



## KING'S HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH

### LNTM No 42/17

#### COWES WEEK REGATTA 29 JULY - 5 AUGUST 2017

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN jointly by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth and the Harbour Master, ABP Southampton, to advise mariners that the annual Cowes Week Regatta will be held between 29th July and 5th August 2017. During this period heavy concentrations of sailing vessels of all types will be racing in The Solent, in the approaches to Cowes Harbour and Southampton Water and within The Precautionary Area in Southampton Water. Mariners should be particularly vigilant and should maintain an efficient lookout for large vessels and sailing vessels and, at all times, should navigate with extreme caution in the area.

2. Start and Finish Lines. Race Starts on the 'Royal Yacht Squadron Line', which extends from the RYS flagstaff northwards to Aberdeen Alpha buoy (see below), are planned to commence, in general, at 1000 BST each day and will continue until the last group start at 1255 BST each day. A second start line, named 'the Bramble Line', will be established south of the Bramble Bank (see below), marked by two Committee Boats, one anchored halfway between the Williams Shipping and RORC buoys in an approximate position of 50°47.52'N, 001°18.13'W and the second in a position approximately 4 – 500 metres to the south. A third start line, 'The Shrape Line', extends from a moored Committee boat, at the southern end of the line, to the Aberdeen Gamma buoy (see below).

3. Additionally, a Committee Boat Start Line will be established daily, location to be decided daily prior to racing. The Cowes Week website (address below) should be checked for exact positions and timings daily.

4. Race finishes on the above lines may take place from approximately 1400 BST onwards and most racing is expected to have finished by 1600 BST daily.

5. Sailing mark buoys to be established. Two large, yellow, cylindrical, inflatable marks, 'Aberdeen Alpha' and 'Aberdeen Gamma', will be laid in the approaches to Cowes Harbour, as follows:

Aberdeen Alpha – 4.0 cables West South West (254° True) of Prince Consort Buoy, position 50°46'.29N, 01°18'.16W. The buoy will have a yellow light, flashing every 5 secs. This marks the northern end of the Royal Yacht Squadron start line for day boats and the RYS finish line for both Black and White Groups.

Aberdeen Gamma – 4.3 cables East South East (104° True) of Prince Consort Buoy, position 50°46'.31N, 01°16'.90W. The buoy will have a yellow light, flashing every 3 secs. This marks the northern end of the Shrape start and finish line for both Black and White Groups.

The above buoys will be laid shortly before 29th July and will be removed on 5th August, or soon thereafter.

6. Additionally, should one of the two Committee boats on the Bramble Line not be on station, a large, orange, inflatable cylindrical mark will be laid in its place as required.



The map illustrates the layout of Aberdeen Harbour, highlighting key locations and race-related infrastructure. Key features include:

- Gates:** Gate 9A, Gate 9B, Gate 9C, Gate 9D, and Gate 9E are marked with yellow icons and labels.
- Start/Finish Lines:** The RYS Start / Finish Line and Shrape Start / Finish Line are indicated by red dashed lines.
- Locations:** Gurnard, KMS, Island Sailing Club, ODM, Aberdeen Alpha, Trinity House, Snowden, Cowes Breakwater, No.1, No.2, No.2A, No.4, Beacon, Prince Consort, Aberdeen Gamma, and Royal London YC are labeled.
- Other Markers:** IDs 3U, 3T, 3X, 81, 82, 83, 85, and 4K are shown with yellow icons. The Shrape Mud area is also labeled.

Friday 21 Jul 2017

S O Hopper  
Queen's Harbour Master

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.