



Welcome to Cowes Spring Classics!

Dear Martin

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You may have spotted the announcement in the latest issue of Classic Boat, Cowes Spring Classics is a new classic yacht regatta taking place from 11 to 13 May in Cowes. With Cowes Classics Week and the prestigious Panerai British Classic Week happening in July and Hamble Classics in September, it was felt that it would be great to have another event earlier in the year giving owners the opportunity to get their boats ready and out on the water to enjoy some friendly racing ahead of a busy season.

This is where Martin Nott and myself stepped in and we have teamed up to put on this new, fun regatta open to wooden yachts designed before 1970. Many of you will know me in my capacity as the Event Manager for Panerai British Classic Week and Martin as a wooden boat builder and consultant to Classic Boat magazine. As you will see from our brochure, the 'rules of the regatta' are very relaxed with 'guidelines' of 'no cheating, no collisions and no complaining' with the racing intended to be conducted 'in the Corinthian Spirit and in a Gentlemanly Manner', so a perfect relaxed regatta to get the season going.

The regatta is open to Cruisers and Cruiser racers, Gaff Rigged yachts and Pilot Cutters, Day Boats and Raters, Classic Metre yachts, affordable Classic Cruisers plus modern Spirit of Tradition yachts. Other classes may be added depending on demand so please contact us for more details.

Racing is being organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club with shoreline starts and will consist of two races on Saturday 12 and one longer race on Sunday 13 May. Competitors may choose the handicap system they race under, however, the intention is for Cruisers and Cruiser Racers, Metre Yachts and Modern Spirit of Tradition yachts to race to IRC handicaps. Affordable Classic Cruisers and Day Boats using KLR handicaps and Gaff Rigged yachts and Pilot Cutters according to OGA handicaps. Details about how to apply for KLR or OGA handicap can be found on the Racing page of the event website.



The regatta will be based at Shepards Wharf with a relaxed programme of socials centred around the Sugar Store with the bar open from 3pm each day.

We already have some great support from Cowes Harbour Commission and Shepards Wharf Marina plus the British Classic Yacht Club is one of our sponsors together with Sandeman Yacht Company, West System, North House Hotel, Classic Boat, Kendalls Fine Art and Ratsey & Lapthorn.

We do hope that you'll be able to join us at the inaugural event and if you would like to find out more please download the Notice of Race and Entry Form below, or give us a call on the numbers below.

[Entry Form](#)

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With all best wishes

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