

[www.pooleregatta.co.uk](http://www.pooleregatta.co.uk)



**Poole IRC European  
Championship 2026**

# Notice of Race

21 May - 25 May 2026

© IAN ROMAN



Organised by the Combined Yacht Clubs of Poole



While you're doing this...

...we're doing this.

When you're out on the water, you shouldn't have to worry about what's going on underneath it. That's why we've been out in the field, designing, testing and optimising our coatings to safeguard your boat from fouling. Our results? A streamlined new range of antifoulings, featuring Micron® 350 – the ultimate fusion of performance, convenience and superior colour.

**Below the waterline? We've got it covered.**

[international-yachtpaint.com](http://international-yachtpaint.com)

All trademarks mentioned in this publication are owned by, or licensed to, the AkzoNobel group of companies. © AkzoNobel 2017.

8417/1117





## Poole IRC European Championship 2026

21 - 25 MAY 2026

Incorporated within the



[www.pooleregatta.co.uk](http://www.pooleregatta.co.uk)

## Welcome from the President

The organising committee of volunteers from the combined yacht clubs of Poole have worked tirelessly to create an unforgettable weekend of yacht racing and competitor socials. We are delighted that the Regatta's reputation has spread far and wide across Europe. All the planning of the last two years is coming together to create one of the finest Poole Regattas to date. The decision by The Royal Ocean Racing Club to host the 2026 IRC European Championship and the IRC Southern Area Championship at Poole is an honour bringing competitors from all round the UK and northern Europe to Poole. In all we are expecting between 175 and 200 entries, making this one of the major UK regattas of 2026.

The International Paint Poole Regatta will also be hosting the VPRS Championship, J/80 National Championship, J/24 Southern Area Championship, Sonata Southern Championship, Mini Ton Cup and the 2.4mR National Tidal Championship over the weekend. It all makes for highly competitive racing where the best of the best yacht racing crews will come together to compete for a prestigious array of silverware, not to mention the overall regatta winner being presented with the historic Canford Cup.

The racing is not just reserved for championships, with many class starts including Cape 31, Impala, Flying Fifteen, Redwing, R19 and Shrimper - 15 classes in all.

Off the water, the regatta includes many social events for crews to get together, creating a real community feel to the weekend. From the competitors' reception at Poole Quay Yacht Haven on Friday night, Saturday at Parkstone Yacht Club, Poole Yacht Club's party with live music on Sunday, through to the prize giving at The Royal Motor Yacht Club on Bank Holiday Monday, the regatta will provide many opportunities to mix with like-minded yacht racers.

Poole Regatta is supported by a comprehensive group of sponsors with International Paint as title sponsors, and backed by Charles Stanley Wealth Management, Haven Knox-Johnston, Poole Harbour Commissioners, Stoneways Marine Insurance Services, Salcombe Distilling Co, Rooster Marine Clothing and the Knot Agency.

Andrew Pearce - Regatta President



Our chosen charity for 2026  
Poole Lifeboat Station

## From our Sponsors



*As one of the most recognisable marine brands in the world, International Paint is proud to be the title sponsor of the Poole Regatta for another year.*

*We are delighted to welcome back the IRC class for the IRC Southern Area Championship, and also the J/80s and the 2.4mRs for their National Championships. We also welcome the addition of the Poole IRC European Championship to the event. With this expanding fleet Poole Regatta sets out to be one of the premier South Coast regattas.*

*International's high-performance underwater coatings can help to give you the winning solution where a clean smooth hull can be the difference between first and second place. Our association with Poole Regatta is driven by our passion for performance coatings and great yacht racing.*

*Chris Cashell*

*Sales Manager Yacht - UK, Ireland & Nordics*



# Proud sponsors of Poole Regatta. Trusted protectors of your boat.



- ✔ Online portal to manage boat insurance quotes and renewals
- ✔ 10% discount for marina berth holders in the UK
- ✔ Emergency out of hours claims helpline for when you need us most
- ✔ Industry leading 25% NCB\* after 5 years claim free.



