



44Cup SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

September 23rd to 27th, 2026

Organizing authority:

The RC44 Cowes World Championship 2026 will be organised by the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) in co-operation with the RC 44 Class Association.

<u>Chief umpire:</u>	O'Hara Bill	IRL	IJ
<u>Umpires:</u>	Chris Lindsay	IRL	IJ
	Bjorklund Mats	FIN	IJ
	Yubero Diego	ESP	IJ
<u>The Jury:</u>			
<u>Jury Chairman:</u>	Bjorklund Mats	FIN	IJ
<u>Jury:</u>	Allen Miguel	POR	IJ
	Mante Arnaud	FRA	IJ
	Chris Lindsay	IRL	IJ
	O'Hara Bill	IRL	IJ
	Yubero Diego	ESP	IJ

PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER: Torrijo Maria (ESP)

Abbreviations:

PC – protest committee	RC – race committee
OA – organizing authority	NA – national authority
RRS – racing rules of sailing	NoR – notice of race
IJ – International Jury	SI – sailing instructions
MR SI – RC44 match race SI	FR SI – RC44 fleet race SI

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by
- (a) the 'rules' as defined in the RRS,
 - (b) the Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply,
 - (c) the RC44 Event Calls
 - (d) national authority prescriptions will not apply

In addition, only for the Match Racing Series, by

- (d) the Appendix C as altered by the MR SI,
- (e) the RC44 Match Racing SI Vs 2026_01,

In addition, only for the Fleet Racing Series, by

- (f) the RC44 Fleet Racing SI Vs 2026_01,
- (g) the Appendix UF, 44Cup Edition Vs 2026_01 will apply as altered by the FR SI, approved by World Sailing.

- 1.2 The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with Appendix UF.
- 1.3 Forestay flags will be distributed at registration. Forestay flags shall be hoisted when the boats are in the marina.
- 1.4 iPads or mobile phones with Navionics or any other mobile chart system is allowed. Connecting the device to the B&G system remains forbidden.
- 1.5 Teams are prohibited from diving their boat inside the marina. A professional diving company is permitted. From 17h00 on Monday 21 September to the end of racing on Sunday 27 September 2026, teams are prohibited from cleaning the bottom of their boat apart from on Wednesday 23, Friday 25 and Sunday 27 September. A formal request may be made to the OA for permission to inspect the hull for underwater damage or in the event of a breakdown.



- 2 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND BRIEFINGS
 - 2.1 PRACTICE RACING SERIES – RC44 King's Cup
 - 2.2 Practice fleet racing is scheduled on September 23.
 - 2.3 Skippers shall attend the first briefing, which will be at 11h00 on September 23 in the hospitality area.
 - 2.4 The first meeting with the umpires will be at the same time.
 - 2.5 The RC44 fleet will race to the practice area. The start of the race will be at 12h00 at the RYS line.
 - 2.6 The intended time of the first practice start attention signal is 13h00.
 - 2.7 Skippers shall be available for media requests, 30 minutes after the end of the last race each day.
- 2.8 FLEET RACING SERIES
- 2.9 The racing days are scheduled from September 24 through September 27, 2026.
- 2.10 Skippers shall attend the first briefing, which will be at 10h30 in the hospitality area on September 24. The intended time of the initial warning signal is 12h00.
- 2.11 On September 25, briefing will be at 10h30 and warning signal at 12h00.
- 2.12 On September 26, briefing will be at 10h30 and warning signal at 12h00.
- 2.13 On September 27, briefing will be at 10h30 and warning signal at 12h00. No initial Warning Signal will be made after 15h30.
- 3 RACING AREA
 - The racing area is described in Appendix A.
- 4 DESCRIPTIONS OF MARKS
 - 4.1 SPARE
 - 4.2 FLEET RACING SERIES
 - The RC boat may be identified by an RYS flag
 - Windward-leeward:
 - Marks W, WI and WO will be orange.
 - The Gate marks will be orange.
 - New mark, as provided in instruction F14.1, will be black.
 - The starting and finishing mark will be orange.
- 5 Radio communication
 - Race information will be given by VHF radio. The VHF channel will be 77.

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Appendix A Racing Area

