

29 - 31 May, Hamble



X-Yachts

SOLENT CUP 2026

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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 and Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable, and with all current ABP Southampton Notices to Mariners in force at the time of the event, including those relating to the Southampton Precautionary Area.

1.3 The Open Sports Classes 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-1>

3.2 Boats shall comply with the latest World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races and shall carry a working VHF radio capable of receiving all standard marine channels, including M1 (37A) and M2.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1 All X-Yachts are eligible to enter.

4.2 **Pure Cruising Class (VPRS)** – open to all models with a valid VPRS certificate. Boats are restricted to one mainsail and one headsail per race.

4.3 **Open Sports Classes (IRC)** – open to all models under IRC. Sail wardrobe

permitted as declared for IRC rating.

4.4 Entries shall be submitted to:

Debbie Wisley, X-Yachts (GB) Ltd.

2 Huntsman Road, Hamble Point Marina, Southampton, SO31 4NB

Tel: +44 (0)23 8045 3377

Email: dw@x-yachtsgb.com

4.5 Entry deadline: **Monday 11th May 2026.**

4.6 Entries are not valid until the entry fee has been received.

5. FEES

Entry Type	XOYA Members	Non-Members*
All Entries	£395	£445

*Non-member rate includes one year's membership of the X-Yachts Owner's Association.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 IRC 22.4.2 is 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

Friday 29th May

1600–1800 Registration – Royal Southern Yacht Club

1800 Skipper's Briefing

1830–Close Free time to book restaurant or explore Hamble

Saturday 30th May

0700–0830 Lunch Bag Collection (pre-ordered)
0830 Weather Briefing (WhatsApp – informational only)
1025 First Warning Signal
After Racing Dark & Stormys Drinks Reception (sponsored)
1900–Close Gala Dinner – Main Dining Room

Sunday 31st May

0700–0830 Lunch Bag Collection (pre-ordered)
0830 Weather Briefing (WhatsApp – informational only)
1025 First Warning Signal
1500–1600 Prize Giving (target window)

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Random safety inspections may be carried out. A boat refusing inspection or failing to assist may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. Inspections do not reduce the responsibilities of competitors.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

12.1 The racing area will be the Central Solent.

13. COURSES

13.1 Courses will be “round the cans” using fixed navigational marks or laid inflatable marks, as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed to a **One-Turn Penalty** (one tack and one gybe). A Time Penalty option will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14.2 Protest penalties may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

15. SCORING

15.1 IRC ratings will be used for the Open Sports Classes.

15.2 VPRS ratings will be used for the Pure Cruising and Open Classes.

15.3 Series score = total of all race scores (no discard). One race constitutes a series.

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18. BERTHING

18.1 Limited berthing available in the Prince Philip Yacht Haven (book in advance: haven@royal-southern.co.uk).

18.2 Boats shall berth as directed by the OA.

18.3 No berthing permitted on RAFYC pontoons or alongside vessels berthed there.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT & PLASTIC POOLS

20.1 No underwater breathing apparatus or plastic pools may be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

20.2 No below-waterline cleaning is permitted during the event.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1 Personal information will be used to facilitate participation and processed under contract or legitimate interest, depending on rule compliance.

Information may be shared with the RYA, national authorities, and World Sailing as required.

Event results and hearing outcomes may be published.

22. RISK STATEMENT

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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, regulations and/or bye-laws specific to sailing on the Solent including, but not limited to, to MPZ referred to in NoR 1;
- 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. SAFETY – COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

23.1 Boats shall not impede commercial shipping in the Southampton Precautionary Area. Failure to comply may result in protest.

24. INSURANCE

24.1 Each boat shall hold valid third-party liability insurance of at least **£3,000,000 per incident**.

25. PRIZES

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

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

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