and a hull length (HL) between 6.0 and 24.0m. CWL may grant dispensation to boats outside these limits at its sole discretion. H2. IRC class splits will be made according to entries received and will be confirmed by 1700 on Sunday 29 July 2018. Draft class splits may be posted on the Official Website general forum approximately one week earlier in order to allow comment from competitors. H3. 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 lower limit rating of that class. The decision of CWL is final and not subject to appeal. H4. There will be one race per day from Saturday 4 August to Saturday 11 August. H5. The series for IRC classes will run from Saturday to Friday. H6. Boats shall display class numerals 0 - 7 as appropriate (see 12.5)
CRUISER CLASS (using ISCRS) COLOURED FLAG (supplied at registration)	J1. Boats shall have a valid 2018 rating issued by the Island Sailing Club (this is free). J2. Cruisers with a hull length between 6m and 18m will be eligible. CWL reserves the sole right to refuse entry to any boat that it considers to be a racing boat, and to accept entries outside the size limits. J3. The class may be split into two or more divisions depending on entry numbers. J4. Boats racing in the Cruiser class will not be eligible for the overall Black Group Trophy. J5. Boats shall display class letters "A - C" as appropriate (see 12.5)
DOUBLE-HANDED CLASS COLOURED FLAG (supplied at registration)	K1. Boats shall race with a crew of two. K2. Boats shall have a valid 2018 IRC certificate with a TCC of between 0.900 and 1.085. CWL may grant dispensation to boats outside these limits at its sole discretion K3. Boats shall display distinguishing letter J (see 12.5) K4. Boats racing in the Double-handed class will not be eligible for the overall Black Group Trophy.

TABLE 3 : AROUND THE ISLAND CLASSES

CLASS	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
IMOCA 60	Boats shall conform to the International Monohull Classes Association rules.
CLASS40	Boats shall conform to the International Class40 Association rules.
IRC SUPER ZERO	Boats shall have a valid 2018 IRC rating, a minimum TCC of 1.400 and hull length greater than 18m. CWL may grant dispensation to boats outside these limits at its sole discretion.

4.4 Race Abandonment or Cancellation

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

5 MOBILE TELEPHONES

- 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, it is recommended that a UK based service provider is used so that at least 98.2% of competitors should receive messages in a timely manner.*
- 5.2 Additional numbers may be registered for a fee of £10 per number.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 If a registered telephone becomes unusable, a new number can be registered at no cost, up to 19:30 on the day before the new number is to be used. *(Requests made after this time will be accommodated wherever possible).*

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Website from 6 July 2018 as a downloadable pdf file. A copy, printed on waterproof paper, will be given to all entrants at registration.

7 REGISTRATION AND SKIPPERS' BRIEFINGS

- 7.1 All entrants or their representatives shall register in person at the Regatta Centre before the end of their protest time limit on the day of their first race.
- 7.2 Registration packs containing sponsor decals/pennants, class numerals (if ordered), Official Programme, Safety Booklet, waterproof Sailing Instructions and any initial amendments to the NoR or Sailing Instructions will be available for collection from the Regatta Office from 14:00 on Thursday 2 August.

7.3 Skippers' briefings













There will be skippers' briefings for Black Group and White Group classes in the Cowes Yacht Haven Events Centre during the evening of Friday 3 August (17:30 for White Group and 18:30 for Black Group). It is intended to hold a skippers' briefing for Around the Island classes the day before the race. (details to be confirmed).

It is strongly recommended that one or two people from each boat attend the appropriate briefing. It is also intended to release an online video version of the skippers' briefing during the preceeding week.