**Haven  
Knox**✔  
**Johnston**

For a quote call our friendly crew  
on +44 (0)1732 223 650 or head to  
[HavenKJ.com](http://HavenKJ.com)

[HavenKJ.com](http://HavenKJ.com)

\* NCB - No Claims Bonus, a 5% discount is earned for each claim-free year, for a maximum of 5 years.

Haven Knox-Johnston is a trading name of Howden UK Brokers Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority No. 307963. Registered in England and Wales under company registration number 02831010. Registered Office: One Creechuroh Place, London, EC3A 5AF. Calls may be monitored and recorded for quality assurance purposes.

## Financial peace of mind with Charles Stanley



At Charles Stanley your dedicated investment manager will build a bespoke portfolio designed and managed to meet your needs.

With a presence in Bournemouth since 1992, we will build a long-lasting relationship with you, offering a truly personalised service.

Investment involves risk.

**CHARLES  
STANLEY**▲

**Call the Bournemouth team  
01202 232 398**



[www.pooleregatta.co.uk](http://www.pooleregatta.co.uk)

# Notice of Race

## Organising Authority

The organising authority is Parkstone Yacht Club on behalf of the Combined Yacht Clubs of Poole (Royal Motor Yacht Club, Parkstone Yacht Club, Poole Yacht Club) in conjunction with the Royal Ocean Racing Club.

## 1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025–2028.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the National Authority (RYA) that shall apply are shown in Addendum A
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2025–2028 shall apply.
- 1.4 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2026–2027. All boats shall comply with OSR Category 4.
- 1.5 The IRC 2026 Rules, Parts A, B and C, will apply.
  - 1.5.1 Under RRS 88.2 and IRC Rule 11.1, IRC Rule 22.4.1 Crew Number is amended. The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate except that; when the crew includes EITHER– at least 2 females, at least 2x 25 years old or under (25 or under on 24 May 2026) OR at least 1 female and 1x 25 years old or under (25 or under on 24 May 2026) then the crew limit is certificate number plus 1.
  - 1.5.2 Rules 21.1.5(d) and (f) apply. Sails on board shall remain the same and be on board for all races. Any replacement of sails, due to damage or loss, must be agreed by the Race Committee in advance of use.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

## 2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available online at [www.pooleregatta.co.uk](http://www.pooleregatta.co.uk) no later than 8 May 2026.

## 3. Communication

- 3.1 The official notice board will be online at [www.pooleregatta.co.uk](http://www.pooleregatta.co.uk).
- 3.2 [DP] Competitors shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 06, 08, 72, M1/37a, and M2/80.
- 3.3 WhatsApp groups may be used to supplement communication, as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make or receive, whilst racing, radio or mobile phone communications not available to all boats.

## 4. Eligibility And Entry

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats holding a 2026 IRC Endorsed certificate with a TCC equal to or over 0.900.
- 4.2 The rating deadline shall be 08 May 2026. No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Authority errors. Such errors shall be certified in writing as such by the Rating Authority.
- 4.3 Boats shall enter online at [www.pooleregatta.co.uk](http://www.pooleregatta.co.uk) on or before 2359 hrs on 08 May 2026.
- 4.4 Exceptionally, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will incur a 50% late fee surcharge over Standard entry.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Class splits and fleet allocations will be determined based on entries received and published prior to the event.

## 5: Entry and Berthing Fees

### 5.1 Entry and Berthing

Class	Early Bird Entry Fee (available until 2359 on 10 April)	Standard Entry Fee (11 April until 08 May)	Discounted berthing 4 nights - 21 - 24 May	Extra nights (17, 18, 19, 20, 21 May and/or 25 May)
17m and above	£600	£750	£370	£95
16m<17m	£600	£750	£350	£90
15m<16m	£600	£750	£330	£85
14m<15m	£600	£750	£310	£80
13m<14m	£500	£640	£290	£75
12m<13m	£425	£550	£270	£70
11m<12m	£350	£450	£250	£65
10<11m	£275	£350	£230	£60
9<10m	£250	£300	£210	£55
Less than 9m	£235	£270	£190	£50

## 6. Crew Limitations

6.1. Crew may only be varied under NOR 1.5.1.

## 7. Advertising

7.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7.2. [DP] Advertising in conflict with the sponsors of the event will not be permitted.

