



SOLENT CUP 2024
31ST MAY 2024 - 2ND JUNE 2024

X-Yachts



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31st May – 2nd June

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Organising Authority: Royal Southern Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Boats shall comply with Southampton & Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable. In particular, notice is drawn to ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No 08 of 2024.
- 1.3. The Open Sports Class will race under IRC Rules and each boat must have a valid current IRC Rating. IRC Rules Parts A, B & C will apply.
- 1.4. Competitors should note that the OA implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 1.5. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be made available before the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Noticeboard will be on the following webpage: <https://scm.royal-southern.co.uk/event/x-yachts-solent-cup>
- 3.2. Boats shall comply at least with the latest World Sailing Regulations for Category 4 races and carry working VHF radio with all usual marine channels including M1 (37A) and M2.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. All X-Yachts are eligible to enter.
- 4.2. Open Family Class – open to all models of all sizes with a valid VPRS certificate. Boats are restricted to the use of only one mainsail and one headsail per race.
- 4.3. Open Sports Class – open to all models of all sizes under IRC. Sail wardrobe permitted as declared for IRC Rating.
- 4.4. Entries shall be submitted to:
Rose Bradley-Collins or Debbie Weldon, X-Yachts (GB) Ltd., 2 Huntsman Road, Hamble Point Marina, Southampton, SO31 4NB
Ph: +44 (0)23 8045 3377
Email: service@x-yachtsgb.com or dw@x-yachtsgb.com.
- 4.5. The entry deadline is Monday 13th May 2024.
- 4.6. Entries will not be valid until the entry fee has been received.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry Fees are as follows:

LOA:		Members of X-Yachts Owner's Association:	Non-Members of X-Yachts Owner's Association*:
Less than, or equal to, 40'		£288	£338
Greater than 40'		£330	£380

*Non-member rate includes membership of the Association for one year.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by “The maximum number of crew while racing shall be the Crew Number shown on her certificate plus two. There is no weight limit.”

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. The schedule is as follows:

Friday 31st May	1600 – 1800	Registration with Rose and Debbie of X-Yachts, Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble
	1800	Skipper’s Briefing
	1830 – Close	Free time to book restaurant or explore Hamble eateries
Saturday 1st June	0700 – 0830	Handing out of Lunch Bags (to be ordered on Entry Form)
	0830	Weather Briefing to be sent out on Event WhatsApp Group
	1025	First Warning Signal (please check for any amendments and specific class start times)
	After Racing	Dark & Stormys Drinks Reception (sponsored)
	1900 – Close	Gala Dinner in the main Dining Room
Sunday 2nd June	0700 – 0830	Handing out of Lunch Bags (to be ordered on Entry Form)
	0830	Weather Briefing to be sent out on Event WhatsApp Group
	1025	First Warning Signal (please check for any amendments and specific class start times)
	Target Time 1600	Prize Giving

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Random safety inspections may be carried out to check compliance with this NoR and the SIs. A boat that refuses inspection or fails to give every reasonable assistance to an authorised inspector may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. 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.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

12.1. The racing area will be the Central Solent.

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses will be “round the cans” style using fixed navigational or racing marks or specially laid inflatable marks as required and will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe). An alternative Time Penalty will be available and will be described in the SIs.

14.2. Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. IRC Ratings will be used for the Open Sports Class.
- 15.2. VPRS Ratings will be used for the Open Family Class.
- 15.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no discard. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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18. BERTHING

- 18.1. A limited amount of berthing is available in the Prince Philip Yacht Haven by prior booking – please contact haven@royal-southern.co.uk in advance.
- 18.2. Boats shall berth as directed by the Organising Authority.
- 18.3. No berthing is permitted, even temporarily, on the RAFYC Pontoons, or alongside any boats or vessels berthed there.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
- 20.2. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1. RRS 3 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 organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f. The provision of patrol boat cover, if any, 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 safety briefing held for

the event;

- h. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of the weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes to be awarded to the Open Family and Open Sports Classes.
- 24.2. The X-Yachts Solent Cup will be awarded on merit by X-Yachts (GB) Ltd. in consultation with the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1. For further information, please contact:

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