

## Local Notice to Mariners

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### The British Classic Week

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that jointly by the King's Harbour Master Portsmouth, the Harbour Master ABP Southampton and the Cowes Harbour Master that the **British Classic Week** will be taking place in Cowes and the Solent between **Monday 7 July and Friday 11 July 2025**.

Approximately 50 yachts involving 400 participants are expected to take part. Racing will take place throughout the Central, Eastern and Western Solent.

Mariners should be particularly vigilant and should maintain an efficient lookout, as per COLREGS Rule 5, for large vessels and sailing vessels and, at all times, navigate with extreme caution in these areas. Mariners are also reminded to not impede large ships displaying constrained by draft as per COLREGS Rule 9.

Mariners are reminded of the "Moving Prohibited Zone" as referred to in [Southampton Harbour Byelaws 2003 No11](#) and [General Direction 10](#) which refers to Clear Channel Vessels and Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel). More Information on this can be found in Local Notice to Mariners 2025 [No.06 Precautionary Area \(Thorn Channel\)](#).

#### **Start and finish lines:**

The British Classic Week races will start and finish from the Royal Yacht Squadron Start Line. Start times will be from approximately 1130 each day with racing planned to be complete around 1600.

#### **Concours D 'Elegance**

On Monday 7 July, there will be a parade of racing, cruising and motor boats passing the Royal Yacht Squadron. The parade will start at 1115 (BST) in the vicinity of Egypt Point, with the parade then heading eastwards towards Cowes Harbour.

#### **Round the Island Race**

On Tuesday 8 July, there will be a Round the Island Race, involving 3 of the 5 classes entered into the Regatta. The starts will be at 0755, 0840 and 0925 (BST) from the Royal Yacht Squadron Start Line. The estimated finish time is 2100 (BST).

Further information can be found on the [British Classic Week website](#).

This notice will be self-canceling on completion.

**Steven Masters,  
Harbour Master**