

Royal Thames Yacht Club Cumberland Fleet Regatta 2009



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**Racing for the
Queen Victoria
Cup,
RTYC Challenge
Cup & Festival of
Britain Challenge
Cup**

The Royal Thames Yacht Club Cumberland Regatta is a combination of cruising, racing and socialising based out of Cowes with our traditional Annual Dinner of the Cumberland Sailing Society being held at the Royal Yacht Squadron on Saturday evening.

USEFUL LINKS:



EVENT PROGRAMME

This version dated 18 June 09

Friday 26th June

Yachts arrive during the afternoon at the Squadron Haven and RTYC Pontoon.

7pm - Start of Royal Thames Morgan Cup Race from RYS Battlements

7pm - 8.30pm Cumberland Fleet reception on the Platform, Royal Yacht Squadron.

Dress: Reefers or Lounge Suit

Saturday 27th June

Racing for the Royal Thames Queen Victoria Cup and the RTYC Challenge Cup. Prizes include Best Dressed Crew and The Brambles Bank Binoculars (for those most in need thereof)

7.30pm for 8pm Annual Dinner of the Cumberland Sailing Society in the Pavilion of the Royal Yacht Squadron.

Dress: Reefers or Lounge Suits

Sunday 28th June

Racing for the Festival of Britain Challenge Cup and then anchoring for lunch on board. The Cumberland Cruise departs.

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PROGRAMME OF RACES & EVENTS

There is a Rally Registration fee of £10.00 per person attending

BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS AND CLUB PONTOON

By common consent the Club pontoon in Cowes is reserved on this weekend for the use of Members attending the Cumberland Regatta and those yachts up to 45ft not already booked into the Squadron Haven may berth on the pontoon. Members with yachts over 45ft and not booked into the Haven should contact the Chief Sailing Officer to discuss berthing arrangements.

FRIDAY EVENING 26TH JUNE

7pm - Start of Royal Thames Morgan Cup Race from RYS Battlements

7pm - 8.30pm CUMBERLAND FLEET RECEPTION ON RYS PLATFORM

Cost £18 per person

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

SAILING PROGRAMME

Two races, handicapping by Cumberland Numbers. For the **Royal Thames Queen Victoria Cup** and the **RTYC Challenge Cup**. In addition, there will be a prize awarded to the **best dressed crew**. **The Brambles Binoculars** are the Club's perpetual trophy for this Regatta and will be presented to the crew who appeared to need them the most.

Start, not before 1000, in the vicinity of the entrance to Cowes Harbour. Solent round the cans courses with a break to anchor for luncheon. Start the afternoon race in the vicinity of the finish of the morning race. Finish in the vicinity of Cowes.

MATCH RACING IN HUNTER 707s

We have a pair of matched Hunter 707s available for Match Racing, the trophy to be awarded being Mum's Bucket. The format of the match racing will be decided once final numbers are known. The cost is £20 per person and a minimum of eight participants is required. Contact the Chief Sailing Officer (sailing@royalthames.com) for more information. Keith Gwynne-Jones and Team Time Out stand ready to face all comers!

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SATURDAY EVENING

The Annual Dinner of the Cumberland Sailing Society (founded 1775) will be held in the Pavilion of the Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes. A drinks reception starts at 7.30pm with dinner at 8.00pm. Tickets are £48.00 per person. Wine is not included with dinner. There will be a cash bar available for purchasing wines and after-dinner drinks. Dress code: Reefers or Lounge Suits. A launch service will operate to take Members from the Club pontoon to the RYS steps before dinner, and from the steps back to the RTYC pontoon after dinner. Last service at 2300.

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2009

One race for the Royal Thames Festival of Britain Cup. Start not before 1000 in the vicinity of Cowes Harbour. Anchor for luncheon in either Osborne Bay or Stanswood Bay. Yachts depart for Cumberland Cruise or Home Ports.



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ENTRIES & ENTRY INFORMATION

The Regatta is open to yachts owned or chartered by Members of the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

ELIGIBILITY

Sailing Events: Participating crews must be Members or guests of Members of the Royal Thames Yacht Club

HANDICAPPING

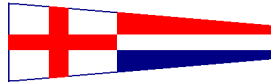
Cumberland Number Handicapping is the method of handicapping used when the Cumberland Fleet – as disparate as it is distinguished – gathers together and wishes to race. Each yacht is allocated a Cumberland Number, usually by the Club's Chief Sailing Officer who normally operates the system, and this is used to assess its performance in the race relative to the others. Cumberland Numbering and the Cumberland Handicapping is unashamedly and with gratitude and due acknowledgement based on the Portsmouth Handicapping system originally devised by that great contributor to the enjoyment of our pastime Sinbad Zilwood Milledge, to whom thanks are eternally due and to whose memory every Cumberland Numbering calculation is respectfully dedicated.

