



# Contessa 26

## National Championships

5th and 6th September 2015

# NOTICE OF RACE

### Island Sailing Club Cowes



## 1 ORGANISATION

The Organising Authority is the Island Sailing Club.

## 2 RULES

- 2.1 The series of races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS) together with, as appropriate:
- The ISAF Special Regulations for Category 5 Inshore Races, which are shown on page F26 of the Solent Book 2014 / 15
  - The IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 & 3 – including sail limitations, but excluding rule 22.4 (Crew Number / Weight) There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.
- 2.2 Amendments will be published on the Island Sailing Club web site [www.islandsc.org.uk/racingdocuments.aspx](http://www.islandsc.org.uk/racingdocuments.aspx) the Official Notice Board and distributed to all entrants.
- 2.3 Boats shall not enter the Cowes Breakwater Exclusion Zone and shall comply with all Local Notices to mariners published by the Cowes Harbour Master found here: [www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/local\\_notices\\_to\\_mariners](http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/local_notices_to_mariners)
- 2.4 All boats shall comply with current ISAF Special Regulations for Category 5 Inshore races except that regulations 3.09.1, 3.09.2 and 3.09.4 as regards cockpit self-draining, watertightness and draining and the height of the cockpit sole shall not apply. Boats may use a trysail instead of reefing equipment to reduce mainsail luff by at least 40%.
- 2.5 With the permission of the IRC Rating Authority, IRC Rule 8.2 is modified to include GBR boats holding Single Event Ratings (SER).

## 3 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

Any changes to the Racing Rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The National Championships is open to all boats of the Contessa 26 class.
- 4.2 There will be no race unless at least two boats enter and start.
- 4.3 All boats shall have either a valid IRC rating, an IRC Single Event Rating (SER) (or if racing in the Class Handicap Division a Class Rating will be provided by the Contessa 26 Association, in which case a completed measurement form may be requested).
- 4.4 Boats with a CO26 Class Rating can elect to race without a spinnaker (white sails only) this must be declared on the entry form and an appropriate class rating will be provided.

## 5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Entry Form and sending it, together with the entry fee of £45 per boat, to Mike Harrison at the address on the form to arrive no later than 1200hrs on **Saturday 22nd August**. Cheques should be made payable to Contessa 26 Class.

**6 CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE –**  
**Start times are as set out below and are on the same course.**

Date	Event	HW Portsmouth (BST)	Class	Class Flag	1st Warn Signal	1st Start Signal
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Up to 3 Races</b>	0504 4.4m	IRC (inc SER) CO26 Class Handicap Class Handicap - White Sails	Numeral pennant 1 Numeral pennant 2 Numeral pennant 3	<b>0955</b>	<b>1000</b>
		1737 4.4m			<b>1005</b>	<b>1010</b>
					<b>1005</b>	<b>1010</b>
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>1 Race</b>	0606 4.2m	IRC (inc SER) CO26 Class Handicap Class Handicap - White Sails	Numeral pennant 1 Numeral pennant 2 Numeral pennant 3	<b>0955</b>	<b>1000</b>
		1836			<b>1005</b>	<b>1010</b>
		4.1m			<b>1005</b>	<b>1010</b>

6.1 The Race Committee request that all boats fly their Class Flag from their backstay as shown above.

6.2 Races 1 and 2 will be windward leeward courses – Race 3 will be around the cans possibly finishing at Cowes – Race 4 will be a longer race around the cans.

**7 RATINGS**

7.1 Boats entered for IRC classes shall have a valid rating certificate (Endorsed certificates are recommended) issued by Seahorse Rating (RORC).

7.2 Boats without rating certificates may apply for a CO26 Class rating from Mike Harrison. **Certificates are not issued.**

7.4 No new or amended ratings will be accepted after 1200 on Friday 4th September Class ratings may be altered during the event but not retrospectively.

**8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available on the ISC website, [www.islandsc.org.uk/racingdocuments.aspx](http://www.islandsc.org.uk/racingdocuments.aspx) or can be collected from the ISC main lobby **from 31st July 2015**

**9 VENUE**

9.1 All races will start and finish from a Committee Vessel, (unless the race Committee otherwise notify a shore fixed line start from the ISC line) the location of which will be described in the Sailing Instructions

9.2 All racing will take place in the Western, Central and Eastern Solent.

**10 COURSES**

10.1 The course to be sailed will be communicated only by VHF Radio on VHF 77. Course boards will not be used.

10.2 Courses will use race marks as identified on the 2015 Solent Marks list. Course announcements will use the 2 digit designations. Full details will be published in the Sailing Instructions, and can be downloaded from the ISC website: [www.islandsc.org.uk/racingdocuments.aspx](http://www.islandsc.org.uk/racingdocuments.aspx)

**11 SCORING**

11.1 The Low Point Scoring system will be used.

11.2 Boats will be scored in sequence from the shortest corrected time after the elapsed time (applying any penalties) has been multiplied by the relevant correction factor.

11.3 If 3 or fewer races are completed then all races will count to the series score. If 4 races are completed then 1 discard will be applied. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

11.4 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**12 PRIZE GIVING**

Prizes will be presented as soon as possible after racing at the Island Sailing Club.

### **13 RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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:

- 13.1 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;
- 13.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 13.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss, to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 13.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 13.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 13.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 13.7 They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather and 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; and
- 13.8 Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 sterling against third party claims.

### **14 BERTHING**

All boats are encouraged to berth in Shepards Wharf Marina, Cowes where a group rate discount has been arranged.

### **15 RYA CHARTER**

Competitors should note that the Island Sailing Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that, when entering, competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016) or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)

### **SOCIAL GATHERING**

All Skippers and their crews are invited to an informal gathering in the bar / restaurant at the Island Sailing Club during the evening of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP DINNER**

All participants and their families are welcome to attend the Championship dinner on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at the Island Sailing Club. 1930 for 2000hrs. Attendees must book with the ISC by phoning 01983 296621. Tickets must be paid for at the point of booking.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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