



# Cowes-Poole-Cowes : Club Race 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. All crew on board must also hold a licence to race.

All boats will need to pass scrutineering before being allowed to race. The following link to the **RYA offshore rules (PB1)** will give you information regarding the equipment you will need on your boat, plus information about lifejackets, protective helmets and so on.

The general racing rules are in sections D-G, whilst information about club racing is in section H5.

<http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/powerboatracing/Pages/PowerboatRacingRules.aspx>

Please note the following:

- VHF Radios (rule D33): All boats will be required to carry a fixed or hand-held VHF radio capable of operating on, at least, channels 16 and 37, and one of the crew must hold a GMDSS short range certificate/VHF operator's licence.
- Flares (rule D38): All boats must carry the following 2 red hand-held distress flares and 2 orange smoke flares
- Charts/Electronic Chart Plotters (rule D40): All boats must either be equipped with an electronic chart plotter with up-to-date electronic charts covering the whole course at a suitable scale, or present up-to date paper charts covering the whole course.

## 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

## Boat Registration

Competitors will need to complete an RYA boat registration document and send this to the RYA a minimum of 14 days before the race. There is no charge for issuing a boat registration document. You can download the registration document here:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/powerboatracing/2015WebDocs/Log%20Book%20Boat%20Registration%20Form%20Offshore%202.pdf>

## Event Licences

Event licences provide competitors with a temporary powerboat racing licence which is valid for the duration of the event.

**ALL CREW** on board must take out an event licence (unless they have a current national/international licence) and these can be purchased at race administration at a cost of £80 each. In addition competitors taking out an event licence will need to complete a medical self-declaration form – these will also be available at race administration.

### Competitors who are racing as the Driver or Co-Driver:

- If you have previously held a national/international powerboat licence, or an event licence, within the last two years you will be eligible for an event licence without having to undergo training. 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 before an event licence can be issued.

### Any additional crew:

- Any additional crew on board do not have to undergo training in order to obtain an event licence, but they will not be able to take control of the boat at any stage during the race.

## 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 as soon as they have been approved by the RYA. It is anticipated this will be in mid-July.

## Further Information

For further information regarding licences, boat registration documents or the RYA rules, please contact:

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