## 8. Schedule

Date	Time	Programme
Thursday 21 May	1400-1800	Registration at International Paint Mobile Display Unit, Poole Quay Boat Haven
Thursday 21 May	1800-1930	Race Briefing at Poole Yacht Club ( <i>max 2 persons per entry at briefing</i> )
Friday 22 May	1125	First warning signal, 3 races scheduled
Saturday 23 May	1025	First warning signal, 3 races scheduled
Sunday 24 May	1025	First warning signal, 3 races scheduled
Monday 25 May	1025	First warning signal, 2 races scheduled
Monday 25 May	1330	Latest warning signal
Monday 25 May	Approx 1600	Prizegiving at Royal Motor Yacht Club

## 9. Equipment Inspection

9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Endorsed IRC certificate. Failure to do so may result in the boat entry being cancelled under RRS 76.1 with no refund of entry fee.

9.2 [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from their registration onwards.

9.3 The OA reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with its IRC certificate. The Technical Committee may conduct equipment inspection or measurement of any boat on the water or ashore until the final day of racing.

9.4 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.

## 10. Clothing and Equipment

10.1 [DP] All boats may be required to carry GPS trackers supplied by the organising authority. Instructions for use of trackers will be provided at registration.

## 11. Venue and Courses

11.1 Venues will be Royal Motor Yacht Club, Parkstone Yacht Club, Poole Yacht Club and Poole Harbour Commissioners Marinas. Racing will take place in Poole Bay, and adjacent waters.

11.2 Courses will include ad hoc, windward/leeward, triangular or trapezoid as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11.3 A schematic chart of the racing area will be available at Registration and on the regatta website.

## 12. Penalty System

12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply. A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).

12.3 On the last day of sailing, boats shall not request a hearing on the grounds of non-compliance with class rules or rating certificate, if the request could have been delivered earlier in the event.

12.4 If a protest requires the protested boat to be hauled out for re-measurement it must be accompanied by a cash deposit covering the costs of hauling out. The Regatta committee will determine the amount of cash deposit.

12.5 The intention is to appoint an International Jury. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.3(a).

12.6 The penalty for a breach of a rule other than RRS Part 2 may be less than disqualification, at the discretion of the jury.

## 13. Scoring

13.1 Two races are required to constitute a series.

13.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

13.3 When from four to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.4 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her races excluding her worst two scores.

## 14. Support Person Vessels

14.1 [DP] Support person vessels are not permitted within 100m of the course area after the Orange flag has been displayed until the completion of each race.

## 15. Berthing

15.1 Berthing for visiting racing boats will be at Poole Harbour Commissioners (PHC) marinas and must be booked on the entry form. Rates are listed in NOR 5.1. Additional nights can be booked at published rates.

15.2 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in PHC marinas.

15.3 Berthing for support person vessels must be booked at the time of entry and berthing fees will be charged at the length based regatta rates referred to in NOR 5.1.

15.3 Berthing fees include visitor harbour dues.

## 16. Haul Out and Diving Restrictions

- 16.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the prior written authorisation of the Technical Committee.
- 16.2 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalents shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event

## 17. Data and Publicity

- 17.1 The management of the regatta involves use of participant's personal information which is stored according to the OA's information policies. For each entrant, boat name, helm and crew names and club may be published on entry lists and results accessible via the regatta website. Competitors automatically grant 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.

## 18. Risk Statement

- 18.1 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".
- 18.2 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:
- 18.2.1 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.
- 18.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property, whether afloat or ashore.
- 18.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 18.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 18.2.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organising authority does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 18.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 18.2.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks, regulations and/or bye-laws specific to sailing or racing in Poole Harbour and Poole Bay including:
- *Tidal conditions which are complex with areas of shallow water common, as well as very fast tidal flows in parts of the harbour and around the entrance.*
  - *The area is used by a wide variety of craft, including large commercial vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, a chain ferry in the harbour entrance which has priority over other traffic and, at times, high volumes of leisure boat traffic.*
  - *The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG) 1972 and local byelaws apply to all these craft including racing yachts*
  - *The Poole Harbour Sail Racing Procedures <https://www.phc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/SAIL-RACING-PROCEDURES-2025.pdf> issued by Poole Harbour Commissioners, which place requirements on all persons subject to RRS competing within the harbour.*

- 18.2.8 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.

