




## Notice of Race

### General Rules

1. The COWES INTERNATIONAL CUP™ is a series of races open to business, industry, professional bodies and other commercial or governmental organisations.
2. The COWES INTERNATIONAL CUP™ is owned, organised and presented by Cowes International Cup Limited with race yachts and technical advice by Sunsail Worldwide Sailing Ltd. (Sunsail) and race organisation by Port House Yacht Club (PHYC).
3. With the exception of the Security Deposit, if applicable (11 below), all entry fees and associated costs (if any) are payable to Cowes International Cup Ltd.
4. Each entrant will take part in the yacht provided by the organisers of the event and equipped only as supplied by the organisers.
5. Racing will be fleet racing during a period of approximately 36 hours (including an overnight break) on a course to be determined but which, weather permitting, will include a circumnavigation of the Isle of Wight and two inshore races.
6. The crew must consist of a Skipper and 6 crew members of which the Skipper must have sailing experience at least equivalent to RYA Coastal Skipper (evidence of which must be provided at the time of entry), and one crew member must have sailing experience at least of the level of being able to helm a sailing dinghy. Alternatively, if an entrant cannot meet these requirements, the organisers can provide a Sunsail Skipper.
7. Before the start of the event, the Skipper shall give a safety briefing to the entire crew. This briefing must include instructions on where to find and how to use all of the safety equipment aboard the boat, what to do in the case of 'man overboard' and any such information likely to contribute to safety.
8. The Cowes International Cup™ will be held on 7 and 8 September 2006.
9. It is agreed and understood that the sponsors of the Cowes International Cup 2006 and the Official Cowes International Cup Charity do not enter into contractual relationships with any or each of the entrants and do not assume any responsibility or duties for the arrangements made by the organisers and also that the sponsors and charity do not owe any duty of care to the entrants and bear no responsibility whatsoever for any loss, damage or injury to any entrant or any other person arising directly or indirectly from the event.
10.  Competitors and entrants should note that Cowes International Cup Ltd implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter (which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book [Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008] or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)). This Charter, other prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and the Sailing Instructions to be issued by PHYC as part of the event programme in September 2006 shall govern races.
11. With the exception of entrants taking a Sunsail Skipper, a returnable security deposit for £1500.00 (payable to Sunsail) to cover incidental or minor damage, losses, etc. will be required from each entrant when signing in before the start of the event. Sunsail will shred the entrant's cheque or credit card slip for this amount within fourteen days of the finish of the Challenge Round providing there is no loss or damage to the boat.
12. All entries must compete with the same Skipper and crew on both days. However, if, in exceptional circumstances, an entrant wishes to make a crew change overnight a request detailing the reason(s) for the change must be made in writing to the organisers. A change made without prior written approval will render the entrant liable to disqualification.
13. All members of the crew (with the exception of a Sunsail Skipper, if engaged) must have a connection with the entrant.
14. The eligibility of the entrants and the competitors shall be at the sole discretion of the organisers and their decision shall be final.
15. The entrant, Skipper and all members of the crew will be also bound by the Terms and Conditions pertaining to the Cowes International Cup as detailed on the Entry Form.
16. These rules are copyright and may not be reproduced in part or as a whole without the prior written consent of Cowes International Cup Ltd.