Cumberland Numbers are subjective, ad hoc assessments of a yacht's potential speed. They are derived using any and all known information about the boat, including previous performance in Royal Thames or other races, Island Sailing Club Handicaps (as used in Round the Island Race), out-of-date CHS or IRC numbers, Portsmouth Numbers and a rough-and-ready assessment of main dimensions, hull form, sail plan and sail areas. They are not an objective rating, nor are they intended to be a substitute for a rating. Their process of derivation is empiric. Previous form is considered. They are intended only as an attempt to give some sort of common denominator between disparate yachts that do not normally race.

Cumberland Numbers are expressed as a Time Correction Multiplier, by which the Elapsed Time for the yacht to complete the course is multiplied to obtain the Corrected Time. The yacht with the lowest Corrected Time wins the race.

Typically, Cumberland Numbers range from about 0.865 for a Moody 33 cruiser through 1.000 (Nicholson 476) to 1.5 for a Farr 52 racer. A yacht new to the fleet will be allocated a number that, in the opinion of the Chief Sailing Officer and at his sole discretion, will place it on a par with yachts already in the fleet of similar size or design whose performance is known. Although not a Golden Rule, yachts rarely win a Cumberland Fleet race at their first outing. The Chief Sailing Officer will be pleased to relate a long and rambling anecdote from his days of smack racing on the East Coast as to why this should be so, and why it is entirely fair. Cumberland Numbers are adjusted once the make-up of the fleet is known in an attempt to level the more obvious differences in the boats that will be racing. For the sake of good order and discipline, the Cumberland Numbers to be used for a given race are never divulged until the race has finished.

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Although the system may appear apparently ad hoc or indeed random experience over the past decade has consistently shown that Cumberland Fleet races are usually won by the yacht that has best sailed the course paying attention to sail trim and navigation.

Owners with concerns about the fairness or otherwise of their handicap are strongly recommended to relax and enjoy the sailing.

A Note About The Racing.

A oft-told story relates the tale of the salty old sea-dog who – with a nicely developed feel for the use of the subjunctive mood – said to his Owner one day after a long, hard beat ‘if I were a gentleman, Sir – which I hain’t – I wuddint never sail to windward’. The Cumberland Fleet being – by definition – comprised entirely of Gentlemen, their Ladies and their Friends, great pains are taken when setting the course to avoid anything that might be construed as actual beating, although sailing to windward to some degree cannot always be avoided. Emphasis is placed more on the sailing and navigation skills of the sailors than the weatherliness (or otherwise) of the yacht.

Owners of comfortable cruising yachts may therefore enter a Cumberland Fleet race secure in the knowledge that – so far as is possible within the confines of getting back to where we started -- discomfort is avoided where possible.

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Royal Thames Yacht Club

Notice of Race

for the

Royal Thames Queen Victoria Cup, the RTYC Challenge Cup and the

Royal Thames Festival of Britain Cup

for Yachts racing under Cumberland Numbers

on

Saturday and Sunday 27th and 28th June 2009

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising Authority is the Royal Thames Yacht Club

2.0 RULES

2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, and the Sailing Instructions.

3.0 ENTRIES

3.1 The race is open to any yacht belonging to and sailed by a member of the Royal Thames Yacht Club and having a Cumberland Number. Entry should be made direct to the Sailing Secretary, Royal Thames Yacht Club on the booking form available at <http://www.royalthames.com/event/81> or by email from sailsec@royalthames.com

3.2 Eligibility

Participating crews must be Members of Royal Thames Yacht Club or be guests of Members.

4.0 PROGRAMME

4.1 There will be three races. On Saturday the first race will start not before 1000 from a committee boat anchored in the vicinity of the entrance to Cowes harbour, and finish somewhere in The Solent. The second race will start from the vicinity of the finish of the first race, as soon as practicable after the finish of the first race and having allowed a suitable interval for luncheon, and finish at a committee boat in the vicinity of Cowes harbour. On Sunday there will be one race, start not before 1000 from a committee boat anchored in the vicinity of the entrance to Cowes harbour, and finishing somewhere in The Solent. Further details will be found in the Sailing Instructions, available upon receipt of entry. The three races are independent of each other, and are not part of a series.

5.0 ADVERTISING

5.1 The event is designated Category A under RRS Appendix 1

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6.0 SCORING SYSTEM

6.1 The scoring system to be used will be as in RRS Appendix A 4.1 (Low Points System)

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Sailing Office upon receipt of entry.

8.0 ALTERATIONS TO THE RACING RULES

8.1 Will be notified in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be in The Solent, and will be announced on VHF Ch 72

10.0 PRIZES

10.1 The trophies for the races will be the Royal Thames Queen Victoria Cup, the RTYC Challenge Cup and the Royal Thames Festival of Britain Cup, all to be presented at the annual Prizewinners' Dinner in the Clubhouse on Tuesday 10th November 2009

11.0 LIABILITY

11.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

11.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she shall find herself. By going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and complete them.