## 19. Insurance

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

## 19. Prizes

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each IRC Class and to the overall IRC European Champion.
- 20.2 The overall IRC European Champion will be awarded to the boat with the lowest resultant score based on the formula: [Series Score] / (Races Completed – 1) / (Entries in class + 2).
- 20.3 Additional prizes and spot prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 20.4 Boats in the IRC European Championship will be eligible to compete for the following International Paint Poole Regatta trophies: The Canford Cup (and its accompanying Kleinwort Benson Trophy), the Martin Pearson Above and Beyond Memorial Award, the Youth Trophy. The Canford Cup will be retained at Poole Museum after the event.

## 20. Further Information

For further information, please contact:

Jenny Peters, email: [secretary@pooleregatta.co.uk](mailto:secretary@pooleregatta.co.uk).

Useful phone numbers are:  
Poole Quay Boat Haven (PHC) – 01202 649488  
Parkstone Yacht Club – 01202 743610

## ADDENDUM A: APPLICABLE RYA PRESCRIPTIONS

### RULES

#### 4. Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 4.6: Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Add new rule 4.7: The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

#### 6. Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the RYA Anti-Doping Rules, as published on the RYA website.

#### 65.1 Legal Liability and Costs

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

#### End of Addendum

# Berthing Information

Berths have been reserved at Poole Quay Boat Haven, with additional berths available if necessary at Port of Poole, all at discounted prices, and these will be allocated on application. **We strongly recommend that you book with your entry, as we cannot guarantee there will be any berthing to spare as the Regatta date approaches.** All Regatta berthing is being administered by the Regatta committee.

Racing yachts may be rafted up to increase the number of berths. If demand warrants it, further pontoon berths with facilities will be made available at other locations within the harbour.

Berthing will be available for **support boats** at Poole Quay Boat Haven, and **you must state on entering that you require such a berth**, when you will be sent a link to book this.

For any queries, or if at a later date you require extra nights or a launching service for your yacht, please contact:  
[secretary@pooleregatta.co.uk](mailto:secretary@pooleregatta.co.uk)



# POOLE

A SEA OF DISCOVERY AWAITS  
THE SOUTH COAST'S PREMIER MARINA



HOME OF  
*Poole*  
CORN FACTORY

MARINA  
OF THE YEAR  
2016 - 2017 - 2019 - 2020 - 2021

SUPERYACHT  
READY



## SWINGING MOORINGS

Relax with a glass of wine, on a sunny afternoon, on your own swinging mooring in Poole Harbour overlooking Brownsea Island. Away from the madding crowd, these offer you ultimate privacy, peace & tranquillity.

## VISITOR MARINA

125 visitor berths all year for vessels up to 75m in length and up to 4.8m draft.

On the Port estate we can accommodate vessels up to 210m in length with a maximum draft of 9m.

International  
**POOLE  
REGATTA**  
2026



**STONWAYS**  
MARINE INSURANCE

We aren't just  
insurance experts  
we are fellow  
sailors too!

Cover can include:

- ▲ Cruising and racing
- ▲ Up to 30% no claims discount
- ▲ Enhanced race cover
- ▲ Owner and crew repatriation

**Get in touch**

T: 03333 609886  
E: [info@stoneways.co.uk](mailto:info@stoneways.co.uk)  
[stoneways.co.uk](http://stoneways.co.uk)

*Trim your sails not your cover*

47A Commercial Road, Lower Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, BH14 0HU.  
Stoneways Marine Insurance Services Ltd trading as Stoneways Marine are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, Firm Reference Number 306915.

## Our chosen charity for 2026

### RNLI Poole Lifeboat Station

We are honoured to be selected as the official charity partner for the 2026 International Paint Poole Regatta and deeply grateful for the support. For all of us at the station it has been an exceptionally busy year.

