

COWES WEEK

2026



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Saturday 1st August to Friday 7th August



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We are delighted to welcome you all to our Cowes Week 2026 programme.

Cowes Week can mean many things to different people. For some, it is the exciting and competitive sailing in challenging tidal waters. For others, it is more of a festival of the sea, with a busy and varied social scene. This year is also the 200th Anniversary which will make the week even more special.

We have a busy and varied programme of evening events taking place in the clubhouse this year. In addition our Head Chef has created a delicious brunch, and all-day menu, we are delighted to announce see return of the Seafood menu each day.

From the Balcony with its wonderful views of the Solent to the sunbathed garden at the rear the Clubhouse is the ideal place to relax, entertain guest and enjoy the atmosphere ashore.

We look forward to sharing an excellent week of racing, friendship and celebration together.

Peter Ralls KC

Commodore

Royal London Yacht Club

Richard Powell

Commodore

Royal Thames Yacht Club

DRESS CODE

Except when sailing the following applies. A collared shirt must be worn by gentlemen at all times in the clubhouse. Polo shirts, chinos or dark wash jeans and sailing or smart shoes are all permitted. Ladies should dress appropriately. T-shirts, faded, ripped or light wash jeans, and wet clothing/ shoes are not permitted at any time.

For Club events, please refer to event flyer for the specific dress code.

LAUNCH SERVICE

London Launch: VHF 37A or 07984 656 571

OPERATING HOURS

Friday 1st August	0900-2100
Saturday 2nd August	0900-0100
From Sunday 3rd August until Friday 7th August	0900-2100

NIGHT TIME LAUNCH SERVICE

Except for Saturday 2nd August, after 2100 bookings must be made by 1900 on the same evening. Please arrange directly with the Coxswain on: coxswain@rlyc.org.uk.

To book RL moorings please contact the Coxswain on coxswain@rlyc.org.uk

COWES CLUBHOUSE

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Cowes Week Regatta Office: 01983 295 744

Cowes Harbour Taxi: VHF 06 or mobile
07551 431 993



COWES WEEK 2026

The Club will be open from breakfast until late each day, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner from Saturday 1st to Friday 7th August.

Please note balcony table reservations are on a first come first served basis. All table bookings will be held for 15 minutes before being re-allocated. Bookings can be made via the Club office on admin@rlyc.org.uk or call 01983 299 727.

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

The Clubhouse Drawing Room and Balcony are both a must in your Cowes Week diary. Curtis Elphick, Head Chef at the Cowes Clubhouse, has created sumptuous summery menus for each event, as well as the return of a seafood menu each day.

You, your guests and crew are welcome to pop in for coffee, cocktails and enjoy a leisurely lunch in the sunshine overlooking Cowes.

If you would like to come for dinner, please book in advance.

GUEST BADGES

Guest badges will be available on request from the Club office, please invite friends to enjoy your Club during Cowes Week.



OPENING TIMES

Dining Room

Sailors Breakfast 08:00 to 09:30

(Enjoy breakfast before you head out on the water for the days racing)

Drawing Room

Breakfast/Brunch 09:30 to 12:00

All Day menu running from 12:30-21:00 (last orders at 20:30)

Bar 11:00 till late

The below table shows any altered timings due to club events.

DATE	FOOD & BAR	CLUB EVENTS
Saturday	Bar open as usual Food service until 17:00	Jazz Party - Don't forget to book your tickets!
Sunday	Bar open as usual Food service until 16:00	Cocktail Party - Don't forget to book your tickets!
Monday	Hours as usual (see above)	
Tuesday	Whilst Ladies Lunch is taking place food will be served in the Dining Room between 12:00 and 16:00	Ladies Lunch & WWRTB after racing - Don't forget to book your tickets!
Wednesday	Bar open as usual Food service until 16:00	Annual Dinner - Don't forget to book your tickets!
Thursday	Hours as usual (see above)	
Friday	Hours as usual (see above)	

COWES WEEK MENU

We have a variety of menus to tempt you throughout the week.

Brunch

Start your day the right way with a delicious brunch menu featuring fresh flavours from avocado toast to house made granola and eggs benedict.

All Day

Available throughout the day, enjoy a delicious selection of sharing platters, salads, small plates, and the club classics we all know and love. Perfect for grazing with friends or enjoying a more hearty meal.

Seafood Special

Chef will be creating a seafood selection delivered fresh from Cornwall each day and available in limited quantities. When it's gone, it's gone, so early booking and pre-ordering are highly recommended to avoid missing out.

To reserve your table and pre-order contact admin@rlyc.org.uk or 01983 299 727

JAZZ PARTY



Saturday 1st August,
20:00

Kick off Cowes Week in style at the Jazz Party for a fantastic evening of live music, delicious food and dancing!

Enjoy a cocktail reception, followed by a delicious three-course dinner with wine.

Then take to the dance floor as the live band keeps the party going till late.

AMUSE BOUCHE
dorset cheddar donut, cheese fondue

CORNISH CRAB KIEV
smoked garlic, nduja jam,
caramelised chicory, smoked caviar

**BLACK TREACLE CURED
LAMB RUMP**
goats cheese and beetroot pave,
crispy kale, port reduction

**BLUEBERRY AND WHITE
CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE**
almond biscuit, crystalised white chocolate,
blueberry compot

Tickets: £70

Includes a cocktail reception, three-course dinner with wine

Dress code: Reefer / Lounge Suit



COWES WEEK COCKTAIL PARTY

SUNDAY 2ND
1830 - 2030

The Commodore and Flag Officers
invite you to a champagne
reception and canapes.



