

PRESS RELEASE



International Six Metre World Championships



The International Six Metre Association

with

The Royal Yacht Squadron

is to stage

The International Six Metre World Championships

in

Cowes, Isle of Wight.

16-23rd July 2007

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Rear Commodore John Grandy confirms that the **Royal Yacht Squadron** is very pleased to act as Organising Authority for **The Six Metre Worlds** and welcomes all Metre Class yachts to Cowes.

“The resurgence of the Metre Classes and in particular the 6 Metres is heartening. The Squadron has had long associations with the fleet and the return of these wonderful yachts will remind us of our yachting heritage. With the substantial investment now being made in Cowes yachting facilities, it is anticipated that these events will become part of the international circuit. We proudly welcome participating yachtsmen to join us in July 2007.”

The **Centenary Metre Regatta** will also take place in this great location, immediately after the Six Metre Worlds and at the same time, the **8 Metre World Championships** will take place in the Clyde, in Scotland. We understand that the **12 Metre World Championships** will be in Cannes in late September. 2007 will be the year of The International Rule!

Col. Tim Street, the President of the International Six Metre Association is delighted that the International Six Metre Association members have chosen Cowes as their 2007 World Championship venue. With the Centenary of the International Rule, it is fitting that the Sixes are seen in such numbers for the 100-year celebration.

Tim states “We anticipate over fifty International Six Metre yachts will participate, coming from the United Kingdom, Europe, Scandinavia, North America and South Africa. The fleet will include beautifully prepared Classic yachts from the early 20th Century to Modern yachts, technically innovative examples designed and constructed only a decade ago. All racing on the same course; a tribute to those early designers who created the International Rule.”

Superb, comprehensive marina facilities provided by Cowes Yacht Haven will be available to owners, crew and media representatives; see www.cowesyachthaven.com

To avoid congestion and additional ferry costs, it is recommended that yachts be launched from the mainland and sailed or towed to Cowes. We have three recommended mainland boatyards who are fully conversant with International Six Metres and can if needed, provide towing facilities. The yards are some five kilometres of sheltered sailing to the Cowes marina complex.

The Elephant Boatyard: elephant@landsendrd.freeseve.co.uk

Hamble Point Marina: hamblepoint@mdlmarinas.co.uk

Universal Marina: jaffa@willmentgroup.com

Cowes on-shore facilities offer a variety of services; and social events. The Cowes website www.cowes.co.uk is packed with information.

Further details will be posted on the BISMA (www.6mr.org.uk) and The Royal Yacht Squadron (<http://www.rys.org.uk>) websites later this month.

Welcome, fellow Six Metre Owners!