



Round the Island Race Charter

Our enormous enthusiasm and experience has made us a formidable force in delivering the highest quality water based Corporate Events in the UK. Ranging from the indulgent to the highly competitive, all our events are delivered with great style, on time and to budget. Just ask any of our customers - our events are great fun!





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- One of the largest and most spectacular sailing events in the world! The Round the Island Race takes place in June every year and has been running since 1931.
- The event is a complete circumnavigation of the Isle of Wight starting on the Royal Yacht Squadron start line just off Cowes.
- As many as 1,700 boats will take part with up to 16,000 competitors, making it the fourth largest sporting event in the UK.
- Entrants are 'rated' thus making it possible for any yacht to beat a modern high performance giant trimaran and win the coveted Gold Roman Bowl.
- The fastest entrants will finish the 50nm course within 4 hours with 40' yachts taking on average 6-8 hours.
- Solent Events will provide a high-spec racing yacht capable of achieving a great result! We will organise all of your RTIR arrangements; berthing, food, accommodation, branding, etc...



Race Charter Information

- Race dates are on our website.
- Complete novices are as welcome as experienced sailors. Choose from a selection of racing yachts which all come with experienced racers as skipper and mate.
- Join us on Friday for a day of yacht familiarisation and practice. Saturday is Round the Island race day with Sunday a leisurely return sail from Cowes before departing.
- You have the choice of sleeping onboard the yacht (which will involve sharing bunks) or we can arrange accommodation in a crew house or hotel in Cowes.
- Race day - Saturday is always an early start. Class 1 boats leave first with other classes following. The yacht will be moored in Cowes ready for an early start.
- Lunch will be eaten at convenient times during the race. Hot drinks, water, soft drinks and energising snacks will be available throughout the race.
- Post race, head back into Cowes Yacht Haven and enjoy the celebrations. We would expect to have booked dinner for you at yacht club, pub or restaurant to avoid the last minute rush.
- Whilst this is the typical and most popular Race Charter format, please talk to us if you would prefer to minimise the amount of time you invest in the event.
- By chartering a Rib in addition, it is possible to join the yacht in Cowes prior to the race start and then leave at any point on Saturday thereafter.
- Solent Events will look after all aspects of the weekend to ensure you get the most out of your time afloat and ashore.

Itinerary

Friday

- Meet your crew, safety and event briefing
- Yacht familiarisation and practise sailing (lunch on board)
- Moor in Cowes overnight (dinner ashore)
- Round the Island Race Village, with bar and live music

Saturday

- Crew rise and breakfast
- Early race start (weather dependent)
- Race finish time will depend on the weather
- Return to Cowes (dinner ashore)

Sunday

- Depart Cowes for a leisurely sail home
- Arrive back at marina and depart

Event Extras

- Branded boats – yacht hulls, sails, flags, spray dodgers
- Branded clothing – jackets, polo shirts, caps, etc
- Drinks and catering ashore post racing
- Accommodation – hotel / crew house / B&B
- Coach or rail travel

What's included

- Pre event planning and event management
- Race prepared yacht with skipper and mate
- Charter from 09:00 Friday to 16:00 Sunday
- Racing sails and spinnakers
- Race entry fee
- Accommodation on board if required
- Wet weather gear together with life jackets
- Access to the Round the Island Race Village
- Fuel and mooring fees
- The catering includes:
 - Pastries, tea, coffee and orange juice on race day and Sunday
 - Lunch served onboard on Friday and Saturday
 - Energising snacks and chocolate
 - Tea, coffee, water and soft drinks
 - Alcohol is not served during racing days

Health & Safety

- Participants will need a reasonable level of physical health rather than fitness. This event is unsuitable for those with knee, hip, back, neck or mobility problems, and those who are pregnant.
- Participants are usually required to wear life jackets whilst on the boats.

