



THE COUTTS QUARTER TON CUP 2017

Wednesday 13th September – Friday 15th September

Organising Authority

Royal Southampton Yacht Club in conjunction with the Quarter Ton Class

Notice of Race

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Inshore Racing (Appendix B) will apply.
- 1.3 Competitors are reminded that Class Rules apply. Class Rules can be found at <http://www.quartertonclass.org>.
- 1.4 Parts A, B and C of the IRC Rules will apply.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats are requested not to display advertising that is in conflict with the interests of the event sponsors, Coutts.

3 Eligibility & Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Quarter Ton Class.
- 3.2 The regatta has two divisions - Open Division and Corinthian Division:
 - 3.2.1 Open Division for all boats.
 - 3.2.2 Corinthian Division for those boats in the Open Division with an all-amateur crew.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on or before 29th August. The entry form can be found via a link on the event website (www.quartertoncup.org) from 1st June.
- 3.4 Late entries will be accepted after 29th August until 1800 on Tuesday 12th September with an additional fee to be applied.

4 Classification

- 4.1 The following classification requirements will apply to the Corinthian Division only:
 - 4.1.1 The World Sailing Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 shall apply and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 classification. Unclassified sailors will be deemed to be Group 3.
 - 4.1.2 The Crew Deadline shall be 1700 on Friday 1st September before which each entry shall submit a complete crew list and show the classification, World Sailing I/D number and classification expiry date for each crew. The Crew Deadline is extended to 1800 Tuesday 12th September for late entries only.
 - 4.1.3 Should a boat need to change a crew member after 1700 on 1st September, the name of the new crew member with their classification, World Sailing I/D number and classification expiry date must be submitted to the Organizing Authority for their approval before 1800 Tuesday 12th September.
 - 4.1.4 For crew substitutions during the regatta, the name, their classification, World Sailing I/D number and classification expiry date must be submitted to the Race

Committee before 0900 on the day that the substitution is to be made.

- 4.1.5 The Classification Protest Time Limit shall be the Protest Time Limit at the end of the first day's racing or the Protest Time Limit at the end of a day's racing when crew substitutions have been made that day.
- 4.1.6 All crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 4.1.7 Details of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the World Sailing website:
www.sailing.org/classification.

5 Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee before 29th August is £200.00.
- 5.2 An additional fee of £50.00p applies after 29th August.
- 5.3 The entry fee includes:
 - 5.3.1 Berthing at the Cowes Yacht Haven for the nights of Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th September, only.
 - 5.3.2 Tickets for crew-members at the Welcome Party.
- 5.4 The entry fee does not include tickets for other social events which must be ordered and paid for in advance on the event website (www.quartertoncup.org). Tickets will be issued at Registration.

6 Format

- 6.1 Both Divisions will race together.

7 Schedule

7.1 Timetable of events:

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| Tuesday 12 th September | Registration at Solent Room, Cowes Yacht Haven including weigh-in if required (see Class Rule 5) | 1400 to 1730 |
| | Skippers Briefing at upstairs bar of the Event Centre, Cowes Yacht Haven | 1800 |
| | Coutts Welcome Reception at upstairs bar of the Event Centre, Cowes Yacht Haven | 1830-1930 |
| Wednesday 13 th September | Racing | 1100 |
| | BBQ at the Event Centre Cowes Yacht Haven | 1930 |
| Thursday 14 th September | Racing | 1100 |
| Friday 15 th September | Racing | 1100 |
| | Prizegiving dinner at the Event Centre Cowes Yacht Haven | 1930 |

- 7.2 Nine races are scheduled.
- 7.3 There will be a maximum of 3 races per day. This may be increased to 4 per day at the discretion of the Race Committee when taking into account the conditions for racing.
- 7.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 1100.
- 7.5 On Friday 15th September there will be no warning signal after 1430 except after a General Recall or postponement during the start sequence.
- 7.6 On each day of racing boats should not leave the Cowes Yacht Haven Marina until the Race Committee have given permission to do so by VHF broadcast. This will not be before 0900.

