

The Contessa 32 Class Association



Racing Handbook Solent 2018

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This is intended as a handy guide to the Contessa 32 Solent Racing Programme for 2018.

It does not include the Notices of Race or the Sailing Instructions for the events. These are issued by the host Club upon entry and will usually arrive about a week before each race – or may often be downloaded from the Club's website.

The Contessa 32 Class Racing Rules are on the Class Association website:
http://www.co32.org/sites/default/files/co32_racing_rules_v3-3.pdf

Martin Collen, Skipper of Andaxi, became Sailing Secretary in March 2018.

The Series, of Inshore Regattas will run from May to September and Cowes Week starts on early on 4th August this year. The Contessa 32 National Championships will be the final event of our Season, starting on Friday 28th September. In 2018, all our Inshore Points Championship events will be Regattas run by the host Clubs for our Class alone, with the exception of the Royal Southern Yacht Club's June Regatta and the Royal Solent Yacht Club's Taittinger Regatta, in which we will have our own Class starts.

How to enter for the Inshore Series:

- Entry for the Royal Southern YC's June Regatta and the Taittinger Regatta will be through the host Clubs, who will soon announce details on their websites (www.royal-southern.co.uk and www.royalsolent.org) nearer to the time of the event. Please note that entry fees for the Taittinger Regatta are usually discounted until a date in June. The Class Sailing Secretary will, if possible,

circulate a message by e-mail to draw attention to when entry to this event becomes available.

- Entry to events that are just for the Class – i.e. the other four of our Inshore Series rounds, (including our Cowes-Poole-Cowes Races) and our National Championships - is via the Class Association website at www.co32.org.
- Sailing Instructions for some events will be despatched directly in the week before the event – usually by e-mail from the Sailing Secretary – but sometimes directly from the host Club. For some events it may be necessary to download the race documents from the host Club’s website.
- Your entry details are passed to the Social Secretary who organises the “ashore” side of the racing events.
- Most of the contact re. entries, social fixtures and SIs are handled by e-mail and this has proved to be convenient for all concerned. Please ensure that the Sailing Secretary has your up-to-date e-mail details.

Entry for other Key Events:

If you have not entered some or any of these events before, the details below should give you the background information to persuade you to enter this year.

The JP Morgan Asset Management Round the Island Race: 7th July 2018

Details of this ever-popular event should be obtained directly from the organiser, the Island Sailing Club: www.roundtheisland.org.uk Entry is directly to the ISC and cannot be arranged through the Class. As per the new arrangement that was trialled in 2017, our Class will be given overall positions in the Club’s ISCRS handicap system as well as extracted Class results. To facilitate this, competitors are encouraged to enter giving the standard Class specifications for their boat as supplied by our Official Measurer, George Isted, so that Contessa 32s entered in this way will effectively be “level rated” in comparison with each other – as in our own events. The Contessa Rose Bowl is awarded to the first Contessa 32. Please see the notes below regarding measurement.

Cowes Week: 4th to 11th August 2018

The Contessa 32 has been at the heart of this Regatta since the 1970’s. We understand that this year our racing will again allow the traditional thrilling finishes on the Squadron Line after a final leg just offshore along The Green. Additionally, an exciting social programme is being planned for the Week including the Drinks Reception, Dinner and Marina Party that we have come to expect! Details will be announced when the arrangements for the social events have been confirmed.

If sailing in Cowes Week is something you are considering, please do contact The Class Association for encouragement and reassurance about how easy it all is. As with the last few years, Cowes Combined Clubs intend to handle all entries for all classes themselves (rather than just the late ones): this can be done online at www.cowesweek.co.uk. Do please remember that “early bird” entries again close much earlier than usual this year (May 7th).

Class berthing for Cowes Week has been organised at Cowes Yacht Haven, in response to feedback from the Fleet that this is, for most, the preferred location. We have again been offered the same special rate as in 2015, while space is still available, of £559.68 for ten nights in the Class’s own area of the Haven – a very substantial discount compared with usual Cowes Week rates. Please book early to avoid disappointment (booking form to be sent directly to katie@cowesyachthaven.com at the end of this document). Contact details for booking with Cowes Yacht Haven:

Tel +44 (0) 1983 299975

Fax +44 (0) 1983 200332

katye@cowesyachthaven.com (Katy Ednay is the Acting Marina Manager)

Cowes Yacht Haven Ltd, Vectis Yard, High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7BD

To benefit from the discounted rate, please make it clear when booking that you are doing so as a member of the Contessa 32 Fleet.

