

RS21 UK & Ireland Cup 2026

Notice of Series

RS21 UK & Ireland Class Association

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority is the RS21 UK & Ireland Class Association in conjunction with the organisers and host clubs of the various events nominated to be part of the RS21 UK & Ireland Cup 2026.

2. RULES

2.1 The RS21 UK & Ireland Cup 2026 will be governed by the latest available rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), World Sailing's Equipment Rules (ERS), the RS21 International Class Rules (<https://www.sailing.org/document/class-rules-rs21/>), this Notice of Series (NOS), any Event Notice of Race (ENOR), the RS21 Standard Sailing Instructions (RS21SSI), the Event Sailing Instructions issued for each event (ESI) (www.rs21ukclass.org OR host club website) and any Notices to Competitors.

2.2 RRS Appendix T applies.

2.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).

2.4 The World Sailing Categorization Code will apply for sailors competing for any Corinthian Trophy.

2.5 The Organizing Authority (OA) will include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for all events. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the Organizing Authority (OA) for a fee. A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device can be found on the RS21 UK&I class website.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Boats may be required to display an advertising sticker when competing in the RS21 UK & Ireland Cup 2026.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 In order to compete in any RS21 UK & Ireland Class Cup event, crews must adhere to the class membership rules as laid out in the RS21 UK&I Class Constitution by-laws.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 The nominated schedule of events for the RS21 UK & Ireland Cup 2026 are:

Event	From (Race 1 scheduled)	To	Combined or own event	Venue/Event	Host Club
Round 1	10 th April	12 th April	Own event	Lymington	Royal Lymington Yacht Club
Round 2	8 th May	10 th May	Combined event	Hamble – Part of the RSrNYC May Summer Regatta	Royal Southern Yacht Club
Round 3	19 th May	21 st May	Own event	Hayling Island	Hayling Island Sailing Club
Round 4	1 st August	3 rd August	Combined event	Cowes – Part of the 200 th Anniversary Cowes Week	Cowes
Round 5 & National Championships	22 nd August	25 th August	Combined event	Torquay – Part of Torbay Royal Regatta	Royal Torbay Yacht Club

5.2 Combined events will be governed by their own organising authority who will issue their own information including Event NOR & Event SIs

5.3 The schedule time of the first warning signals and number of races at each event will be in accordance with the specific Event Notice of Race and Event Sailing Instructions posted when available via the RS21 UK&I class website or the hoist club website.

5.4 Other RS21 events such as Winter, Inland, European and World championships etc are not included in this series. More information is available for these events on the UK & Ireland and international class websites.

6. ENTRY

6.1 Entry Fees will be published in the Event Notice of Race and available on www.rs21ukclass.org.

6.2 Entry should be made via www.rs21ukclass.org or where entry will be handled by the respective organising authority.

Information on these events and the organising authorities can be found at www.rs21ukclass.org

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The RS21SSIs, the ESIs, and any published Notices to Competitors will apply at each event as detailed in 2.2 in this Notice of Series.

7.2 The latest version of the RS21SSIs and ESIs will be available on the RS21 UK & Ireland Class website prior to each event.

8. SERIES SCORING

- 8.1** The low points scoring system of Appendix A (Rule A2) will apply as amended by this NOS.
- 8.2** The RS21 UK & Ireland Cup 2026 is a competition based on the nominated series of events identified in Section 5.
- 8.3** For the purposes of determining the positions in the SERIES, a team's score for each qualifying event shall be its position in that event.
- 8.4** Event scores will be applied to each team, where there is a change of helmsperson in the team at an event, or for different events, this will be scored as a new team.
- 8.5** Any team that enters the series but fails to enter an event, will be scored for that event equal to the number of unique boat entries in the series plus one.
- 8.6** Two events are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.7** Discards - For the purpose of determining a team's score in the series a team will discard their worst event scores across the 5 events according to the following schedule of completed events.

EVENTS COMPLETED	No. EVENTS TO BE DISCARDED
1-3	0
4-5	1

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1** Each boat may be asked to produce or verify the existence of a valid Certificate.
- 9.2** Boats may be inspected at any time.

10. COACHES AND SUPPORTERS

- 10.1** All coach and support boats shall register with the Event Race Office.
- 10.2** Coach and support boat personnel shall not communicate with competitors (by any means) from the warning signal of a race until all competitors have finished that race, or the RC signals the race is abandoned, whichever is later.
- 10.3** Towing of RS21s shall not be allowed by support / coach boats, except when authorised by the Race Committee or in case of emergency.
- 10.4** Where a boat has a support / coach boat they shall make this support available to all members of the fleet, for example for the storage of food/drink or the provision of assistance in emergencies etc.
- 10.5** Coach and Support boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 per event or equivalent.
- 10.6** Coach and Support Boats shall be of an appropriate size and nature. The RS21 UK & Ireland Class and the Organizing authority reserve the right to deny support / coach boats and persons for any reason at their sole discretion.

11. PRIZES

11.1 Prizes for each event in the RS21 UK & Ireland Cup will be awarded to: First to third Overall.

11.2 Prize giving for the overall RS21 UK & Ireland Cup will be held at the end of year. The date and time for the awards will be published later. Prizes will be awarded to: First to third overall.

12. DIVING EQUIPMENTS AND PLASTIC POOLS

12.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats for the duration of the event.

13. DATA PROTECTION

13.1 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 Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the event online management system, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

13.2 Still or video photography may be used as part of the Race Management processes for the event. These images will only be used for Race Management or training purposes.

13.3 By participating in the RS21 UK & Ireland Cup, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any (motion), pictures and live, taped, or filmed video and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

13.4 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and tracking/positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority

14. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

14.1 [NP] It is recalled the Basic Principle which states: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing", it is recommended that care be taken to protect the environment at all times during and after the event. Especially attention is drawn to RRS 47 –TRASH DISPOSAL- which states: "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1 Rule 3 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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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.

16.2 As part of the Event Registration Form, sailors aged Under 18 on the dates of an event will also need to have a parental consent completed by a parent or guardian, which will also confirm that they are entirely responsible throughout the event for themselves and their boats on land, and on the water.

16. INSURANCE

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

17. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

17.1 This Notice of Series may be changed or supplemented by the Individual Event Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions or by a notice posted on the Official Notice Board.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please contact: The RS21 UK&Irl and International Class Manager on liam@rssailing.com