



ADMIRAL'S CUP 2005



NOTICE OF RACE

Venue: Cowes, Isle of Wight

Dates: 9th – 17th July 2005

Organising Authority: Royal Ocean Racing Club with the support of the Royal Yacht Squadron

TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The principal trophy is the Admiral's Cup, a handsome silver gilt cup presented in 1957 to the RORC by the then Admiral of the Club Sir Myles Wyatt for international offshore team competition. The trophy will be awarded to the team with the lowest points score.

Aisher Cup	Second Team
Harston Cup	Third Team
Nyria Trophy	First Team: combined inshore races
RORC Trophy	First Team: long inshore race
RYS Trophy	First Team: short offshore race
Corum Trophy	First Team: Corum race day
Wolf Rock Bowl	First Team: Wolf Rock Race
Myles Wyatt Memorial Trophy	Best IRC (Endorsed) class boat
Nautor Trophy	Best Swan 45
Nippon Trophy	Best Mumm 30
Le Prix d'Elegance Trophy	Best presented boat
La Rochelle Cup	First European team
Australian Challenge Cup	Best Club Australia v Great Britain
Assis Chateaubriand Trophy	Best Club Brazil v Great Britain
Alexandra Trophy	Best Club USA v Great Britain
Hong Kong Trophy	Best Club Asia v Australia
The Oscar Bowl	First boat home in Wolf Rock Race
RORC Prize	First boat home (Mumm 30) Long Offshore race

Admiral's Cup medals will be presented for all boats in the first three teams.

A keepsake will be presented to each competing boat.

Prizes will be awarded in each race to the first three boats in each class.

Trophies are lent to winners until recalled by the RORC in time for presentation at the next event. Prizes become the property of the winners.

When conditions for trophies and prizes are not fulfilled, the Race Committee may at its discretion decide other criteria.

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The Admiral's Cup website can be found at: www.rorc.org/admiralscup

Clubs in Cowes

Details of the facilities available to all competitors, families and friends during the event will be issued in a separate document.

The Island Sailing Club

70 High Street, Cowes
Tel: +44 (0)1983 293061
Email: admin@islandsc.org.uk
Website: www.islandsc.org.uk

The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

The Parade, Castle Hill, Cowes
Tel: +44 (0) 1983 294278
Email: cowes@rcyc.com
Website: www.cowes.co.uk

The Royal London Yacht Club

The Parade, Cowes
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Email: secretary@rlyc.org.uk
Website: www.rlyc.org

The Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club

39 Birmingham Road, Cowes
Tel: +44 (0) 1983 296333
Email: cc.yc@virgin.net
Website: www.ccy.org.uk

During the event information will be available from:-

Event Director
Royal Ocean Racing Club
82 High Street
Cowes
Isle of Wight PO31 7AJ

Media Centre – A Media Centre with full facilities will be available in Cowes. Details will be issued separately.
For immediate information contact the RORC.

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IRC Rule Book is available from:

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The Event

The 2005 Admiral's Cup is an International Team Event. Teams consist of three boats entered by National Authorities (see 9.0). The Event will be held between 9th – 17th July 2005 at Cowes in the Isle of Wight. The organising authority is the Royal Ocean Racing Club, with the assistance of the Royal Yacht Squadron.

1.0 Programme of Races

Date	Race No.	Activity	Approx Distance Duration	Points Factor	High water Portsmouth (BST)
Friday 8 th July		Early Registration 0900 - 1700			1331 4.4m Springs
Saturday 9 th July		0900 – 1600 Registration & Inspection			0132 4.3m 1406 4.4m
		1600 Briefing for skippers & Navigators			
		1800 Welcome Reception, Royal Yacht Squadron			
Sunday 10 th July	1,2	2 x Inshore Races		1.0 each race	0208 4.3m 1442 4.3m
Monday 11 th July	3	1 x Inshore Race		1.0 each race	0243 4.2m 1518 4.3m
	4	1 x Long Inshore Race (Solent)			
Tuesday 12 th July	5	Short Offshore Race (flexi-course)	24 - 36 hours	2.0	0319 4.1m 1555 4.2m
Wednesday 13 th July					0357 4.1m 1633 4.2m
Thursday 14 th July	6, 7	Corum Race Day 2 Inshore Races		1.0 each race	0438 4.0m 1716 4.1m
Friday 15 th July	8	Long Offshore Races Wolf Rock Race (Swan 45 & IRC classes); Mumm 30 Offshore Race	400 miles 250 miles	4.0	0527 3.9m 1807 4.0m
Saturday 16 th July					0628 3.9m 1911 4.0m
Sunday 17 th July		1700 Prizegiving Royal Yacht Squadron			
Monday 18 th July		Prizegiving Reserve Day			

