

Cape 31 UK Race Circuit 2026



Notice of Series ('NoS')

The Organizing Authority ('OA') is the individual host clubs in conjunction with the UK Cape 31 Regional Class Authority ('RCA'), including the RCA's Service Provider ('SP').

The notation 'NP' means the provision will not be subject to protest by a boat, this will change RRS 60.1.

The Cape 31 UK Race Circuit 2026, termed as 'the Circuit', is composed of a series of race weekends which are termed as 'Rounds'.

A term in *italics* refers to a definition in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028 and other than a title, a term in **bold** refers to a definition in the World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028.

1. Rules

1.1. The Circuit and the individual Rounds forming the Circuit are governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. The Circuit and the individual Rounds forming the Circuit are governed by the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).

1.3. The National Prescriptions that apply, if any, will be made available on the relevant Round Notice of Race and/ or the Hosting Yacht Clubs Round Official Notice Board (ONB).

2. Sailing Instructions

2.1. Each Round will have a set of Sailing Instructions (SI) issued by a date set in the applicable Notice of Race. Each Round's SIs will be posted on the applicable hosting Yacht Clubs 'Round ONB'.

3. Communication

3.1. The ONB for the Circuit is online available at: [UK Circuit ONB](#).

3.2. In addition to notices on the [ONB](#), communications with competitors will be made via a Circuit Messaging System which will be done via a Whatsapp Group (known as 'UK Announcements') and can be joined with the following joining link:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/D2KmcFLC26z7MCC2XcwJlz?mode=gi_t

or by using this QR Code:



3.3. At least one representative from each boat entering the Race Circuit will be required to join and periodically monitor the Messaging System at least weekly in between events.

3.4. Competitors may seek clarity from the Organizing Authority or ask questions by emailing office@31northgroup.com for anything class related, or by emailing the Host Club for any questions related to a specific Round.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1. The Circuit is open to boats of the Cape 31 Class that comply with section B of the '2026 Cape 31 International One Design' **Class Rules** and who hold a valid membership to the Class Association as per Class Rule A.12.1.

4.2. The Circuit is also open to Charterers who charter a boat that complies with section B of the '2026 Cape 31 International One Design' **Class Rules** and who hold a valid membership to the Class Association as per Class Rule A.12.1.

4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online UK Class registration, accessible on the [UK Class ONB](#), and paying the UK Class fee, as well as the relevant 'Round fees' for the Round(s) the boat wishes to compete in.

4.4. Where possible, each round of the 2026 circuit will utilise the Vakaros RaceSense system. Rounds using Vakaros RaceSense will be clearly communicated, while for now it is confirmed for: Round 1 (RYS), Round 3 (Royal Southern), Round 4 (Royal Southern) and Round 6 (Royal Thames). Please note that it is still the intention for Vakaros to be used for Round 2 (Poole) and Round 5 (Cowes) and confirmation that this can happen will be communicated via the Class ONB.

4.4.1. For rounds confirmed to be using Vakaros RaceSense, each boat shall be equipped with a working Vakaros Atlas 2. Details (serial no., software version

etc) of each boats Atlas 2 unit shall be provided to the OA via the hosting round Yacht Clubs ONB.

4.4.2. Each Boat's Atlas 2 must be installed on the aft face of the mast within 200mm of the gooseneck, using the one design mount or other approved method of mounting by the OA. Offset to be from 10mm-80mm of aft face of mast to front of vakaros unit (the screen is defined as the front). Installation instructions will be provided on the Class ONB and the unit must also have the latest version of software installed at each event. Competitors shall calibrate their Atlas 2. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event.

4.4.3. The entrant is solely responsible for ensuring that their Atlas 2 is functioning properly for the duration of each event and that the details are registered correctly in advance of the event. Failure of a Vakaros device or the RaceSense System will not be grounds for opening a hearing regarding redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

4.4.4. The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.

4.4.5. The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.

4.4.6. If the RC vessel displays flag **Tango** with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, 4.4.5 and 4.4.6 inclusive, will not apply to that race.

4.4.7. If the RC vessel displays flag **Golf** with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas 2 unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.

4.4.8. If firmware updates to Atlas 2 devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and the Class What's App Group.

