

NOTICE TO MARINERS No 60 (T) of 2024

Cowes Classics Week Regatta: Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July 2024

Notice is hereby given that the annual Cowes Classics Week races will take place between **Monday 8th and Friday 12th July 2024**. 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.

Starts and Finishes within and in the approaches to Cowes Harbour

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](#).

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.

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.

This notice will be self-cancelling on 13th July 2024.

4th July 2024

**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.**