2.0 Rules

- 2.1 Responsibility – See Appendix 1 - Responsibility.
- 2.2 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005 - 2008. Prescriptions of national authorities will not apply; (RRS Appendix D, Team Racing Rules will not apply).
- 2.3 IRPCAS (Steering and Sailing Rules) will apply between sunset and sunrise and will replace the relevant rules of RRS Part 2. When sunset and sunrise times are specified in Sailing Instructions the specified times shall apply.
- 2.4 MUSTO IRC parts 1, 2, 3 (for boats in the IRC (Endorsed) class) - 2005 rules, amended as follows:-
 - 2.4.1 The total weight in kilograms of all the crew on board a boat in any one race shall not exceed the product of the crew number printed on the boat's IRC (Endorsed) certificate multiplied by 85. This modifies IRC Rule 27.4.1 and 27.4.2.
 - 2.4.2 For the purposes of IRC Rule 26.1.5 d & e the Admiral's Cup is a regatta run on consecutive days. Notwithstanding, a second mainsail and one more spinnaker than recorded on a boat's IRC certificate may be measured in for the regatta. Notwithstanding IRC Rules 26.1.5 d and e these additional sails may be substituted for other sails carried on board at the discretion of the boat. Sails may be checked at random during the regatta.

- 2.4.3 Replacement sails may be permitted during the series in exceptional circumstances with the permission of the Race Committee. A replacement will only be permitted with one of a similar cloth type, weight, area and design.
- 2.4.4 IRC Rules 19.6 and 19.7 are amended as provided in Notice of Race 6.0 Measurement Protests.
- 2.5 Nautor Swan 45 Class Rules 2005, amended as follows with the agreement of the Swan 45 Class Executive Committee:-
 - 2.5.1 Class Rule 16 is modified to the extent that the Swan 45 Class at the Admiral's Cup is ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, Category C.
 - 2.5.2 Class Rule 17 is modified to the extent that for Race 5 (Short Offshore Race) and Race 8 (Long Offshore Race), boats may additionally be helmed by any previously approved Relief Helmsman from 1 hour after the start of the race.
 - 2.5.3 In addition to Class Rule 18.2, Competitors with no current ISAF classification are deemed to be Group 3 competitors.
 - 2.5.4 Class Rule 29.6 is modified to the extent that 2 mainsails and 5 spinnakers may be measured in for the regatta. The additional sails may be substituted for other sails at the discretion of the boat, but the number carried aboard at any time shall not exceed the numbers defined by Class Rule 29.6.
 - 2.5.5 Replacement sails may be permitted during the series in exceptional circumstances with the permission of the Race Committee. A replacement will only be permitted with one of a similar cloth type, weight, area and design.
 - 2.5.6 Class Rule 30 shall not apply.
- 2.6 Mumm 30 Class rules amended as follows with the agreement of the Mumm 30 Class Association
 - 2.6.1 Class Rule 1.1 is amended to the extent that competitors with no current ISAF classification are deemed to be Group 3 competitors.
 - 2.6.2 Class Rule 25.1 is amended to the extent that 2 mainsails, 5 jibs and 6 spinnakers may be measured in for the regatta. The additional sails may be substituted for other sails at the discretion of the boat, but the number carried aboard at any time shall not exceed the numbers defined by Class Rule 25.1. No sails may be replaced during the period from leaving the dock each day until after the conclusion of racing each day.
 - 2.6.3 Class Rule 25.5 is amended to the extent that Special Event buttons issued by the Mumm 30 International Class solely for use in the Admiral's Cup shall be required for each sail declared and measured under 2.6.2. Only sails declared and measured prior to the start of the event may be used during the Admiral's Cup. No replacement sails over and above those declared and measured in accordance with 2.6.2 are permitted.
 - 2.6.4 No sail buttons issued by the Mumm 30 International Class for the Admiral's Cup shall be valid for other Mumm 30 One Design racing unless separately obtained by an Owner or Charterer in full compliance with Mumm 30 class Rule 25.5.
- 2.7 Musto IRC Class and Nautor Swan 45 Class - ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Cat 2 with RORC Prescriptions; Mumm 30 Class - ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Cat 3 (with liferaft) and RORC Prescriptions
(see the RORC programme of races 2005 available 1st January 2005 on www.rorc.org)
- 2.8 The Notice of Race
- 2.9 The Sailing Instructions

When there is conflict, succeeding items in the above list shall take precedence.

