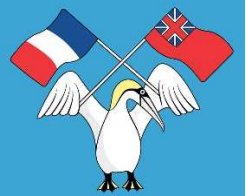


# THE CLASSIC CHANNEL REGATTA

DARTMOUTH - ST PETER PORT - PAIMPOL

17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024

*"La Plus Belle Régate du Monde"*



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Announcing new links between The Classic Channel Regatta, Cowes Classics Week and the Yacht Club Classique for the new 'Five Lights Series'

#### Cowes Classic Week link-up:

With the dates aligning well, we are delighted to announce a new co-operation between the Classic Channel Regatta and Cowes Classic Week which will include a new passage race **'The Classic Cowes – Dartmouth Race'** linking the two regattas in 2024.

With racing at Cowes Classic Week finishing on Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> and registration for the Classic Channel Regatta on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, we will jointly be running a passage race starting at Cowes on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and due to finish off Dartmouth during Monday 15<sup>th</sup>.

We very much hope this will encourage boats to enter both regattas, with more Classic Channel Regatta entrants venturing up to the Solent for Cowes Classic Week, and more Cowes Classics boats being tempted to sail west for the Classic Channel Regatta and beyond.

More information on this, and how to enter the passage race from Cowes to Dartmouth will be coming soon. Information on entering The Classic Channel Regatta is at [www.classic-channel-regatta.eu](http://www.classic-channel-regatta.eu) and Cowes Classic Week is at: [www.cowesclassicsweek.org](http://www.cowesclassicsweek.org).

#### La Coupe de l'Armorique:

We are announcing the new **'Coupe de l'Armorique'** passage race from Paimpol to Brest which is being run by our friends at the Yacht Club Classique. This will start at Paimpol on July 26<sup>th</sup>, the day after the end of the Classic Channel Regatta, and will sail direct to Brest via the Chenal du Four, finishing there on the 28<sup>th</sup> with a prizegiving and supper in the quayside workshops of the celebrated wooden boatbuilders Chantier du Guip. Information on this race and how to enter will be on the YCC website soon: <https://www.yachtclubclassique.com>

#### The New 'Five Lights Series' for classics:

To bring all this racing together – Cowes Classic Week, The Classic Channel Regatta and La Coupe de l'Armorique – we are jointly creating a new points series called **'The Five Lights Series' (La Coupe des Cinq Phares en français)** to encourage boats to do the whole, or as much as they can, of this exciting new series of races. We realise many boats won't have the time to do it all (Cowes Classics starts on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the Series finishes in Brest on the 28<sup>th</sup>), but as points are accumulated with each race along the way, it won't be necessary to do every race to feature in the results.

And the **Five Lights** are: The Needles (for Cowes) – Start Point (Dartmouth) – Les Hanois (Guernsey) – L’Ost Pic (Paimpol) – Point St Mathieu (Rade de Brest).



With all this going on, the Western Channel will be alive with classics in July!

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## NOTES FOR EDITORS

The lighthouse images used in this release have been taken from the internet for reference only – copyright status is unknown and we do not have high resolution files.

Racing at the Classic Channel Regatta and La Coupe de L’Armorique will be under the increasingly widely used JCH Classic Handicap which is free to entrants, is easy to obtain online and gives good results. Racing at Cowes Classics Week will be under their own handicap system. The system for awarding points for the Five Lights Series will be able to take into account the different handicap systems.

The Classic Channel Regatta is a unique and truly international gathering with its own Westcountry and Breton ambiance that brings together yachts and crews from Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Ireland and further afield. The racing is the backbone of the regatta, but the conviviality and parties are its beating heart – with the welcome and hospitality in Paimpol, in particular, becoming legendary.

There are currently exactly 100 yachts pre-registered for this year’s Classic Channel Regatta.

Full details of Classic Channel Regatta eligibility and classes are on the regatta website: <https://www.classic-channel-regatta.eu/information-for-entrants/classes-eligibility/>

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On Cowes Classis Week is at: [www.cowesclassicsweek.org](http://www.cowesclassicsweek.org).

On La Coupe de L’Armorique is at: [www.yachtclubclassique.com](http://www.yachtclubclassique.com).

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