8 Measurements

- 8.1 In accordance with Class Rule 5, competitors may elect to weigh in by giving notice before 0900 Monday 11th September. Weigh-in will be conducted at registration.

- 8.2 Competitors are reminded that they are responsible for the accuracy of their boat and sail measurements given to the RORC Rating Office, and therefore the accuracy of their IRC certificate.
- 8.3 Measurement checks may be undertaken at any time during the regatta. Competitors will be required to comply with any such check including sail measurements and weighing of the boats.
- 8.4 Competitors are strongly advised to have their IRC certificate 'endorsed' by the RORC. Boats that fail check measurements will be protested and may be disqualified from all races.

9 Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 0930 on Monday 11th September on the event website (www.quartertoncup.org). At that time they will also be emailed to all skippers who have entered their boats beforehand. Paper copies will be available only if requested at registration.

10 Venue

- 10.1 Racing will take place in the Solent.
- 10.2 A chartlet of the Solent together with a list of marks will be provided with the sailing instructions.

11 Courses

- 11.1 Courses are likely to be windward leewards using laid marks.

12 Penalty System

- 12.1 A two-turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

13 Scoring

- 13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 13.2 Three races constitute a series.
- 13.3 The Corinthian Division will be scored separately.
- 13.4 If there are six or more races, one discard will be applied.

14 Berthing

- 14.1 All boats shall berth at Cowes Yacht Haven from Tuesday 12th September 1700 until Friday 15th September 0900 except whilst racing or sailing to/from the race area for racing.

15 Haul-Out Restrictions

- 15.1 Boats shall not be hauled out, nor underwater equipment (including breathing apparatus, masks and goggles) used, during the regatta (from the close of Registration until racing is completed on Friday 15th September) except with and in accordance to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16 Radio Communication

- 16.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of operating on all international channels. All VHF communication with boats afloat is likely to be on Channel 77.

17 Prizes

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - 17.1.1 Quarter Ton Cup to the winner of the Open Division.
 - 17.1.2 Corinthian Trophy to the winner of the Corinthian Division.
 - 17.1.3 Roger Swinney Trophy for the highest placed boat of the Open Division that wins neither the Quarter Ton Cup nor the Corinthian Trophy and has a rating of <0.890.
 - 17.1.4 The Coutts Cup to the entrant with the most first places in the Open Division. In the event of a tie then the most second places will be taken into account and

so forth.

17.1.5 The Kemp Cup, in memory of Stephen Kemp, will be awarded by the Organising Committee.

17.1.6 Other prizes will be awarded including: a prize to the boat with the highest combined age of the crew, lowest combined age of the crew, oldest bowman, and Concours d'elegance (as judged by the Race Committee).

18 Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

19 Insurance

- 19.1 All boats shall hold a current certificate of insurance which covers them during the period of the regatta, for third party claims of not less than £2,000,000 sterling.

Notice of Race Ends

The event website can be found at www.quartertoncup.org

Social Arrangements

Tuesday 12th September, 1800

Coutts Welcome Reception at the Upstairs Bar of the Event Centre, Cowes Yacht Haven (dress code – smart casual). Cost for all crews included in the entry fee.

Wednesday 13th September, 1930

Event Barbeque at the Event Centre, Cowes Yacht Haven (dress code – smart casual). Cost is £25 per person; deadline for tickets is 1730 Tuesday 12th September.

Friday 15th September, 1930

Prizegiving and Quarter Ton Cup Dinner at the Event Centre, Cowes Yacht Haven (dress code – jacket and tie). Cost is £35 per person; deadline for tickets is 1730 Tuesday 12th September.

Tickets for the Coutts Welcome Reception are included in the Entry Fee. Tickets for the BBQ and Prizegiving Dinner may be purchased on the Event website (www.quartertoncup.org).