



THE QUARTER TON CUP 2019 Monday 10th – Wednesday 12nd June

Hosted from the Cowes Yacht Haven, Vectis Yard, High St, Cowes PO31 7BD.

The Organising Authority (OA) is The Quarter Ton Class (QTC).

Notice of Race

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Inshore Racing (Appendix B) will apply. [DP]
- 1.3 Quarter Ton Class Rules apply. Class Rules can be found at <http://www.quartertonclass.org>. [DP]
- 1.4 Parts A, B and C of the IRC Rules will apply. [DP]

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Quarter Ton Class Rule. [DP]
- 2.2 Boats may also be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3 Eligibility & Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Quarter Ton Class with a valid endorsed IRC Rating Certificate.
- 3.2 The regatta has two divisions - Open Division and Corinthian Division:
 - 3.2.1 Open Division for all boats.
 - 3.2.2 Corinthian Division for those boats in the Open Division with an all-amateur crew.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter before 23:59hrs on the 6th June. The entry form can be found on the event website (www.quartertoncup.org).
- 3.4 Late entries may be accepted after 6th June until 18:00hrs on Sunday 9th June with an additional fee to be applied.

4 Fees

- 4.1 The entry fee before 23:59hrs on the 6th June is £250.00.
- 4.2 An additional fee of £50.00 applies after 6th June.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes berthing for visiting yachts at the Cowes Yacht Haven for the nights of Sunday 9th, Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th June only.
- 4.4 The entry fee does not include tickets for other social events which must be ordered and paid for in advance on the event website (www.quartertoncup.org). Tickets will be issued at Registration.

5 Sailor Classification

- 5.1 The following sailor classification requirements will apply to the Corinthian Division boats only:
 - 5.1.1 The World Sailing Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 shall apply, and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 classification. Unclassified sailors will be deemed to be Group 3. Details of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the World Sailing website: <https://members.sailing.org/classification/?view=home&nocache=1&js=1>
 - 5.1.2 A completed crew list with details of all crew sailor classification, including World Sailing I/D number and classification expiry date for each crew shall be submitted by 18:00hrs on Thursday 6th June.
 - 5.1.3 Should a boat need to change a crew member after 18:00hrs on Thursday 6th June, the name of the new crew member with their classification, World Sailing I/D number and classification expiry date must be submitted to the Race Committee for their approval before racing with any replacement crew member.
 - 5.1.4 All crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

6 Registration

- 6.1 All boats shall have completed registration in full before racing. Registration is between 1200hrs and 1730hrs at the Cowes Yacht Haven in the Solent room.

7 Format

- 7.1 The Open and Corinthian Divisions will race together.

8 Schedule

Sunday 9 th June HW Portsmouth 1723 4.4m	Registration at Solent Room, Cowes Yacht Haven including weigh-in if required (see Class Rule 5) Practice starts and race Competitors' Briefing at the upstairs bar of the Event Centre, Cowes Yacht Haven	12:00 to 17:30 14:00 18:30-19:30
Monday 10 th June HW Portsmouth 1826 4.4m	Racing	11:00
Tuesday 11 th June HW Portsmouth 0645 4.1m	Racing	11:00
Wednesday 12 th June HW Portsmouth 0752 4.1m	Racing Prizegiving at the Event Centre	11:00 After Racing

- 8.1 Nine races are scheduled.
- 8.2 It is intended that there will be no more than three races a day, however, additional races may be sailed on any day to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 8.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 11:00hrs.
- 8.4 On Wednesday 12th June there will be no warning signal after 15:00hrs except after a General Recall or postponement during the start sequence.

9 Measurements

- 9.1 In accordance with Class Rule 5, competitors may elect to weigh in by giving notice before 09:00hrs Saturday 8th June. Weigh-in will be conducted during registration.
- 9.2 Competitors are reminded that they are responsible for the accuracy of their boat and sail measurements given to the RORC Rating Office, and therefore the accuracy of their IRC certificate. [DP]
- 9.3 Measurement checks may be undertaken at any time during the regatta. Competitors will be required to comply with any such check including sail measurements and weighing of the boats. [DP]

10 Sailing Instructions

- 10.1 The sailing instructions will be available before Saturday 8th June on the event website (www.quartertoncup.org). At that time, they will also be emailed to all skippers who have entered their boats.

11 Venue

- 11.1 Racing will take place on the Solent.

12 Courses

- 12.1 Courses are likely to be windward leewards using laid marks.

13 Scoring

- 13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply including the following changes:
- 13.2 Three races constitute a series.
- 13.3 If there are six or more races, one discard will be applied.
- 13.4 The Corinthian Division will be scored separately.

14 Berthing

- 14.1 All boats shall berth at Cowes Yacht Haven from Sunday 9th June 18:00hrs until after racing on Wednesday 12th June.

15 Haul-Out and Diving Restrictions

- 15.1 Boats shall not be hauled out from Sunday 9th June until after racing on Wednesday 12th June except with and in accordance to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 15.2 Swimming boats in Cowes Yacht Haven is forbidden. Underwater equipment (including breathing apparatus, masks and goggles) shall not be used at any time from Sunday 9th June until after racing on Wednesday 12th June except with and in accordance to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16 Radio Communication

- 16.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of operating on all international channels.
- 16.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

17 Prizes

- 17.1 Prizegiving will be held as soon as possible after racing on the balcony at CYH Event Centre. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
- Quarter Ton Cup to the winner of the Open Division.
 - Corinthian Trophy to the winner of the Corinthian Division.
 - Roger Swinney Trophy for the highest placed boat of the Open Division that wins neither the Quarter Ton Cup nor the Corinthian Trophy and has a rating of <0.907.

Other prizes will be awarded including: a prize to the boat with the highest combined age of the crew, lowest combined age of the crew, oldest bowman, and Concours d'elegance (as judged by the Race Committee).

18 Support Boats

18.1 Support and Coach boats are not allowed. Boats shall have no contact with any Support Person from the moment the boats leave the dock each day until all boats have finished racing for the day.

19 Rights to Use Names & Likenesses

19.1 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.

20 Data Protection

20.1 By entering the Quarter Ton Cup competitors agree to provide personal data to the Organising Authority. The Organising Authority will process your personal data for the purpose of administering the event.

21 Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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 organiser 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 practically be 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 or 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 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.

22 Disclaimer

22.1 The OA and its organisation partners, the sponsors, the committees, the insurers and any other party and/or persons involved in the organisation will accept no liability whatsoever for any personal or material damage (including but not limited to death, injury, consequential damages, etc.) sustained prior to, during or after the regatta.

23 Insurance

23.1 Each Participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or equivalent.

Other information:

The event website can be found at www.quartertoncup.org

Social Arrangements

Sunday 9th June, 18:30hrs

Following the Competitors' Briefing there will be an open bar at the Events Centre of Cowes Yacht Haven.