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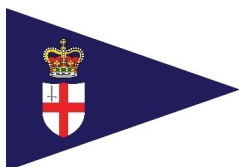
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**ROVIKA SB20 UK NATIONAL SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP
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24 JULY TO 28 JULY 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

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The notation '[NP]' means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and...
- 1.2 [DP] the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and...
- 1.3 [DP] the SB20 class rules, except where amended below.
- 1.4 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.
- 1.5 The RYA prescriptions that apply are detailed in Addendum B.
- 1.6 [NP][DP] Notices to Mariners (NTM) and the general regulations for the ports of Southampton and Cowes shall apply.
- 1.7 The Vakaros RaceSense system may be used for this event. If used, each boat shall be equipped with a working, licensed, Vakaros Atlas 2 device configured with RaceSense. If employed, the Vakaros system is expected to form the primary source for line calls. A limited number of Atlas 2 devices will be available for rental through the Organising Authority.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the Yacht Scoring website on or before 20 July 2026. (www.yachtscoring.com).
- 2.2 In case of any conflict between the notice of race and the sailing instructions, the latter shall prevail.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board (ONB) shall be online at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 3.2 The race office shall be at the Royal London Yacht Club (RLYC).
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio capable of receiving all normal international VHF channels. All VHF communication shall be on international VHF channels.
- 3.4 On the water the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.5 In addition to VHF communication, the RC may use a WhatsApp group to communicate with competitors and a "QR Code & Link" are included with this NoR, and will be included in the SIs. Failure to receive information broadcast using WhatsApp will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1.

3.6 [DP] Other than in respect of 3.5 above, the use of mobile/cell phones, or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited during racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The events are open to all boats of the SB20 Class, where at least one sailor onboard is a member of their National SB20 Class Association. Entrants may be of any nationality but the UK National Championship included within the Open & National Championship will be awarded only to a UK class member who is either a UK citizen or a bona-fide UK resident.

4.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online with the UK SB20 class. To be considered an entry in this event boats shall complete all registration requirements above and pay all fees.

4.3 Entries shall not be open to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality or a boat that is registered with or a member of the National Association in those countries. The OA may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.

5. FEES

5.1 The Standard entry fee for the 4 days is £355 per boat (£267.50 for Youth entries), and includes 4 tickets for social events.

5.2 The entry fee for the Nationals only is £295 per boat (£217.50 for Youth entries), and includes 4 tickets for social events.

5.3 The entry fee for the Sprint event only is £95 per boat, and includes 4 tickets for the Dark & Stormy reception only.

5.4 A Youth entry is one where every member of the crew is an amateur under the age of 25 at the registration date of 24 July 2026.

5.5 The closing date for entries shall be 10 July 2026.

5.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA with a surcharge of 15%.

5.7 Additional tickets for the barbecue are available at £35.00, payable directly to RLYC by 20 July.

5.8 Event berthing at Shepherds Marina may be booked through the SB20 Class and may be purchased at time of registration and subject to availability.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available through the UK SB20 class, shall be submitted for crew under 18 years of age.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 [NP] Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 The times shown in the table below are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time - BST).

8.2 Indicative tide times are for high water (HW) Portsmouth.

HW Portsmouth (BST)	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Friday 24 July	1200-1700	–	Registration/Weigh-in
Saturday 25 July <i>HW 0925 – 3.7m</i> <i>HW 2138 – 4.0m</i>	0800-1100 1100 1830 or ASAP after racing	1255	Registration/Weigh-in Briefing by WhatsApp Sprint Series: 6 races Dark & Stormy Reception at RLYC

HW Portsmouth (BST)	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Sunday 26 July <i>HW 1027 – 3.9m</i> <i>HW 2238 – 4.0m</i>	0930 1900 for 1930	1055 ASAP ASAP	Briefing by WhatsApp Race 1 Race 2 Race 3 Class BBQ at RLYC
Monday 27 July <i>HW 1116 – 4.1m</i> <i>HW 2323 – 4.2m</i>	0900	1025 ASAP	Briefing by WhatsApp Race 4 Race 5 Race 6 Beer after racing at RLYC
Tuesday 28 July <i>HW 1157 – 4.3m</i>	0830	ASAP 1025 ASAP ASAP	Briefing by WhatsApp Race 7 Race 8 Race 9 Followed by prize-giving

8.3 A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed on any day in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons, provided that the programme does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

8.4 On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

9.2 After any measurement and until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without prior written permission given by the OA and posted on the ONB.

9.3 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

10.1 See Class Rules, available at <https://sb20class.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-Class-rules-Effective-Feb-1-2024.pdf>.

11. CHANGES TO CLASS RULES

11.1 In accordance with class rule C.4.2 the following items are permitted: [DP] Mobile phones and smart watches may be carried on board. Except in an emergency, they shall be turned off while racing [changes SB20 class rule C.4.2(1)].

11.2 This event will be sailed without engines, and corrector weights will not be required. This changes Class Rule C 5.1(6).