3.0 Amendments to Notice of Race

Amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on official noticeboards of RORC and on the RORC website (www.rorc.org) and copies will be sent to MNAs which have challenged and to owners/representatives of boats in respect of which entries have been accepted.

4.0 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available approximately 14 days before the event.

5.0 International Jury

Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.

6.0 Measurement Protests (See RRS 64.3)

Measurement protests which require that the protested boat be hauled out for re-measurement shall be accompanied by a cash deposit of £1,500 towards the cost of the haul out and re-measurement. Measurement protests which require other measurement work shall be accompanied by a cash deposit of £300 towards the cost of re-measurement.

Protests from competitors regarding measurement will not be accepted after the time limit for lodging protests for Race 2. This changes RRS 60.1.

Protests against measurement shall be accompanied by a clear and specific complaint which the International Jury shall examine. Re-measurement will be carried out only on the direction of the International Jury after they have satisfied themselves that there is adequate reason.

IRC Class

IRC Rules 19.6 and 19.7 are replaced with the following:

Where a new certificate is issued following a review of the TCC of a boat in accordance with IRC Rule 19, the TCC in the certificate which was valid before the review shall be used for all races up to the issue of a new certificate and the TCC in the new certificate shall apply for all races thereafter unless the result of the review is that the boat's TCC is reduced in which case the original, higher, TCC will apply. If the result of the review is that the boat's TCC is increased by more than 0.002, the boat shall receive a 50% place penalty in each race sailed under the lower TCC before the issue of the new certificate.

7.0 Teams

National Authorities may send two teams.

Each team will consist of three boats:

- 1 x IRC (Endorsed) boat with a TCC of between 1.300 and 1.550
 - DLR less than 125 as shown on IRC (Endorsed) certificate
 - LOA greater than 15.15 m
 - Hull factor greater than 9.9
- 1 x Swan 45 in accordance with Class rules, except as altered by this notice of race
- 1 x Mumm 30 in accordance with Class rules, except as altered by this notice of race

8.0 Sponsors' Flags & Bow Stickers

Race sponsor's flags may be provided, and if so shall be flown from the backstay at all times during the racing on the day or days sponsored. Sponsor's flags shall be flown at a level above that of the upper lifelines.

Bow stickers may be provided and if so every effort shall be made to retain them on the bows (or to substitute them with new ones) at all times during the regatta.

Protests under this rule may be brought only by the Race Committee (changes RRS 60.1).

9.0 Challenges/Entries

Challenges (which need not identify the boats) must be submitted on the official challenge form (available from the RORC or www.rorc.org) and shall be lodged by a National Authority, together with the entry fee (see 10.0 Entry Fees), on or before Tuesday 3rd May 2005. RORC shall have the discretion to accept a Challenge or Challenges from two or three Member National Authorities in combination, with the intention that any such team is representative of an identifiable region (e.g. Scandinavia) and each boat in any such team shall be required to meet the requirements of NOR 12 (Nationality) by reference to one of the nations comprising the combined team.

Late Challenges may be accepted at the discretion of the RORC.

A completed official Race Entry Form is required for each boat (available from RORC or www.rorc.org) and shall be lodged on or before Monday 6th June 2005. Entries shall be accompanied by a copy of the current IRC (Endorsed) Certificate for the IRC Class or the current Class certificate for the Swan 45 or Mumm 30 classes.

Changes to a boat's IRC rating after submission of the entry, other than increases in TCC or as a result of correction of errors of the RORC Rating Office, shall not be permitted after 1200 noon (BST) Friday 24th June.

10.0 Entry Fees

The entry fee is £8,000 per team

Entry fees include berthing for competing boats at Cowes Yacht Haven (or alternative berthing as agreed with the Event Director) from 9th July – 17th July 2005 inclusive. For berthing outside these dates and berthing for support vessels contact the Cowes Yacht Haven.