4.5. For each of the 2026 Cape 31 UK Rounds, Entrants will be required to provide information regarding crew and equipment details. This information shall be submitted via an online form on the hosting clubs ONB. The required information shall be supplied at least two days prior to the start of the relevant event. The required information includes, but is not limited to, the following:

4.5.3 A Crew list and Declared Crew weights.

4.5.4 Current valid WS classification and other requested information for all crew members.

4.5.5 Details of the Alas 2 unit that the boat will use for that event.

4.6. To be considered an entry, a boat is required to complete all online registration requirements for the UK Class and Round(s) they wish to compete in as well as paying relevant fees as follows:

Fee	Deadline
UK Class Fees	2 weeks before the first Round a boat competes in.
Round 1	As described in the individual regattas Notice of Race.
Round 2	
Round 3	
Round 4	
Round 5	
Round 6	

At its sole discretion, the UK Cape 31 Regional Class Authority may accept 'late' entries being those that wish to compete but have missed the applicable deadlines above.

5. Fees

5.1. The Cape 31 UK Class Fee for 2 or more regattas is **£1,000**, while if a boat is only doing 1 regatta it is **£500**. This is payable via bank transfer thorough a link on the Class ONB, or by using the following bank details:

Cape 31 UK Class

Sort Code: 30-54-66

Account Number: 78040860

IBAN: GB64LOYD30546678040860

BIC: LOYDGB21F95

Using your boat name as the payment reference.

The UK Class Fee includes but is not limited to the provision of:

5.1.1. Circuit, Class, Event Organisation & Planning

5.1.2. Class Measurement

5.1.3. Website Fees

5.1.4. Class Insurance

5.1.5. Sponsorship Management to raise funds for Media, Prizes and Social Events

5.1.6. Prizes/Flags

5.1.7. Communications/Press Releases

5.2. A pro-rata fee is available of **£500** to a boat or charterer that enters only one event in the Circuit. If a boat or charterer enters further events in the Circuit after entering a single event (in the case of a charterer with the same or a different boat) the difference of **£500** shall be paid.

5.3. The Round Fees and what they include will be included in each Round Notice of Race and are payable directly to the relevant host club. Instructions on how these payments are to be made will be set out in the relevant Hosting Clubs Notice of Race, while direct links to event entry pages are posted here www.cape31.uk/regattas .

6. Crew Limitations

6.1. Not used. See **Class Rule C.2**

6.2. The UK Cape 31 Class still intends to use Class Rule C.2.2 as guidance regarding crew weight, however if teams choose to weigh-in at the 'crew weigh-in's' that are proposed from 0800 hrs on the first day of racing for a round, then they will not be subject to a random weigh-in during the regatta. A majority owner weighing less than 85kg may still opt to weigh in at their first Class event in a season and that weight shall be used for all subsequent events in that season, or a weight of 85kg shall be allocated to a majority owner. A protest may still be raised over a breach of Class Rule C.2.2.

6.3. The UK Class has the option to have 'Crew Weigh-ins' from 0800 hrs to 0900 hrs on the first morning of racing of a Round. These 'crew weigh-ins' will be held at a venue in close proximity to where the majority of the fleet are moored and will be administered by either the Hosting Yacht Club, or delegates of the OA.

7. Advertising

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority,

7.2. Event advertising (as described in World Sailing regulation 20.4) that a boat is required to display will be set out in the relevant Round Appendix including the positioning of such advertising and when it must be displayed.

8. Qualifying Series and Final Series

8.1. Not used.

9. Schedule

9.1. The following Rounds constitute the Circuit.

Date	Round Title	Host Club/ Organization
8-10 May	Round 1 Season Opener	Royal Yacht Squadron
23-25 May	Round 2 at Poole Regatta	Poole Yacht Club
12-14 June	Round 3 at the Summer Series	Royal Southern Yacht Club
3-5 July	Round 4 National Championship	Royal Southern Yacht Club
2-4 August	Round 5 at Cowes Week	Cowes Week Ltd
11-13 Sept	Round 6	Royal Thames Yacht Club

9.2. Intended Race Schedule for each Round:

Race Day 1 – start at 1130 hrs (target 3 races)

Race Day 2 – start at 1100 hrs (target 3 races)

Race Day 3 – Start at 1100 hrs, last start 2pm (target 3 races)

Each Round has an 9-race target. The Race Officer may increase the number of races per day by a maximum of 1. The Race Officer has flexibility at an event to request race starts to be brought forward to an earlier start time (excluding race day 1), subject to UK Class committee approval.

9.3 Intended Social Program/On land Schedule for each Round:

(Please note that this is a guide only. Please consult the Round NOR and Class whatsapp).

Race Day 1

-0800 hrs Crew weigh in/Sponsored breakfast/Briefing at Pontoon View (for Cowes based Round) or Royal Southern Yacht Club (For Hamble based Round).