8 RACING SCHEDULE

- 8.1 It is intended that all Black Group and White Group classes, as detailed in Tables 2 & 4, will have one race scheduled per day from Saturday 4 August to Saturday 11 August, except as follows and also detailed in Tables 2 and 4:
- Sunsail Match First 40, RS Elite, Solent Sunbeam and Victory: Saturday 4 August to Friday 10 August 2018.
 - Contessa 32, Sigma 33, J/109: Saturday 4 August to Friday 10 August. Additionally, these boats may race on Saturday 11 August within the appropriate rated fleet.
 - SB20, J/70, each have two series. The first is from Saturday 4 August to Tuesday 7 August. The second series is from Saturday 4 August to Saturday 11 August with one race a day from Wednesday onwards.
 - FAST40+, Quarter Ton and HP30 have two series. The first is from Saturday 4 August to Tuesday 7 August with two scheduled races a day. The overall series is from Saturday 4 August to Friday 10 August with one race a day from Wednesday onwards.
 - Contessa 32, Sigma 33, J/109, Quarter Ton, FAST40+ and HP30 may race on Saturday 11 August within the appropriate rated fleet.
 - Class associations may request changes to this proposed schedule, which will be considered by CWL at its absolute discretion.
- 8.2 The Around the Island Race day is scheduled for Thursday 9 August and is open to boats as defined in Table 3.
- 8.3 The first Start Time each day will not be before 09:40 (see Sailing Instructions for details).



TABLE 4 : WHITE GROUP CLASSES

CLASS	FLAG
The following classes have one race a day from Saturday 4 August to Saturday 11 August.	
DARING	O 
DRAGON	D 
ETCHELLS	E 
FLYING FIFTEEN	NN6 
REDWING	R 
SEAVIEW MERMAID	NP9 
SONAR	T 
SPORTSBOAT	NN3 
SQUIB	NN9 
XOD	W 
SWALLOW	K 
J/80	H 

The following classes have one race a day from Saturday 4 August to Friday 10 August with no racing on Saturday 11 August.

RS ELITE	NN4 
SOLENT SUNBEAM	V 
VICTORY	F 

The SB20 and J/70 classes each have two series. The first is from Saturday 4 August to Tuesday 7 August with two scheduled races a day. The second series is from Saturday 4 August to Saturday 11 August with one race a day for the second part of the week.

SB20	NN2 
J/70	J 

9 ADVERTISING

- 9.1 Boats may carry advertising as allowed by the World Sailing advertising code unless their class rules further restrict the advertising that may be carried.
- 9.2 Boats intending to carry advertising must indicate this on their entry form, together with the names of companies and/or products to be advertised.
- 9.3 As permitted by the World Sailing advertising code, boats will be required to display official event sponsor advertising which will be detailed in the Notice of Regatta.

9.4 Dispensation

- a. Competitors may be able to apply in writing for dispensation from clause 9.3 as detailed in the Notice of Regatta in certain circumstances.
- b. Dispensation will not normally be considered unless requested by 17:00 on Friday 27 July 2018.

- 9.5 Boats may not carry or display advertising on the forward 20% of their hulls unless specifically directed in the Notice of Race.

- 9.6 Except as required by clause 9.3, no more than 5 boats in a class listed in Tables 2, 3 & 4, may carry advertising for the same organisation, person, product, service, brand or idea without the written permission of CWL. CWL reserves the right to refuse entry to any class of boat that contravenes this rule. *Any class considering accepting sponsorship that might be affected by this rule is advised to contact CWL as soon as possible.*

9.7 Use of Event-related still images and footage by CWL

CWL and, as authorized by CWL, its agents, sponsors, licensees and other partners may use event-related still images and footage taken at any time, which may include images of competitors, their boats, support vessels, crew and sponsors, provided that CWL shall not use such images to create a direct endorsement by or from a competitor or any person, sponsor, product or service associated with a competitor, without the prior consent of the competitor.

10 SCORING SYSTEM

10.1 Individual Class Overall points series

- a. Overall points series will be run for each class listed in Tables 2, and 4. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. Scoring and abbreviations will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A unless amended below or in the Sailing Instructions.
- c. For trophies and prizes awarded by CWL:
- For Black Group IRC and Cruiser classes, the series will run from Saturday 4 August to Friday 10 August. When six or seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When five or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

- ii. For the Sportsboat class, the series will run from Saturday 4 August to Saturday 11 August. When eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. When six or seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When five or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - iii. For all other White Group and Black Group classes, the races to count for a boat's series score will be determined by the relevant class association. Details will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- d. *It should be noted that trophies awarded by individual class associations may use a different system of races and discards as may be determined by the class.*