Whilst we work hard to engage with the public and continue to share vital safety messages, even the most experienced can find themselves in challenging situations at sea. As a charity that receives no government funding, we rely entirely on public donations to keep our lifeboats operational, ensure our crew are well-trained and equipped, and remain ready to launch—ultimately saving lives at sea, being there when we are needed most, we can only do this with the support of our community -

Thank you

[www.rnli.org](http://www.rnli.org)

Over the past 160 years  
The lifeboat Station has launched  
more than 7350 times



**Lifeboats**



# Social Programme

## Friday 22 May – Competitors' Reception

We are delighted to invite all entrants to a Reception from 1900 until 2100 on board the Greenslade boat "Purbeck Princess". The boat will be moored alongside Poole Quay Boat Haven, with access from the Quay. The bar will be open throughout with free beer while stocks last (when it's gone it's gone!), and alternative drinks will be available. Light snacks will also be provided.



Purbeck Princess"



Parkstone Yacht Club

## Saturday 23 May

Parkstone Yacht Club will host this evening

## Sunday 24 May

Poole Yacht Club will host this evening.

Both clubs will have:

- Prizegiving for the day's racing
- Results and daily photo shots on display
- Wide choice of food available from 1800
- Special bar promotions
- Music & entertainment



Poole Yacht Club



The Royal Motor Yacht Club

## Monday 25 May

The Prizegiving will be held at The Royal Motor Yacht Club.

- Prizegiving for the day's racing
- Bar open throughout
- Overall prizegiving at 1600 approx.



SALCOMBE DISTILLING Co.

PROUD SPONSORS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL PAINT POOLE REGATTA



DISTILLED AND  
CRAFTED  
BY



SALCOMBEDISTILLING.COM



**ROOSTER**

PERFORMANCE GEAR  
DRIVEN BY PASSION

ROOSTERKIT.COM






@ROOSTERKIT

# Inter-Club Transport

We are pleased to announce that we have arranged **free water transport**, provided by one of the Greenslade Pleasure Boats, the Purbeck Gem, and a **free late-night taxi service** by minibus for the Evenings and the Prizegiving.

There will be a continuous water taxi service between Parkstone YC, Poole YC and the Poole Quay Boat Haven on the evenings of Saturday 23 May and Sunday 24 May, with a detailed timetable to follow.

On both evenings a late-night service by minibus will then run between 2200 and midnight, as a continuous shuttle with no times, leaving when the vehicle has customers.

For the prizegiving on Monday 25 May, the same free water taxi service will run between Poole YC, Poole Quay Boat Haven, Parkstone YC and the Royal Motor Yacht Club. The water taxi will wait at the venue to return passengers after the prizegiving.



## Untangling marketing for leisure marine businesses



Proud to have been marketing sponsors since 2018

I consider Chris and the Knot Agency team respected members of our Barton Team, taking key roles to expand and build our image. The value of their advice and marketing support is outstanding. Easily measured by our growth and appeal globally.

Suzanne Blaustone - CEO Barton Marine

Sounds good?

# KN∞T

kn8t.com

# The Canford Cup

Discovered when it appeared at Auction, The Canford Cup is amongst the oldest sailing trophies in the world. It predates the America's Cup 'Auld Mug' by two years.

## Poole and Bournemouth Regatta 1849

The 1849 Regatta took place on Friday August 10th 1849, when three races were held. The third race, according to the announcement of the Regatta which appeared in "Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle" on 22nd July 1849, was for:

*"The Canford Cup, presented by Sir John Josiah Guest, Bart., M.P.; for yachts not exceeding 15 tons o.m.; a time race; entrance 10s; three to start or no race"*

This cup, a George IV silver vase, was originally created in 1822 by Robert Hennell of London, one of a well-known family of silversmiths. It was subsequently purchased by Sir John Guest, who had the cup embossed with a yacht racing scene and engraved "Poole Regatta 1849". Sir John Guest had purchased the Manor of Canford in 1846, so named this The Canford Cup. (The house is now Canford School, at Canford Magna, on the northern edge of Poole).

After this the cup seems to have disappeared from view into private collections. It came up for auction in October 2015 and was purchased by Poole Museum, with the help of donations from the Poole Regatta Committee, Poole Yachting Association, various yacht clubs and individuals from Poole.

