



Round the Island Race

organised by the
Island
Sailing
Club 

Saturday 15th June 2024

Spectator Guide

For more information and full entry details visit
www.roundtheisland.org.uk
or call the Island Sailing Club on **01983 296621**

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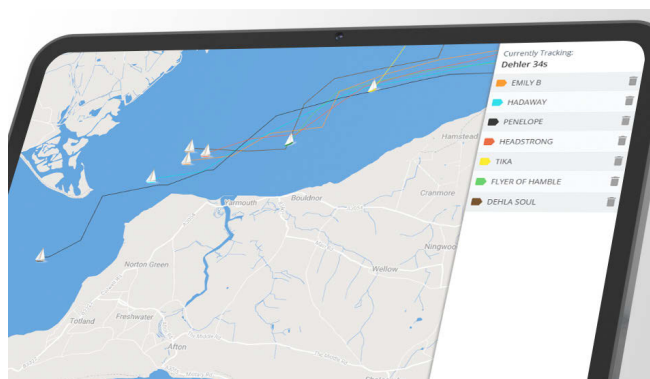


HOW TO FOLLOW THE RACE

Whether you're watching at home or joining the action around the Island, there are a number of ways that you can follow the race.

Our live Race Blog on the event website will be providing a running commentary on the progress of the race - along with pictures and video clips - from the first start at 0600 through to the finish. Meanwhile, our tracking system will be monitoring the position of all 1,000 boats taking part, so you can see exactly where your favourite boats are on the racetrack.

We'll also be live on all the usual social media channels (see the front cover for details), and of course, you can watch the race in person from one of the vantage points around the Island using our guide below to the likely times at which the fleet will pass different places during the 50 nautical mile course.



THE COURSE

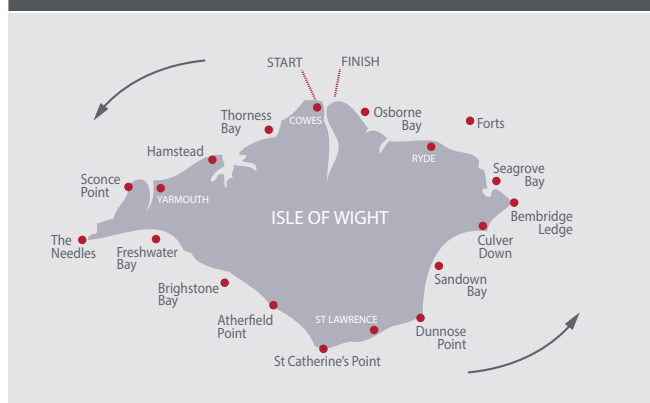
The Round the Island Race course really couldn't really be much simpler!

The boats cross the start line at Cowes in eleven separate groups, starting every 10 minutes from 0600 until 0720 and heading in a westerly direction towards Yarmouth.

The boats pass round the Needles Lighthouse, along the south-west coast of the Island to St. Catherine's Point and then up across Sandown Bay to round the Bembridge Ledge Buoy.

The fleet then makes its way either side of No Man's Land Fort and across Osborne Bay to the finish line back at Cowes.