10.2 Black and White Group cross-class points series

For all trophies that require scoring across more than one class:

- a. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, except as amended below.
- b. Only points scores from the seven races from Saturday 4 August to Friday 10 August will be used.
- c. Races that are abandoned will be scored in accordance with RRS A10(a) for the boat in question.
- d. Boats that have completed fewer than five races will not be eligible for the series.
- e. A boat's series score will be the total of her seven race scores excluding her worst score and multiplied by a Class Weighting Factor (to recognise the added difficulty of achieving a particular position in a larger fleet).
- f. The Class Weighting Factor for each boat will be: 10 divided by the square root of (N+17), where N is defined as the number of boats in her class entered for at least five races (as at 18:00 on Friday 3 August).

10.3 Around the Island Race

Scoring will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

10.4 Additional results listing

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

11 TROPHIES & PRIZES

- 11.1 Daily prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in all classes listed in Tables 2, & 4, and should be collected from the Regatta Office. Where a class has more than one race in a day, a prize will be awarded for each race. Any daily prizes not collected by 17:00 on Friday 7 September may be disposed of by CWL as it sees fit.

- 11.2 **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 Official Programme.

- 11.3 **Overall class trophies** will be awarded to the first three boats in each of the Individual Overall Class points series described in clause 10.1.a.

11.4 Overall Black Group and Overall White Group trophies

To be eligible for the Overall Black or White Group Trophy, boats must have won a class that is included in Tables 2 or 4 as appropriate (excluding the Cruiser class which is not eligible for the Black Group Overall trophy), for which at least five valid races were completed and in which there were at least ten boats entered for at least five races as at 18:00 on Friday 3 August. Scoring will be as described in clause 10.2.

- 11.5 **The Lendy Cowes Week Overall Winner Trophy** will be awarded to the Overall Black or White Group Trophy winner with the lowest points score in accordance with clause 10.2.

- 11.6 **The Young Skipper's Trophy** will be awarded to the top skipper in any Black or White Group class who is under 25 years on Saturday 11 August 2018. The skipper must have registered prior to the first race sailed. Scoring will be as described in clause 10.2.

- 11.7 **The Under 25 Trophy** will be awarded to the best performing boat in any Black or White Group class whose crew are all under 25 years on Saturday 11 August 2018. Boats must have registered prior to the first race sailed. Scoring will be as described in clause 10.2.

- 11.8 **The Nautor's Swan Trophy** will be awarded to the top Nautor's Swan sailing in IRC class 0 to 7, using average corrected speed calculated using IRC ratings in each day's racing from Saturday 4 August to Friday 10 August, and using the same points system as for individual classes.

- 11.9 **The Edmund Whelan Celebration Trophy** will be awarded to the top performing bona fide skippered sailing-school or charter-company boat (not bare-boat) racing under IRC, using average corrected speed calculated using IRC ratings in each day's racing from Saturday 4 August to Friday 10 August, and using the same points system as for individual classes.

- 11.10 **The Royal Southern Ariel Trophy** will be awarded to the Black or White Group boat with the best result on Tuesday 7 August with a female helm. Entrants should ensure that their intention to compete for this trophy is included in the entry details, either on initial entry or by registering at the Regatta Office before 18:00 on Monday 6 August. In the event of a tie, the boat racing in the class with the largest number of finishers will win. If there is still a tie, the trophy will be shared.

- 11.11 **The Sailing Today Cruiser Trophy** will be awarded to the Overall Winner of the Cruiser class on the final Saturday.

- 11.12 **The Bridgestone Tyres Trophy** will be awarded to the overall winner of the J/109 class.

- 11.13 **The Britannia Salver** will be awarded at the discretion of CWL to a person, boat or organisation that has, in the opinion of CWL, performed an act of outstanding seamanship, sportsmanship or benefit to the regatta.