11.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims

11.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

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RTYC Challenge Cup

A Johnson Walker Tolhurst cup and cover, raised on tapered circular base, two loop scroll handles, the cover with a gadroon border, engraved 'Royal Thames Yacht Club, Offshore Challenge Cup, presented by J.B.S.Savage, June 1969', London 1926

Weight 23 ozs

Queen Victoria Challenge Cup

A large George III trophy of tapering vase shape, overlapping leaf base, raised on a tapering and spreading foot, a pair of looped handles in the form of winged sea snakes, the cover with berry and leaf knob, engraved 'Royal Thames Yacht Club, Channel Match 1885', above an oval leaf plaque engraved 'The Gift of the Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria', the reverse with a Royal Coat of Arms, London 1805 by William Fountain.

Weight 160 ozs

Height 43.5 cms



Festival of Britain Challenge Cup

A dual-handled silver trophy cup with florette moulded reeded square handles emanating from a floral and foliate moulded band over 'The Festival of Britain Challenge Cup presented by A. D'Ambrunetil, Esq.', engraved in capitals and script, raised on a ring knopped stem swelling to a circular base, winners names from 1951 – 1981 engraved to the rear. Makers W.M. & Sons, Sheffield 1903.

Weight 40 ozs

Height 35.5. cms



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Boat Name: CARINYA Owner: Tony Bird Mobile: 07836754527	Boat Name: CHINOOK Owner: Malcolm McKeag Mobile: 07903 733888	Boat Name: CICONIA Owner: John Stork Mobile: 07973 344338
Boat Name: DREAMCATCHER Owner: VC Peter Haslehurst Mobile: 07836 337675	Boat Name: DILKUSHA Owner: Peter Methven Mobile: 07836518808	Boat Name: HERITAGE Owner: RC John Dallimore & RC Bernard Kinchin Mobile: 07973 220029
Boat Name: HIGHLAND BEAUTY Owner: Stanley Ross Mobile: 07785 506366	Boat Name: JAM JAR Owner: Colin Holland Mobile: 07785 776300	Boat Name: KARELIA Owner: Victor Prior Mobile: 07977 597178
Boat Name: MARIPOSA Owner: Brian Lavers Mobile: 07917 768743	Boat Name: REDSHIFT Owner: Nick Searle Mobile: 07968 904 157	Boat Name: RESOLUTION Owner: Peter Innes-Ker Mobile: 07768 503033
Boat Name: SABA Owner: John McMonigall Mobile: 07770 824348	Boat Name: SEA EAGLE Owner: Michael Gardner Mobile:	Boat Name: SHAMBHALA Owner: Peter Tracey Mobile: 077749 58042
Boat Name: SNOW LEOPARD Owner: Elvin Patrick Mobile: 07884 264264	Boat Name: TIME OUT Owner: Keith Gwynne-Jones Mobile: 07710 390735	Boat Name: TOUCHE IV Owner: Tony Crawford Mobile: 07811 369589
Boat Name: WATERWITCH Owner: Francis Read Mobile:	Boat Name: BLUE FOX Owner: Doug Hareckham Mobile: 07768336920	Boat Name: SKY HUNTER Owner: Peter Bainbridge Mobile:
Boat Name: RISING STAR Owner: Kenneth Wise Mobile: 07860 300792		

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Future RTYC Cruising Events

2009 -

Families Picnic - Sunday 9th August

After the success of last year's picnic we are revisiting Hurst Castle for a fun day out for all the family. There will be a whole range of entertainment and games for the children to enjoy.

Vancouver Rally - 29th August - 12th September

The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club is organising a cruise from Vancouver to the Gulf Islands and North to the Sunshine Coast on the Mainland. As they have invited all the members of the International Council of Yacht Clubs. This will be well organised, as they will be hosting the event on their home waters, and will be determined to put on a good show for the visitors.

Contact Rufus Gilday rufus@gildays.com for more information.

Autumn Excuse - 9th - 11th October

It is time to visit the Royal Solent again, SCOW team racing and shooting... A great weekend

Cruising Blue Sky Meeting - 4pm on the 22nd October 27th in the Clubhouse

If you are interested in helping to shape the future cruising programme for the Club over the next 5 years then this is the event to attend.

Rally Reunion Dinner - Tuesday 24th November

Come and join fellow cruisers to look back on the 2009 cruising season.

2010 Highlights -

New Zealand Rally - 20th -28th March

Cruising the Haruraki Gulf, North of Auckland, with our friends from the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron and joined by other members of the ICOYC. A second week in the Bay of Islands is also planned.

West Coast of Scotland Rally - 3rd -12th June

Starting with a dinner at Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club at Rhu, then heading West and North through the Crinan Canal to finish in Tobemory.

Palma, Mallorca - End of September

Starting in Palma the fleet will cruise in company to Andratx. The next day will see a passage race to the Island of Cabrera.

Please contact Jonathan Beeston in the Sailing Office for further information on

020 7201 6262 or sailsec@royalthames.com

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