THE COURSE MAP

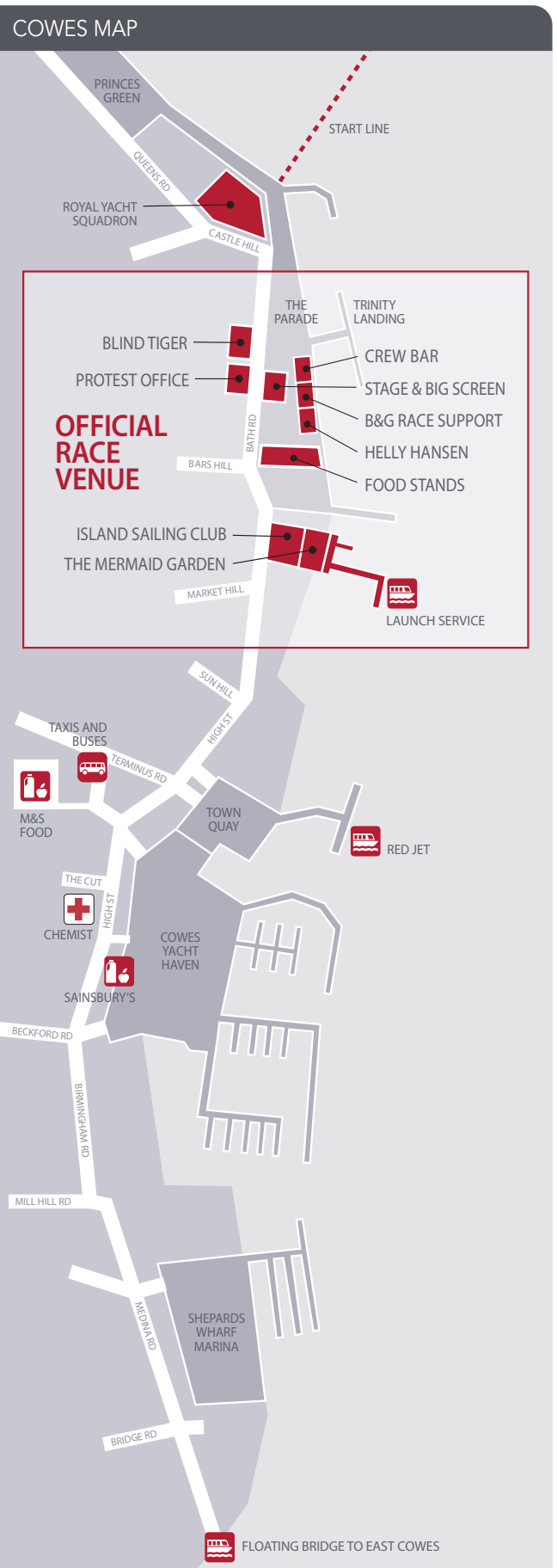


VANTAGE POINTS

ISLAND VANTAGE POINTS	APPROX. TIMES YACHTS WILL PASS AND HOW TO GET THERE	
COWES Start	0600 - 0720	Via Ward Ave., Baring Road & Castle Hill to the Parade and the Green either side of the Royal Yacht Squadron.
SCONCE POINT	0730 - 1000	From Yarmouth, drive towards Freshwater. Turn right after 1/2 mile and follow signs to Fort Victoria.
THE NEEDLES	0800 - 1130	From Freshwater or Totland follow signs to the Needles Car Park. Park and walk up West High Down to Needles Battery. Best view to south of Coast Guard Station.
CHILTON CHINE	0845 - 1200	From Freshwater or Totland follow signs to the Needles Car Park. Park and walk up West High Down to Needles Battery. Best view to south of Coast Guard Station.
ST. CATHERINE'S POINT	0930 - 1330	From Freshwater, Rookley or Ventnor go to Niton. Take loop road to Buddle Inn. Park and walk down cliffs by lighthouse.
VENTNOR	0945 - 1400	Park on Cliff at West End of Esplanade.
BONCHURCH	1000 - 1430	Take lane down to sea opposite Bonchurch pond. Take left turn and park in car park at bottom, which is the best view.
CULVER DOWN	1030 - 1530	From Brading, take Bembridge road. After 1 mile, turn right and follow sign for Culver (on a bend, and lane hairpins up!)
RYDE PIER	1130 - 1630	From Ryde Esplanade, drive up pier and park at end. Parking is free for 30 mins, charges apply after that.
COWES Finish	0900 - 2200	Via Ward Ave., Baring Road & Castle Hill to the Parade and the Green either side of the Royal Yacht Squadron.
MAINLAND VANTAGE POINTS	APPROX. TIMES YACHTS WILL PASS AND HOW TO GET THERE	
HURST POINT	0730 - 1030	From Lymington drive to Milford on Sea, take road to Keyhaven, but turn right towards Hurst beach after half a mile. Park at end and walk up Hurst Spit to Hurst Castle.
GILKICKER POINT	1130 - 1730	From Gosport drive through Alverstoke towards golf course. Take road through golf course to Gilkicker Point and Fort.