The Canford Cup is now presented to the overall winner of the biennial Poole Regatta and retained permanently on view at Poole Museum.



---

## Canford Cup Winners

**1849** Gleam - 15 tons: P Roberts Esq.  
of the Southern Yacht Club,  
Southampton

**2016** Aguila - Quarter ton: Sam Laidlaw

**2018** Marvel – VPRS1: Richard Powell

**2022** Who's Next – VPRS1: Ed Wilton

**2024** Protis – IRC4: Team Hamble

---

**POOLE  
REGATTA**

We look forward  
to seeing you  
at the next  
Poole Regatta

**27 MAY - 29 MAY  
2028**

# The International Paint Poole Regatta 2026 aims to be one of the most sustainable regattas in the UK and Europe

Since 2020 the organising committee have made changes to the organisation, administration and performance aims of the regatta. Through the pandemic lockdowns planning continued with regular meetings on "Zoom".

Since that time, we have continued to use Zoom for those committee members that are not local or do not need to attend the whole meeting, substantially reducing the mileage driven. All documentation minutes and other paperwork is delivered electronically.

The amount of printing in previous years has been a target and the Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions are now only available electronically and the Official Notice Board during the regatta will be online

Our results office will continue to minimise printing and the intention is that the only hard copies will be those on the committee boats used to record times. All results will be posted directly on the event website.

Protest forms will be available online and can be completed and submitted online.

As well as on site we will have international judges available via Zoom to meet the requirements of the IRC European Championship, again this will reduce mileage driven.

In previous years we have printed tickets and more recently used biodegradable Eco beer tokens for the Friday night competitor reception. This year no tickets or tokens are being used, there will still be a supply of free beer available and when it's gone it's gone.

The race charts are again being printed on waterproof paper and not laminated to reduce the use of plastics. This year we are not using bow stickers or car window stickers, we are continuing with the reuseable backstay flags and will have collection points at the marinas and clubs at the end of the last day's racing.

The competitors' packs will be delivered in biodegradable bags and will contain waterproof paper race charts and reusable backstay flags.

All of the marinas being used for competitor berthing will have the usual waste and recycling facilities.

We are again running a free ferry and minibus service between the three marinas for the evening social events and the prizegiving. This will reduce the number of car journeys required.

We continue to look at ways that we can improve sustainability and welcome suggestions and advice from anybody.

Our sponsors have their own policies on sustainability and below are links to some of them.

## International Paint

[www.akzonobel.com/en/about-us/sustainability-](http://www.akzonobel.com/en/about-us/sustainability-)

## PHC

[www.phc.co.uk/environment/environmental-policy-statement/](http://www.phc.co.uk/environment/environmental-policy-statement/)

## Salcombe Distilling Co

[https://salcombegin.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/SGIN\\_Sustainability-Manifesto\\_Sept-24.pdf](https://salcombegin.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/SGIN_Sustainability-Manifesto_Sept-24.pdf)

## Useful contact details

**Parkstone Yacht Club Haven**  
Telephone: 01202 743610 option 2  
Call sign: Parkstone Haven - VHF Ch 37 and 80

**Poole Yacht Club Haven**  
Telephone: 01202 672687 option 5  
Mobile: 07469 647305  
Call sign: Pike - VHF Ch 37 and 80

**Poole Quay Boat Haven**  
Telephone: 01202 649488  
Call sign: Poole Quay Boat Haven - VHF Ch 80

**Royal Motor Yacht Club Bosun**  
Telephone: 01202 700904  
Call sign: Bantam 1 - VHF Ch 37

### The International Paint Poole Regatta Committee would like to thank:

International Paint  
Poole Harbour Commissioners  
Haven Knox-Johnston  
Charles Stanley Wealth Management  
Stoneways Marine Insurance Services

Salcombe Distilling Co  
Rooster Marine Clothing  
The Knot Agency  
Parkstone Yacht Club  
Poole Yacht Club

Royal Motor Yacht Club  
Lilliput Sailing Club  
Poole Yacht Racing Association  
Poole Quay Boat Haven  
And the member clubs of  
Poole Yachting Association

We would also like to record our grateful thanks to all the volunteers from the Combined Clubs of Poole, without whom this event could not take place.