11.0 Substitute Boats

Substitute boats may be accepted prior to 9th July 2005 at the discretion of the RORC. From 9th July 2005 no substitute boat will be allowed without permission of the International Jury.

12.0 Nationality

In each race at least 50% (rounded up) of the persons sailing on each boat shall be Nationals of the country of the relevant team or individuals who have since 1st July 2003 had their principal residence in that country or who were born in that country. Proof of qualification may be required. The decision of RORC in determining residence, based on presented evidence, shall be final.

13.0 Crew Qualification

At least fifty percent of the crew on each boat shall have taken part in at least two overnight races each of over 100 miles in the two years prior to the event. Confirmation from the owner/skipper will be required with the crew list. Notwithstanding the above it is the owner/skipper's responsibility to ensure that the boat is fully crewed with suitably experienced people. Each crew member will be required to sign a declaration acknowledging that the RORC, organising clubs and sponsors have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property.

Liferafts - at least fifty percent of the crew (rounded down) shall have received training or instruction in the use of liferafts. A certificate/letter of attendance, from an establishment recognised as suitably qualified by the RORC, shall be submitted with the crew list. This training must have taken place within 5 years of the event.

First Aid Course - at least two people on each boat shall hold a valid marine based First Aid certificate, a copy of which shall be submitted with the crew list.

14.0 Crew Weighing

The Event approved scales will be available to competitors on each day of the event.

All crews shall be weighed prior to the close of registration at 16.00 on Saturday 9th July.

The Race Committee may randomly select boats for crew weighing on race days during the event. Weighing will take place at 0700 on the morning of each race day. The names and sail numbers of the selected boats for crew weighing will be posted on the official notice board before 2000 on the previous evening. Mumm 30 crew weighing will be in accordance with Class Rules.

The first notice will appear on the evening of Saturday 9th July 2005.

Notwithstanding the above the Race Committee reserves the right to do random checks after racing.

15.0 Sailor Classification Code and Crew List

A provisional crew list for each yacht giving names of all the crew, together with photographs, shall be submitted with the Race Entry Form (see 9.0)

The crew list shall state the nationality of each person, the ISAF Sailor ID and ISAF classification status of each person. Competitors with no current ISAF classification are deemed to be Group 3 competitors.

The final crew list shall be confirmed by the boat no later than 1700 on Monday 27th June, including above details. However late substitutes in the crew may be accepted in exceptional circumstances by the Race Committee provided all eligibility criteria are met. The Race Committee may require written proof of the circumstances.

A yacht's crew shall be drawn from the final crew list. Notification of who is on board for each race day shall be lodged with the Race Office prior to racing. Crews may not be changed between races on any one race day and crews may not be transferred between boats on any one race day.

Crew members may be transferred between boats on the same team without penalty provided all other eligibility, Class Rules, and registration criteria as specified in this Notice of Race are met.

Details of the ISAF Sailor Classification Code and information on how to register can be found on the ISAF website: www.sailing.org/classification.

Crew lists will be displayed on the Admiral's Cup website www.rorc.org/admiralscup as soon as practicable after receipt.

16.0 Race Results

IRC	Corrected Time = elapsed time × TCC
Other Classes	Elapsed Time

17.0 Scoring and Penalties

17.1 Scoring

Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A (the low point scoring system) by class except that:-

- each team's total score will be the sum of each team boat's score for all races
- a DSQ shall receive points as if one place worse than DNF (changes RRS A 4.2)
- weighting: points will be multiplied by the factors shown in Points Factor on page 3 above;
- when a race is not held, scores will include the results of all races which have been held. The number of races held will comprise the number required to constitute a series.
- A tie in overall points will be broken in favour of the boat which scored better in the Long Offshore Race and then, if a tie still remains, the Short Offshore Race and then, if a tie still remains, as the International Jury shall determine.

17.2 Penalties

For infringements of Special Regulations the International Jury may substitute a lesser or greater penalty, including disqualification.

17.2.1 Penalties for Inshore Races

For inshore races only, the penalty for infringing a rule of RRS Part 2 while racing shall be a One Turn Penalty including a tack and a gybe except that within the two length zone of any mark a boat shall take a Two-Turns penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2. The other provisions of RRS 44.2 shall apply. (Changes RRS 44.1)

17.2.2 Penalties for Offshore Races

For the Offshore Races the penalty for infringing a rule of RRS Part 2, or RRS 31.2 (Touching Mark), or the corresponding rules of IRPCAS, when in force, shall be a time penalty of 120 seconds. RRS 31.2 will not apply. This time penalty will be added to the boat's corrected time. When a boat intends to take a Time Penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or of IRPCAS and in the same incident has touched a mark, the boat need not take a separate penalty for touching the mark. A boat that takes a time penalty shall act in accordance with RRS 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) except that the flag shall be a yellow streamer.