START TIMES			
FLEET FLAG	CLASS	CLASS FLAG	START TIME
Green	Open 60		0600
	IRC Group 0		
	IRC Group 1	None	
	Class 40		
	Clipper Yachts		
Day-Glo Orange	Multihulls Grand Prix and MOCRA Racing		0610
	Multihulls Bridgedeck Catamaran Cruiser		
	Diam 24		
	Gaffers Division 1, 2 & 3		
	Sportsboat		
	J/70		
Black	ISC Rating System Group 4	None	0620
Blue	IRC Group 2	None	0630
	Sunsail 41		
Silver Grey	IRC Group 3	None	0640
Turquoise	ISC Rating System Group 5	None	0650
White	ISC Rating System Group 6	None	0700
	Classic Racing Yachts racing under ISCRS		
	Modern Classic Racing Yachts racing under IRC		
Day-Glo Green	ISC Rating System Group 7	None	0710
	Nordic Folkboat		
Purple	ISC Rating System Group 8	None	0720



OFFICIAL RACE VENUE ON COWES PARADE

The Race Team and the Island Sailing Club (ISC) are staging an Official Hospitality Venue throughout the race weekend, located on the Parade in Cowes. All competitors, race supporters and spectators are welcome. Both the Race Briefing (on Friday) and Prize Giving (on Sunday) will be held on the stage. The new venue will feature:

- Large Crew Bar marquee serving all your favourite drinks
- Food Court serving delicious food and snacks throughout the weekend
- Live music on the stage all three days
- B&G Race Support Event Truck
- Helly Hansen and RNLI stand
- Crew Deli at Blind Tiger - Deli Boxes available to pre-order & collect on Friday. Visit www.blindtigeriw.co.uk
- Crew Suppers at Blind Tiger on Friday and Saturday. Please book via www.blindtigeriw.co.uk
- The Mermaid Garden at the ISC - cocktails, beers and pizza
- ISC Members' Bar and Terrace (all competitors welcome)
- ISC Dining Room - lunch and dinner. Please book on 01983 249434 or 296621

HOSPITALITY VENUE OPENING TIMES

RACE VENUE - CREW BAR & FOOD COURT

FRI	1400 - 2300
SAT	0900 - 2300
SUN	0900 - 2000

RACE VENUE - MAIN STAGE

FRI	1500	Live Music
	1800	Race Briefing
	2100	Blonde Bombshell
SAT	1400	Live Music
	2100	Cornerstone
SUN	1200	Prize Giving
	1400	Live Music

BLIND TIGER

FRI	1930 All day	Crew Supper (booking essential) Crew Deli
SAT	1930 All day	Crew Supper (booking essential) Crew Deli

THE MERMAID GARDEN - AT THE ISC

FRI	1100 - 2400
SAT	1100 - 2400
SUN	1100 - 2400

ISC MEMBERS' BAR & TERRACE (COMPETITORS WELCOME)

FRI	1100 - 2300
SAT	1100 - 2400
SUN	1100 - 1800

ISC DINING ROOM (COMPETITORS WELCOME)

FRI	1200 - 1600
SAT	1000 - 2200 (booking essential)
SUN	1200 - 1600

RED JET CROSSINGS

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE (MORNING CROSSINGS)

Southampton to Cowes

departs: 0640 0715 0750 0825 0900

Cowes to Southampton

departs: 0715 0750 0825 0900 0935

Crossing time is approximately 30 minutes

RED FUNNEL FERRY CROSSINGS

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE (MORNING CROSSINGS)

Southampton to Cowes

departs: 0300 0500 0600 0700 0800 0900 1000

East Cowes to Southampton

departs: 0130 0430 0630 0730 0830 0930 1030

Crossing time is approximately 60 minutes

ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY

Whilst we employ professional marine photographer, Paul Wyeth (pwpictures.com) to capture all aspects of the race (see event website for images), participants and spectators are encouraged to record their own unique experiences too.

If you'd like to share your pictures of the 2024 race, just select your favourite images and upload them via the event website (rtir.me/upload) from the day of the race.

Once they've been approved by the ISC, your pictures will be available for everyone to see - and because each image will be tagged with the name of the boat featured, you'll also be able to see who has captured pictures of your own race around the Island.

ISLAND SAILING CLUB RACE MERCHANDISE

This year the Club is offering Round the Island branded neck buffs & Round the Island Limited Edition Wessex Gin. Both fantastic mementos. All items can be ordered directly from the Island Sailing Club or via the event website at rtir.me/merchandise.