Inshore Points Series:

There will be a total of 6 weekends forming the Inshore Series. In addition to our Cowes- Poole-Cowes passage races on 12th and 13th May, there will be three weekends when host clubs in the Solent will run a two day racing event exclusively for our Class and two events when we will make up our own Class in larger regattas run by the Royal Southern Yacht Club and the Royal Solent Yacht Club. For these events, apart from the "Poole" weekend we can expect to see a mixture of Windward-Leeward and "Round-the-Cans" type racing. The Race Officers will be aware of our preferred formula for Class racing and will try to accommodate this where reasonably possible.

National Championships 28th – 30th September

Our "Nationals" are once again the final event of our racing programme, in late September. The host Club will be Portsmouth Sailing Club. Over the three days of the event, the Race Officer will have the alternatives of setting courses in the Eastern Solent and in the, relatively less tidal area to the east of the Forts, in Hayling Bay. Additionally, there will be social events for the Fleet on both of the evenings that we are in Portsmouth. Berthing for the fleet has been booked in Haslar Marina and Portsmouth SC will provide a launch service to enable competitors to cross the Harbour to their lovely clubhouse in Old Portsmouth. To book berths please telephone 023 9260 1201. Please call on Ch80 on arrival and pay before departure saying that you are part of the CO 32 Fleet

Class Certificate:

It is mandatory for all entrants to Class races to hold a current Class Certificate. These are issued by George Isted, the Official Measurer. There is a waiver for the Round the Island Race, where the Committee reserve the right to measure the first six boats to finish unless they already hold Class Certificates. New Class Certificates must be issued on change of ownership. Please contact George Isted for more details.

Please note also that entry to the Class fleet at all events including the Round the Island and Cowes Week are conditional on the owner holding a Class Certificate and being a paid-up member of The Class Association. There must also be a paid-up member of the Association aboard during Class racing.

The Inshore Points Series Weekends

Cowes Corinthian YC/ Parkstone YC

Cowes – Poole – Cowes Race, 12th & 13th May

Now a regular event for our Series since 2012, this race weekend has regularly attracted the largest entry of our series and produced close, thrilling racing for six consecutive years. We will start again from the C.C.Y.C.'s committee boat in the Central Solent on the Saturday morning and race to a finish off the entrance to Poole Harbour. We will be able to berth overnight in Parkstone Yacht Club's own marina inside the harbour and they will host a social event for us in their adjacent clubhouse. On the Sunday morning, Parkstone YC will give us a start from their committee boat off Poole Harbour entrance and we will race back to a finish off Cowes. Please let the class sailing secretary know beforehand if you would like a berth at the Club – pay at the Club before departure please. Race entries through the Class Association's website at www.co32.org.

Island Sailing Club, Cowes

2nd & 3rd June

Our first regatta in several seasons with this Cowes Club who are well known for the annual Round the Island Race and many well attended club racing events. The Saturday evening's Dinner will be in their Dining Room with its lovely conservatory and balcony, giving excellent views of the harbour and the Solent as far as Portsmouth.

Racing will take place in the central Solent and berthing has been arranged for the class in the nearby Cowes Yacht Haven (please book direct - telephone 01983 299975).

June Regatta - Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble 23rd & 24th June

We will have our own Class starts within this prestigious event alongside other classes. Please enter directly with the Club using the form on their website at www.royal-southern.co.uk (when it appears – details still to be announced at time of writing) Berthing has been arranged in the nearby Port Hamble Marina – Please telephone 023 8045 2741 for bookings - or noreply@mdlmarinas.co.uk (sic). Please mark message “attn. Port Hamble”.