11.3 Class rule C5.1 is deleted and replaced with the following:

MANDATORY

a) One non-floating tow line of not less than 30m length and 8mm diameter, which can double as an anchor line.

b) Two paddles of combined minimum weight not less than 1 kg.

c) A functioning VHF radio with normal international channels.

d) First aid kit in a waterproof container.

e) A knife or a multi-tool containing a knife.

f) One anchor and a minimum of 1.5m of 6mm steel chain that shall weigh not less than 6kg (including shackles) which shall be securely stowed when not in use.

- 11.4 As required by RRS 87 the written permission of the UK SB20 class association for these changes will be posted on the official noticeboard.

12. VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place from a committee vessel in the Central and Eastern Solent.
12.2 To indicate the general race area a local racing chartlet can be found in Addendum B.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in the Slis.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. However, when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
14.2 Where an offset leg at the windward mark is part of the course, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.
14.3 Protest hearings will be held at the RLYC asap after racing.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Two (2) races must be completed to constitute a series, with a maximum of nine (9) races to be sailed in total.
15.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
15.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 [DP] Support boats shall be registered with the OA at the times stated in NoR 8.2.
16.2 [DP] Support personnel and their coach and support boats shall comply with the NTM and general regulations stated in NoR 1.5, and shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
16.3 All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.

17. IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS

- 17.1 RRS Appendix G3 will apply. A boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number in contravention of her class rules. This number shall be displayed as required on all mainsails used in the event by that boat. under no circumstances will a boat be permitted to display the sail number of another boat that is racing [changes RRS Appendix G3].

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Event berthing is the responsibility of each boat and is not included in the entry fee.

19. KEELS

- 19.1 [DP] Unless for the purpose of re-floating in the case of grounding, keels shall remain fixed in the down position from 30 minutes after launching on arrival or 1700 on 24 July (whichever is the later) until the end of the event. Removal of rudders is permitted.

20. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 20.1 [DP] Boats shall not be launched, re-launched or hauled out after 1700 on the day prior to the first series in which they are entered (Sprint or Open/National Championship) until the end of the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the RC.

21. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 21.1 [DP] Cleaning of hull below the waterline is not permitted between 1700 on 24 July until the end of the event.

22. DATA PROTECTION

- 22.1 Personal information provided to the OA will be used to facilitate participation in the event. If a person has agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the Events (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If a person is not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, the relevant national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 22.2 Competitors automatically grant to the OA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.
- 22.3 The RLYC Armorial, burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of RLYC.

23. RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 23.2 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;
 - f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor or safety briefing held for the event.

24. INSURANCE

- 24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1 The event prize giving will be held at Royal London Yacht Club on the last day of racing as soon as possible after racing and any protest(s).

- 25.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
First overall – Sprint Series
First Overall – British Open Championship
First Overall – UK National Championship
First Youth crew (all crew <25 YOA on 1 January 2026)
First Corinthian crew (All crew in World Sailing Sailor Categorisation Group 1)
First Female helm
First Masters crew (all crew >50 YOA)
Other prizes TBC.

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 26.1 For further information please contact:

