

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS No 53 (T) of 2022**

### **Cowes Classics Week Regatta: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**Notice is hereby given** that the annual Cowes Classic Week Regatta Racing event will take place between Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. During this period heavy concentrations of sailing vessel of all types will be racing in the Solent, in the approaches to Cowes Harbour, Southampton Water and within the Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel). Mariners should be particularly vigilant and should maintain an efficient lookout for large vessels and sailing vessels and, at all times, navigate with extreme caution in these areas.

The Cowes Classics Week races will start from the Royal London Yacht Club (RLYC) Start Line or from a committee boat in the Solent. Shoreline start times will be from 1030 each day.

More information can be found on the [Cowes Classics Week website](#).

Small craft including those racing or preparing to race should be vigilant for large and regular commercial traffic including Red Funnel vehicle and freight ferries, Red Jet passenger ferries, and cargo vessels, which cannot safely navigate outside of the main fairways, and are reminded of their duty under Rule 9 of the Collision Regulations to avoid impeding their safe passage.

#### **Advice for all mariners – Navigation within the Cowes Harbour Fairways**

Vessels may enter or depart Cowes via the main fairway or the dredged Eastern Channel depending upon their size and draught and the direction of approach or departure.

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**21<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre,  
Ocean Gate, Atlantic Way,  
Southampton**

**Steven Masters  
Harbour Master**

**Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.**