Taittinger Regatta - Royal Solent YC,

Yarmouth 20th - 22nd July

An event that we tried out for the first time in 2012 as part of our race series – it has proved very popular and highly successful. We will again have our own Class starts in this prestigious event, sponsored by the well-known Champagne house. This Club usually provides first class racing in the Western Solent and delightful hospitality in its excellent Clubhouse with some of the best views anywhere in the Solent. Remarkably, for this event, we have again been able to secure our usual berthing together on the Hayles Boatyard Pontoon on the Western side of Yarmouth's charming harbour, which provides one of the best venues for a post-race pontoon party – and the Regatta provides other social functions throughout the event. To book berthing at Hayles please call Sandy on 01983 760373 or e-mail info@haroldhayles.co.uk. **Payment for berthing is required during the week before the event at £30 per night.**

Please note that, although this is ostensibly a 3 day event, racing only takes place on the Saturday and Sunday. Apparently, on the Friday, competitors are only expected to sample the Sponsor's product!

Entry details (via www.royalsolent.org) have, at time of writing, yet to be announced. Please note that, in previous years the very reasonable entry fee has been discounted by 50% for those received by mid- June. Something similar can be expected this year.

RAF Yacht Club, Hamble

1st & 2nd September

For this year's fifth class regatta, we will return to a Club with which we last had a similar event in 2014. The Club say they are very excited to see us return and intend to provide excellent central Solent racing and hospitality. Berthing has been arranged in the nearby Port Hamble Marina. Booking details as for Royal Southern YC round.

Royal London Yacht Club, Cowes

15th & 16th September

Our final round this year will be with this highly popular and professional club – the scene of our 2015 Nationals. Racing will take place in the central Solent and berthing has been arranged for the Class in the nearby Cowes Yacht Haven (please book direct - telephone 01983 299975). The social side of the event on the Saturday evening will be in the Royal London's famous and beautiful clubhouse on the Parade in Cowes.

CONTESSA 32 COWES WEEK 2018 BOOKING FORM

CUSTOMER DETAILS

CUSTOMER NAME:		COMPANY NAME:	
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Customer Contact Details (Billing Address)

ADDRESS LINE 1:		TOWN / CITY:	
ADDRESS LINE 2:		COUNTY:	
ADDRESS LINE 3:		POSTCODE	
HOME CONTACT NUMBER:		MOBILE CONTACT NUMBER:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:		FAX NUMBER:	

VESSEL & STAY DETAILS

NAME:		LENGTH (M):	9.75M
DRAFT (M):		BEAM (M):	
VESSEL TYPE:	Contessa 32	TOTAL COST	£559.68
ARRIVAL DATE:		ARRIVAL TIME:	
DEPARTURE DATE:		DEPARTURE TIME:	

Note: Guaranteed berthing is dependent on the successful completion and return of this form along with the required payment.

NOTES

- 🚫 Please note that berthing will be from Noon Friday 3rd Aug until Noon Saturday 11th August inclusive. Arrival prior to or departure after these times will be subject to our normal advertised rates.
- 🚫 An initial non-refundable 10% deposit is required to confirm the booking.
- 🚫 Balance of expected costs to be paid by **31st May 2018**.
- 🚫 Bookings for Part Week berthing will not be taken until at least 30th June 2018.
- 🚫 Completion of this form ***does not*** constitute a guaranteed space until we confirm your booking and ***full payment*** has been received.
- 🚫 Please note that berths may change during the week and all boats will be rafted.
- 🚫 All berthing is in accordance with our general Terms & Conditions, a copy of which is enclosed.
- 🚫 Any changes to boat details must be given to Cowes Yacht Haven at least **2 weeks prior** to the event. We cannot guarantee to hold the berth if an alternative vessel has different dimensions.
- 🚫 RIBs & Tenders ***will not*** be permitted to moor without express prior authority from the Marina Manager.
- 🚫 There is ***no parking*** available on site during this period.



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CONFIRMATION OF BERTH APPLICATION DETAILS

	SIGNATURE	DATE
APPLICANT COWES YACHT HAVEN MANAGEMENT		



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MARINA TEAM APPROVAL:	DATE:
DEPOSIT INVOICE N ^o	DEPOSIT £
BALANCE INVOICE N ^o	BALANCE £
ACCOUNT REFERENCE N ^o	DATE: