



Cowes-Poole-Cowes : Club Race 2016

Information Sheet for Competitors

The following information regarding the rules and paperwork required for the Cowes-Poole-Cowes Club Race is provided for guidance only. It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure they are aware of, and comply with, all the current rules.

General Racing Rules

Club races are designed to encourage owners of recreational boats to compete in an offshore powerboat race, and to enjoy racing in a safe and fair manner. In order to compete, you must have a boat that conforms to the RYA's general racing rules and the specific rules relating to Club events. The link to the RYA rules is at the end of this information sheet. The general racing rules are in sections D-G, whilst information about club racing is in section I.

Licences – for all crew

All crew on board must take out an event licence (unless they have a current RYA national/international licence) and these can be purchased at race administration at a cost of £60 each.

Competitors who have held a national/international powerboat licence, or an event licence, within the last two years will be eligible for an event licence without having to undergo race training. If you are in doubt, the race secretary will be able to confirm if this applies to you.

If you have no previous racing experience – or have not held a national/international powerboat licence, or an event licence, within the last two years – you will need to undertake a powerboat race training programme in advance of the race weekend. A link to RYA approved training organisations is at the end of this information sheet.

Boat registration documents and scrutineering

Competitors will need to complete an RYA boat registration document and send this to the RYA, with a cheque for £45, at least 14 days before the race. A link to the RYA boat registration application form is at the end of this information sheet.

All boats will need to pass scrutineering before being allowed to race. The RYA rules give details about the equipment needed on board, information about lifejackets, protective helmets and so on.

Classes

There are four classes defined within the club rules as follows:

Class	Engine size	Boat number prefix
Club unlimited / open class	351hp and over	U
Club 1	201 - 350hp	1
Club 2	116 – 200hp	2
Club 3	Up to 115hp	3

Radio licences

Each competing boat must have a Ship's Licence for their radio equipment and at least one crew member must have a VHF/SRC Operator's Licence. These licences will be checked at race administration and/or scrutineering. VHF Channel 37 will be used throughout the race – a link to more details about this is at the end of this information sheet.

Race Instructions

The event race instructions will include comprehensive information about the course, timetable and so on. These will be published on the event website and emailed to all entrants – it is anticipated this will be in mid-July.

Further Information

For further information regarding race administration (licences, measurement certificates, training, etc) please contact:

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For all other information regarding the event please contact:

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Useful links

RYA rules	http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/powerboatracing/2016/RYA%20Offshore%20PB1%202016.pdf
RYA approved training organisations	http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/powerboatracing/Pages/Training.aspx
RYA boat registration application form	http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/powerboatracing/2016/Log%20Book%20Boat%20Registration%20Form%20Offshore.pdf
VHF Channel 37	http://cowestorquaycowes.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/VHF-Radio-channel-37_2016.pdf

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