- 11.14 **The Westmacott Trophy** will be awarded to the boat with the best overall performance in one of the four classes designed by Alfred Westmacott (Seaview Mermaid, Solent Sunbeam, Victory and XOD).
- 11.15 **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.
- 11.16 **The TNG Swiss Watches Newcomers Trophy** will be awarded to the most successful entrant in either Black or White Group, who has not sailed at Cowes Week before, as decided by CWL.
- 11.17 **CCC 50th Anniversary Team Trophy**
- Teams of three boats nominated by any club recognised by a World Sailing national authority will be eligible.
 - Clubs may nominate up to two teams.
 - Boats may race for only one team.
 - Boats may be from any Black or White Group class or combination of classes.
 - Each boat's score will be calculated in accordance with clause 10.2.
 - The winner will be the team with the lowest aggregate score.

12 BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- 12.1 It is the responsibility of each boat to provide its own class flags, number dodgers and class-distinguishing numerals or letters as described below (except that class flags for Cruiser and Double-handed classes racing under ISCRS will be provided by CWL at registration). *Advice on where it is possible to purchase these items can be given by CWL on request.*

12.2 Class Flags

- Class flags shall be displayed by all Black and White Group boats unless specific dispensation has been given in writing by CWL.
- Class flags shall be of the following minimum sizes:
 - For White Group boats 200mm x 150mm.
 - For Black Group boats either 300mm x 230mm for rectangular flags or 610mm x 150mm for numeral pennants.
- Class flags shall be flown from the backstay, or if no backstay is fitted, from the leech of the mainsail, between 1.5 - 2.5m of the deck or clew as appropriate.

12.3 Sail numbers

All boats are required to display their sail number on their mainsail and, unless their class rules prevent them from doing so, on their spinnaker. Dispensation may be granted by CWL at its sole discretion. Sail numbers should be in suitable contrast to the sail as to be visible to the race committee.

12.4 Sail number dodgers

- As well as sail numbers described in 12.3, all Black Group boats are required to display a sail number dodger on their approach to the finish and for at least two minutes after finishing.
- The numerals and suffix letters shall be 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, with the top edge of the numbers not more than 200mm below local deck level, in such a way and in suitable colour(s) as to be visible to the race committee.

12.5 Class numerals/letters

- IRC 0-7, Quarter Ton, FAST40+, HP30, Cruiser and Double-handed classes are additionally required to display class-distinguishing numerals or letters (except boats in these classes racing only on the last Saturday). See Table 2.
- The numerals/letters shall be displayed in both the port and starboard lifelines, so as to be clearly visible by the race committee at all times. Each letter or numeral shall be black or dark blue on a white background and shall be at least 300mm high (available from CWL).
- Alternatively, equivalent sized class-distinguishing numerals or letters may be displayed on both sides of the hull, forward of the shrouds, with the top edge of the numbers not more than 200mm below local deck level, in such a way and in suitable colour(s) as to be visible to the race committee at all times while racing.

12.6 Dispensation

Black Group boats that do not have guardrails fitted may apply in writing for dispensation from 12.4 and 12.5. Boats granted such dispensation must still display their sail number on their mainsail (or by other means if no mainsail is carried).

13 COURSES

- White Group courses will be located in the central Solent area as further defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- Black Group courses will be located in the Solent and its approaches (approximately Anvil Point to Nab Tower).
- Full lists of marks will be included in the Sailing Instructions and will be available for download from the Official Website.
- It is intended that all boats will be issued with a laminated chartlet of the racing area, together with the marks to be used thereon. However, these will be diagrammatic only and should not be used for navigation.

14 DECLARATION

- 14.1 By entering for a race or races in the regatta, the person in charge of each boat confirms that they will comply with the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 14.2 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 Office, and downloadable from the website, shall also be countersigned by a parent or guardian. This should be returned to the Regatta Office no later than 17:00 on Friday 27 July 2018.

15 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

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 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 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 safety briefings held for the event.
- h. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face all weather conditions that might be experienced during the event, 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 is familiar to the crew.

16 INSURANCE

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 £3,000,000 sterling (or near equivalent in foreign currency).

By entering, entrants declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the regatta and agree to allow CWL, at its discretion, to pass on their contact details to third party insurers in the event of a possible insurance claim.