

Newsletter - No.1

Brewin Dolphin 2012 12mR Tour

June 27 - July 15



Introduction

The UK 12mR fleet is hosting the 2012 World Championship along with a number of other events, varied in nature, but all intended to provide 12mR owners with plenty of both sailing and partying. The organising committee is delighted that Brewin Dolphin, the largest private client stockbroker in London, are supporting this event. Since the logistics of bringing a boat to the Tour require careful planning, this newsletter briefly describes the events and venues, but updates will be posted to the web site where much more information can be found www.12mR2012Tour.org.uk

Programme

June 27-29	British Open 12mR Championships	Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble
July 1-7	12mR World Championships	Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes
July 8	Solent Course Racing	Household Division Yacht Club in Cowes
July 9	World Match Racing Championship Solent Racing for rest of fleet	Royal Thames Yacht Club in Cowes
July 11	100 Guineas Cup Course Race Cowes to Yarmouth	Household Division Yacht Club
July 12-15	12mR Regatta Christchurch Bay	Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight

Sailing will be from 3 venues, all in the Solent – the Hamble River, Cowes and Yarmouth, where moorings for the yachts and support vessels are being arranged, and organised by 5 clubs., each with a long history and involvement with the 12mR class



Royal Southern Yacht Club

Founded in 1837 in Southampton with Lord Cardigan as Commodore, moved to Hamble in 1947. Organised the first races for the Metre boat Classes in 1909 after the first yachting Olympics in 1908 at Ryde. Sponsored the 'Lionheart' challenge for the America's Cup in 1980



Royal Yacht Squadron

Founded in 1815 in London but sailed in Cowes, became the Royal Yacht Club in 1820 after the accession of George IV, who had joined in 1817, and it was created The Royal Yacht Squadron by William IV in 1833. Organised the very first America's Cup race and starts and finishes many of the world's greatest races.



Royal Thames Yacht Club

The oldest royal yacht club in the United Kingdom established in 1775 when the Duke of Cumberland, brother of George III, put up a silver cup for a race on the River Thames and formed the Cumberland Fleet. Involved with Metre boats through the America's Cup and British-American Cup



Household Division Yacht Club

Household Division, made up from seven Guards Regiments, provides both ceremonial and operational support for the Crown, well-known for the Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace. They hold an annual regatta at Cowes from the Royal Yacht Squadron which has always had close military links.



Royal Solent Yacht Club

Formed in 1878 the original headquarters were in the George Hotel, Yarmouth, the first commodore being the Marquis of Londonderry and moved to the purpose built club house in 1898. Has a long history of racing keelboat classes.

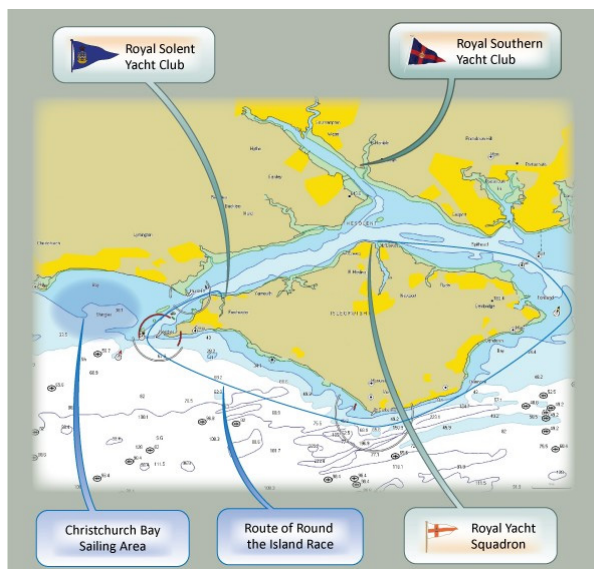
Logistics

Boats plan to arrive at the **Hamble** venue, where members of the Royal Southern YC will meet competitors and provide assistance. Boats will moor on pontoons at or near the club. Boats being shipped and storage containers for equipment will be handled by Hamble Yacht Services by individual arrangement. Owners may wish to locate containers at one venue or move them between venues. Boats should arrive having provided a valid measurement certificate and facilities for an equipment check will be made available. Racing will be run from Committee boats.

In **Cowes**, moorings will be at Shepards Wharf Marina, a short way up the River Medina. Racing for the Worlds and Match racing will be from Committee Boats. The Solent Course racing and the race to Yarmouth will start from the Royal Yacht Squadron line. Navigators should familiarise themselves with the signals used for this line.

In **Yarmouth**, boats will moor either inside the harbour or on specially-laid moorings to the east of the pier. A launch service will be provided. Racing will be in Christchurch Bay from Committee Boats and skippers should be aware of the need to sail to the race area each day.

Accommodation options and contacts for **support services** for each venue will be posted to the web site. Advice on navigation and tide information is available from the web site.



Social Programme

Each club is vying to offer a social programme that will make your stay in the UK truly memorable. Naturally at this early stage there is much to be confirmed, but apart from regatta dinners and prizegivings, we are expecting:

- A reception at Osborne House or Osborne Bay, the Isle of Wight home of Queen Victoria, perhaps in the grounds
- Reception in Uffa Fox's former house built on a quay in the river
- Cocktail party with regimental band
- Reception in Yarmouth Castle
- Cruise upriver with drinks reception and dinner at famous houses of West Wight.
- A 'Towers Party' – the Towers is a Jacobean house fronting the Solent, scene of many a party

Boats Understood to be Planning to Attend

Anita, Anitra, Challenge France, Crusader, Erne Signe, Evaine, Flica II, French Kiss, Heti, Ikra, Italia, Kate, Kelpie, Kookaburra III, KZ3, Magda VIII, Sceptre, Sovereign, Sphinx, Thea, Trivia of Gosport, Vanity V, Vema III, Wings – 24 boats

This list includes those having indicated a likelihood of attending and several more are known to be making plans or charter opportunities sought.

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