-After Sailing Sponsored Dock Party

-Evening ticketed or sponsored Drinks/Dinner

Race Day 2

-After Sailing Sponsored Dock Party

-Crew Dinner (ticketed or sponsored).

Race Day 3

-Prize Giving to happen on the Dock/Pontoon View straight after racing has finished to allow for boats and crews to get back home asap.

10. Equipment Inspection

10.1. A Boat may be subject to **Event Equipment Inspection** as detailed in the Round Notice of Race and SIs.

11. Clothing and Equipment

11.1. Not used. See **Class Rule C.3.**

12. Venue

12.1. The venue for each round is described on the Class [Regattas Page](#).

12.1.Fees for dockage of Cape 31's, Support Vessels, parking of team vans etc. where possible shall be organised via the hosting yacht club. For any queries on this, please contact office@31northgroup.com and also see relevant links on the ONB for hosting clubs and marinas.

13. Courses

13.1. As described in the Round Notice of Race. The intention is for each event to use a windward/ leeward course with an offset windward mark and a leeward gate set from a committee vessel. An additional 'congestion' mark may be laid near/just downwind of the top mark in a bid to avoid boats approaching the top mark on port lay line.

14. Penalty System

14.1. As described in the Notice of Race for each Round.

15. Scoring

15.1. At least 4 Rounds will be required to be completed and scored for the Circuit series to be constituted.

15.2. At least 3 races in a Round are to be completed and scored for that Round to count toward the Circuit series scores.

15.3. If less than 5 Rounds are counted toward the Circuit series score, a boat's Circuit series score will be the sum of her Round ranks. If 5 or more Rounds are counted toward the Circuit series score, a boat's Circuit series score will be the sum of her Round ranks excluding her worst.

15.4. For the purpose of a boat's Circuit series score, if it does not come to the start area of at least 1 race in a Round, ready to race, for that Round it will be scored points equal to the total number of boats entered in the Circuit plus 1.

15.5. Where a boat is chartered, for the purpose of the Circuit series score, points, ranks and scores shall be associated with the Charterer not the boat they charter.

16. Support Person Vessels

16.1. See **Class Rule C.8**.

16.2. In addition to the **Class Rules**, *Support Person Vessels* will be required to carry appropriate marine VHF equipment to be able to receive communications on the channels used by the *Committee(s)* detailed in the SIs and channel 16 to facilitate compliance with RRS 37 – Search and Rescue Instructions.

17. Chartered or Loaned Vessels

17.1. Not used.

18. Berthing

18.1. Boats will be required to berth as directed by the Organizing Authority. It is the intention of the Class to have all boats moored in the same marina for the 2026 Cape 31 UK Class Nationals (Round 3 at the Royal Southern Yacht Club).

19. Haul-Out Restrictions

19.1. See **Class Rule C.5.4.**

19.2. In addition to the **Class Rules**, boats will be required to be afloat in their designated berth by 17:00 (local time) on the day before the first scheduled race as described in the relevant Notice of Race.

20. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

20.1. Not Used.

21. Data Protection

21.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the National Authority, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published and made publicly available.

21.2 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of them prior to, during, and after the event without compensation.

22. Risk Statement

22.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Circuit, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

22.1.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

22.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

22.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

22.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

22.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

22.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

22.1.7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23. Insurance

23.1. To be described in the Notice of Race for each Round.

23.2. The UK Cape 31 Class requires a compulsory upload of each boat's current insurance certificate, as well as the registered address and contact details associated with the insurance/boat, to enter their 2026 Circuit. This can be done via the registration link on the Class ONB.

24. Prizes

24.1. An Overall 'Open' and 'Corinthian' UK Cape 31 Race Circuit Trophy will be awarded to the Circuit Series Winners at the conclusion of Round 6 alongside other Circuit prizes.

24.2. Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall 'Open' and 'Corinthian' teams in each Round during each Round prize giving detailed in the relevant Round Appendix.

24.3. For the purpose of 24.1 and 24.2, a Corinthian entry is a boat with no more than 1 **crew** on board which does not hold a valid World Sailing Category 1 Categorization as per the World Sailing Categorization Code.

24.4. For the purpose of 24.1, where **Crew** have made a genuine timely effort to obtain a Category 1 Categorization but have been unable to due to the World Sailing platform, they may apply to the Organizing Authority and the Organizing Authority may accept that **Crew** as holding a Category 1 status. Where the Organizing Authority accepts such Crew, the Crew will be required to obtain and confirm to the Organizing Authority that Categorization as soon as reasonably practical after the relevant Round.

25. Further Information

25.1. For further information regarding the Circuit, emails may be sent to office@31northgroup.com .



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