Tickets: £50

Dress – Reefer/ Lounge Suit

COWES WEEK LADIES LUNCH

TUESDAY 4TH

1230 ARRIVAL

1300 LUNCH



MILLE-FEUILLE

whipped rosary goats cheese, black grape chutney,
toasted hazelnuts, puff pastry

HALF BUTTER POACHED LOBSTER TAIL

lobster claw arancini, stuffed courgette flower,
lobster bisque

PINEAPPLE TARTE TATIN

vanilla bean ice cream, spiced rum syrup

Take in the stunning
views across Cowes
from the balcony!

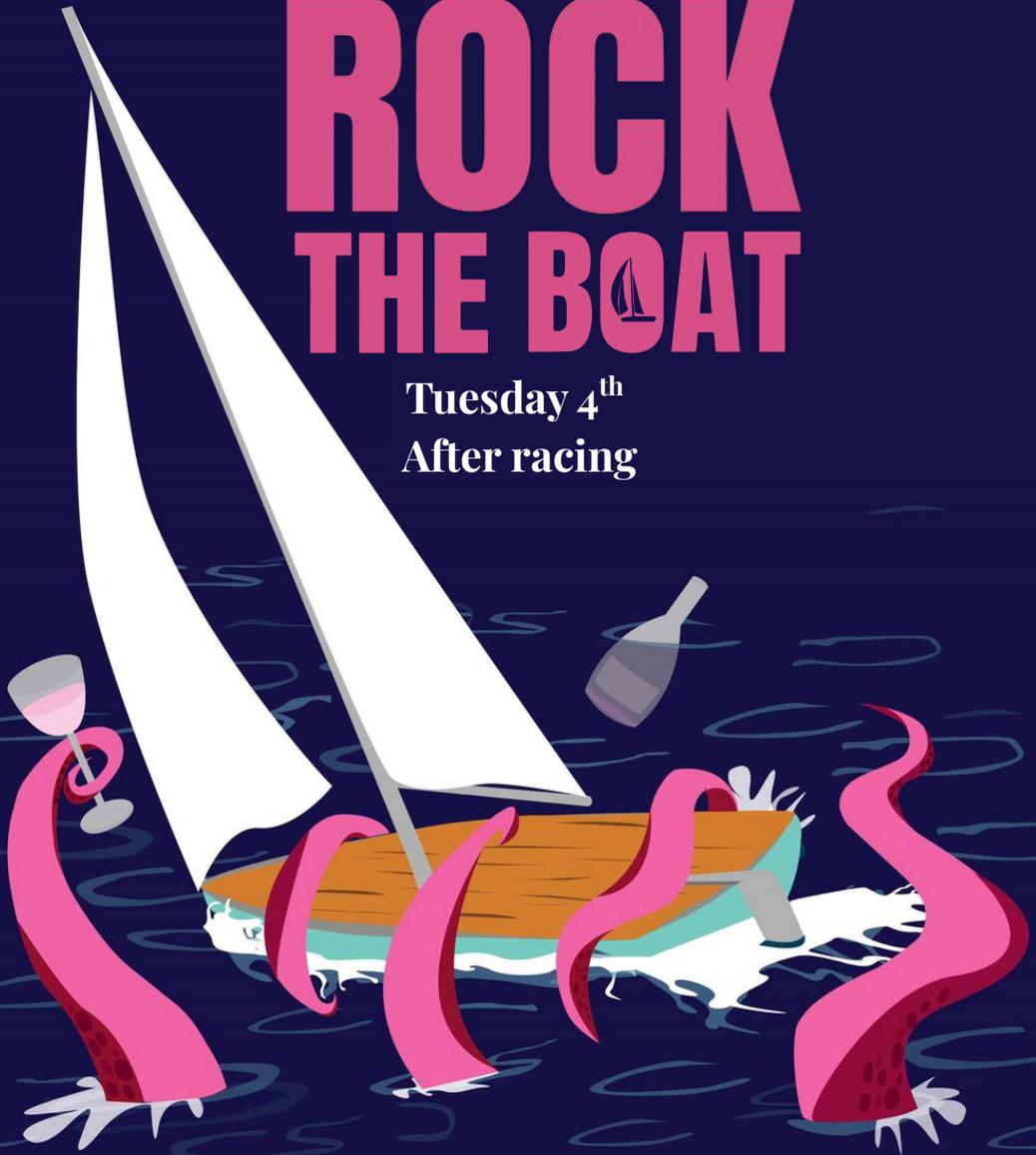
Enjoy welcome drinks,
followed by a delicious
three-course lunch
with wine.

Tickets: £45

Celebrate Women's Day with RTYC at

WOMEN WHO ROCK THE BOAT

Tuesday 4th
After racing



Ticket: £10

A glass or two of Rose

COWES WEEK ANNUAL DINNER

Wednesday 5th, 19:00



**SALT BAKED HERITAGE
BEETROOT ARANCINI**

whipped goats cheese and rosemary curd, beetroot jelly

CRAYFISH BISQUE

gruyere croute, aerated potatoes

SOUS VIDE STONE BASS

zucchini lattice, sesame seaweed, beurre blanc, herb oil

BEEF EN CROUTE

pomme puree, crispy kale, red wine jus

**BAKED BELGIUM
CHOCOLATE TORTE**

salted chocolate ganache, candied hazelnuts,
crème anglaise

Join us for an evening of dining and celebration with fellow members. Begin with a champagne reception, followed by a five-course tasting menu with paired wines.

Ticket: £75

Includes a champagne reception, five-course tasting menu with paired wines

Dress code: Mess Kit / Black Tie



Don't forget in addition to the events, the clubhouse will be open each day all week for dining and drinks.

This Cowes Week make the most of the view from the balcony and the sun-drenched garden.

We look forward to seeing you!

