

## Update on the Class Championships held as part of Cowes Week 2010

### The Event

1. The championships will consist of 7 races with one race scheduled each day from Saturday 31 July to Friday 6 August.
2. There will be 2 discards if 7 races are sailed, one discard if 5 or 6 races are sailed and no discards if 4 or less races are sailed.
3. Boats will be allowed to enter for one or two days to race within the class in order to be encouraging numbers
4. Format of the racing:
  - a) Tuesday will be scheduled as a long coastal race with a planned duration of 6 to 7 hours. This would have an early start from the RYS line at about 0900.
  - b) Thursday would also start from the RYS but at a 'normal' time. However, if the Tuesday race was cancelled due to too much or too little wind then Thursday would be used as the long race. In this case an amendment to the schedule would be posted on the Tuesday, giving a revised start on the Thursday of 0900.
  - c) We are taking soundings amongst the class as to whether there should be 4 or 5 committee boat starts
  - d) Courses from committee boat starts would, so far as practicable, be of a windward leeward style (using a laid windward mark and then Solent marks).
5. Starting schedule:

*We have agreed with Stuart Quarrie that once he has completed a draft starting schedule, he would discuss this with Andy and Jeff before firming up on the order of starts.*
6. Courses:
  - a) We have agreed SQ that it is important that the class ahead did not have the same course after the first mark, in order to avoid the front end Sigma 33s catching up the tail end of the class ahead.
  - b) 2010 method of choosing course setters includes having a Principle Course setter to raise the standard and consistency of course setting throughout the week
  - c) *The class would put together a short paper detailing ideal course styles, lengths and options to avoid for consideration by the PROs and course setting team.*
  - d) *SQ will furnish the class with the Cowes Week mobile number for the course setting co-ordinator in order to give feedback after each day of racing.*

### Socials:

We are working on a full program of socials!!

### Sponsorship:

We are hoping to get some sponsorship, potentially for daily prizes. Any help, support and contacts would be greatly appreciated

### Moorings:

We have arranged for 15 berths at Sigma City for your Sigma 33 on the southern end of 'E' Pontoon which is virtually opposite the Medina Yard just south of the chain ferry 50 yards from the northern end of East Cowes Marina. We will also be rafted up to four boats deep. The cost is £181.08 for the 8 nights (i.e. Friday night through to the Saturday noon). If you wish to take up these moorings please contact Jo Chugg asap.

### Accommodation

A lot of Sigma 33 sailors park their boat at the "Sigma City" Whitegates pontoon and get a crew house. If the costs are split you can get a clean and dry bed for approx £180 - £300 p/p for the week.

Here are some contact details for the various options:

**Staying on your boat** – full details on the Cowes week web site:

[www.cowesweek.co.uk/web/code/php/main\\_c.php?map=cw10&ui=oberon&style=std&override=&section=racing&page=mooring](http://www.cowesweek.co.uk/web/code/php/main_c.php?map=cw10&ui=oberon&style=std&override=&section=racing&page=mooring)

**Camping or static caravan at East Cowes:** a good cheap option, gets the crew and their kit off the boat! [www.waverley-park.co.uk/](http://www.waverley-park.co.uk/)

### Crew House (from the Cowes website)

#### A base Ashore

Jamieson and Rachel Ide

Windrush, Baring Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 8DS

*The Online Regatta Agency offering both owned and managed properties. Also providing accommodation support services such as catering, cleaning and transportation.*

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### **Cowes Accommodation Agency**

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### **Quay Management**

Sarah Marshall  
36 Woodvale Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 8EG  
Quay Management has a great selection of properties available to rent for Cowes Week and all other regattas. Contact Sarah for more information or search online (website details below).  
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### **Shoreberths** - Accommodation and total regatta support

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### **Hotels and B&Bs**

In addition to numerous B&B options in Cowes, there are hotels in Cowes, The Isle of Wight and Southampton but they tend to be pricey!!!

Best option is to contact tourist info for an up to date list

### **Tourist Information**

The Arcade, High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7AR  
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### **Wight Accommodation Hotline**

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