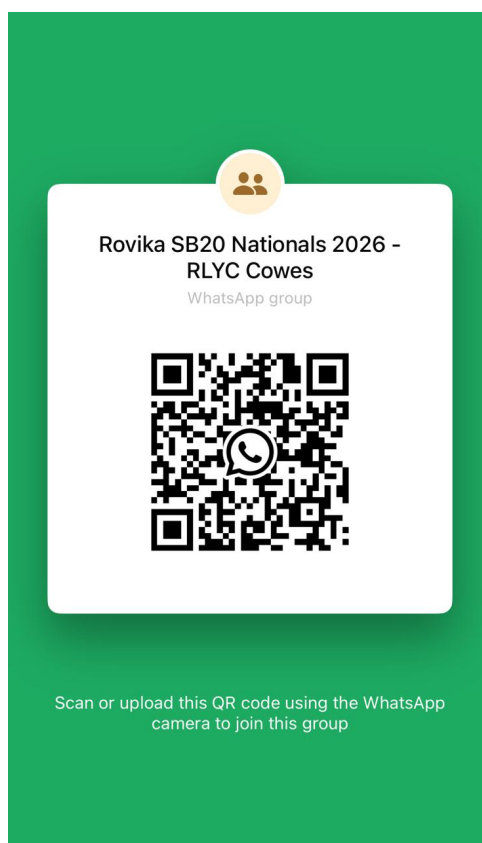
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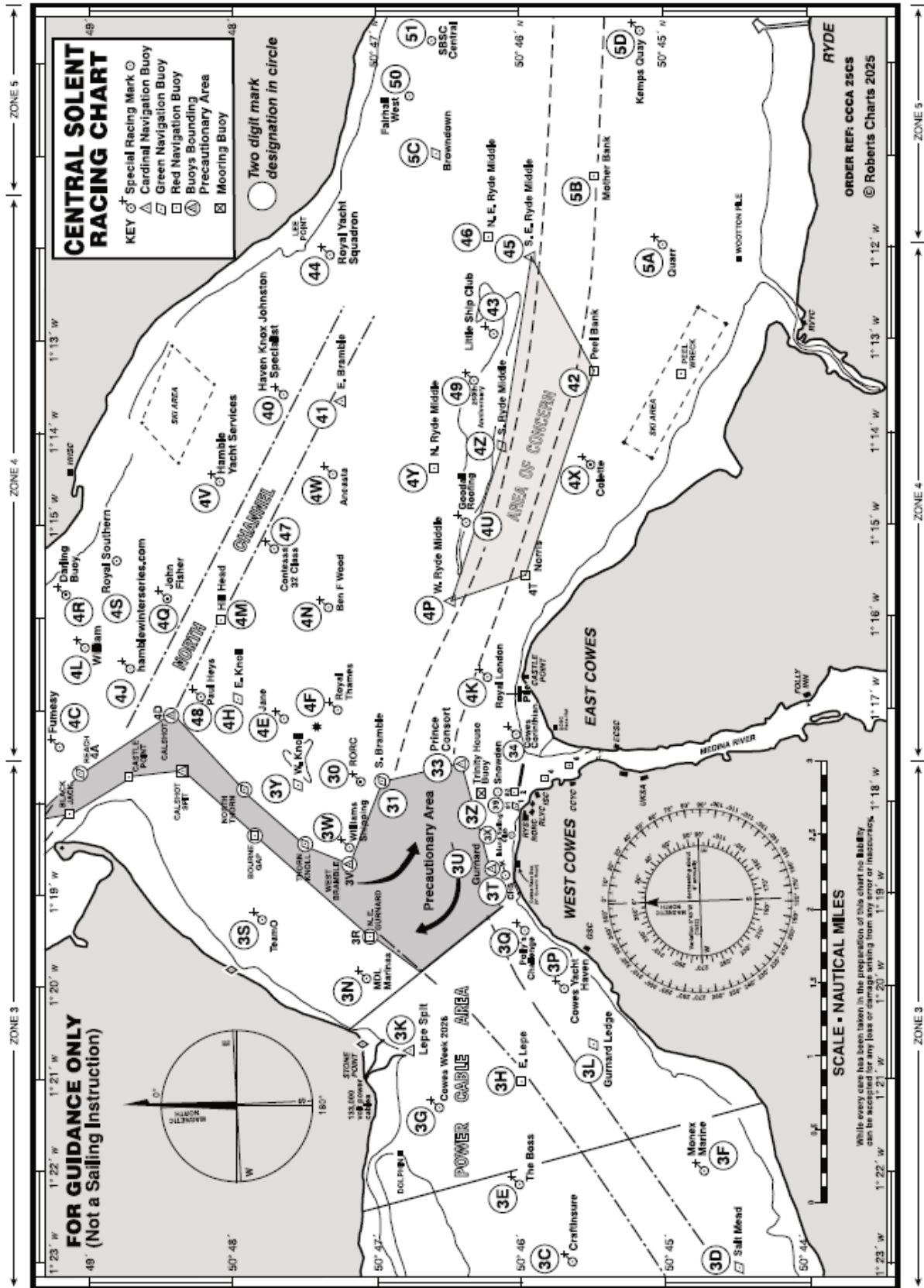
All competitors are invited to be temporary members of the Royal London Yacht Club for the duration of the regatta.

COMPETITORS' WHATSAPP GROUP



ADDENDUM A – Chartlet showing the racing area and Solent two-character codes

Note: this is the 2025 chartlet, and a 2026 version will be included with the sailing instructions.



RULES

4 Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their *support persons* comply with the *rules*.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

6 Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti- Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the RYA Anti-Doping Rules, as published on the RYA website.

40 Personal Flotation Devices

When a rule requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them.

65.1 Legal Liability and Costs

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a *rule*.

70.3 Right of Appeal

1. RYA approval is not required to deny the right of appeal under rule 70.3(b).
2. The RYA will not consider approving the denial of the right of appeal under rule 70.3(c) unless
 - a. the RYA decides there is good reason to approve. The cost of an international jury which would otherwise be appropriate for the event is not a good reason.
 - b. the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
 - c. application to the RYA is made no later than one month before the notice of race is to be issued. In exceptional circumstances, the RYA may consider a later application.

A copy of the RYA letter of approval shall be posted on the official notice board.

3. However, the denial of appeal shall not apply to a party to a hearing under rule 69.2, Misconduct, but the decision of the protest committee shall determine the results of the event.

78 Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates

Add new rule 78.3:

The race committee or technical committee may inspect or measure any **boat** or **personal equipment**, at any time.

Terms in **bold** are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

86.3 Rule Changes

An organising authority wishing to develop or test alternative racing rules, other than Development Rules approved by World Sailing, shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. An application form is available from the RYA. The notice of race shall include the approved alternative rules. The organizing authority shall promptly report the results of the development or test to the RYA.

88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 65.1, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

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