For infringements of rules other than those listed in the above paragraph, a scoring penalty will be applied based on the system in RRS 44.3. The number shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to ten per cent of the number of boats entered in the class, except that:-

a boat scoring OCS shall receive points equivalent to a penalty of fifty per cent place penalty (rounding 0.5 upward) on the boat's finishing position in that race. This changes RRS A4.2.

18.0 Registration

A representative of each boat shall register at the RORC office, 82 High Street, Cowes prior to 12:00 on the morning of Saturday 9th July 2005. Measurement appointments may be booked in advance through the RORC Rating Office info@rorcrating.com

19.0 Communications

Radio - VHF Channel 72 will be used for radio recalls and race information. Boats are strongly recommended to have waterproof loudspeakers by which to monitor VHF on deck.

Tracking devices - the RORC reserves the right to install a tracking device on each boat for the duration of the event.

Mobile Telephones - may be on board when racing provided that RRS Rules 41 is observed.

Media - there is no restriction on broadcasting from a boat to the media during racing provided that RRS Rule 41 is always observed.

20.0 Berthing At Cowes

Except for racing, each boat shall berth at Cowes Yacht Haven (or alternative Cowes location as agreed with the Event Director) from 0900 on Saturday 9th July 2005 until after the last race. However the Event Director may give written permission for a boat which has checked in at Cowes to absent herself from the marina for any reasonable purpose. No boat may leave her berth for any reason prior to completion of measurement and inspection without permission of the Event Chief Measurer.

21.0 Haulout and Scrubbing Restriction

From 0900 on Saturday 9th July 2005 no boat shall be hauled out except for check measurement on the direction of the Race Committee or when authorised by the Race Committee for essential repairs or other reason, and no boat exterior below the waterline shall be cleaned (except as an essential part of repair work) when the boat is out of the water. Underwater cleaning whilst afloat is permitted.

22.0 Inspection, Official Seals

Between 09:00 and 18:00 on Saturday 9th July 2005, RORC measurers will conduct measurement checks on each competing yacht and its sails. A representative must remain on board each yacht during this period.

Certain items on each boat may be officially sealed and if so shall remain sealed for the duration of the series. If a seal is broken the boat shall immediately fly an orange streamer (supplied by the RORC) and report the circumstances in writing to the Race Committee.

23.0 Additional Information

For information regarding accommodation in Cowes and the social programme please contact the RORC.

24.0 Yard Facilities - Please consult direct:

The General Manger
Cowes Yacht Haven Ltd.
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Appendix 1 - Responsibility

Rules:-

Responsibility

- (a) Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners and skippers is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, or owner's representative....".
- (b) The RORC, other organising clubs and the sponsors accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.
- (c) The owner and crew will be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both owner and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.
- (d) No boat will be accepted as an entry unless its owner or his/her representative has before the start of racing signed a declaration in the terms set out below.
- (e) Crew members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment...."Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions."
See also RORC Prescription to Special Regulations 5.02

(copy of) Admiral's Cup Race Entry Form Declaration

To the best of my knowledge the information I have given is accurate. I understand that Yacht Racing can be dangerous. I agree that the RORC, organising clubs, other sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. I have paid particular attention to and agree to be bound by Special Regulation 1.02 and I have read and understand and where appropriate agree to be bound by Notice of Race. Before racing I will effect adequate and suitable insurance. Before racing I will ensure that my crew is aware of the undertaking in this Declaration, the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance, their responsibility in rules observance, in particular RRS 1.2(wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions).

I agree to be bound by the RRS, ISAF Offshore Special Regulations and other applicable rules. The boat will be available for inspection.

I will ensure that no crew member races on my yacht contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by ISAF, or a National Authority or the RORC.

I agree that should any information provided on this form change I will notify RORC immediately.

I understand and agree that the information given in this form and also the race lists and results will be maintained on the Club's computer to be used for all aspects of race organisation.



The Official Technical Clothing Supplier to The Admiral's Cup 2005