

J REGATTA 2012
CLASS FALMOUTH | SOLENT

The Legend Lives

J HISTORY

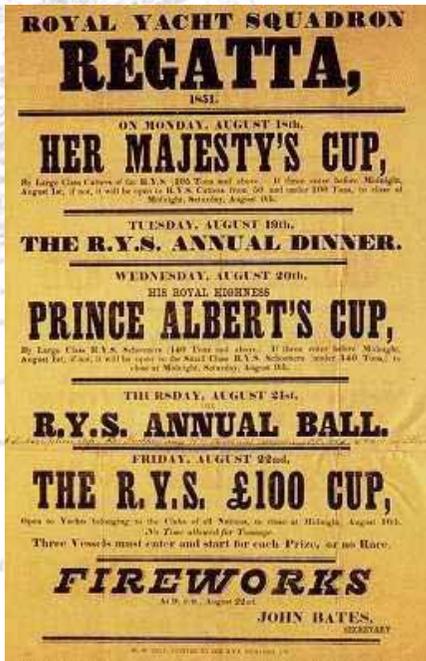
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“The 1930s era saw the birth of the Js - the greatest Class ever created”

Just 10 yachts were constructed, six in the USA and four in England. There were other designs produced but not built. During the 1930s period there were never more than four J yachts racing together. Only three originals survived the Second World War - Shamrock V, Endeavour and Velsheda. They rested and rotted in mud berths until their rebuild and rebirth as 21st Century racing superyachts.

With the formation of the J Class Association (JCA) in 2000 and the development of new replica projects, there is now the possibility of a fleet of up to nine yachts racing together.

THE 2012 REGATTA SERIES is the culmination of this class development, with regattas based in Falmouth and the Solent over two months.



The race which took place on **22nd August 1851** had a very different outcome from what was anticipated. Of the 15 competing vessels, the only one that was not British was a black schooner flying the flag of the United States, which won the race and took home the prestigious trophy. The winning vessel was the 'America' and the Cup was eventually named after her, not after the continent or the country which she represented. The owners of the 'America' donated the trophy to the New York Yacht Club in 1857, on condition that the Cup should be "perpetually a Challenge Cup for friendly competition between countries".



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“Being aboard a J is about the power and glory of sailing. It provides a unique link with another era dominated by one of the most visually stunning classes ever to take to the water”.

David Glenn, Editor, Yachting World

“It’s fantastic to see these magnificent giant J yachts back on the water racing after some 70 years and especially to have so many new replicas of the Golden J Boat era under construction”.

Erle Williams, International Helmsman

“I had the chance to be on the start line with two other Js for the first time in 50 something years. Now I’m hooked on the power, performance and challenge of racing Velsheda against other Js along with modern Maxis”.

Tom Dodson, North Sails

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RACING A 'J'

“No other class requires a crew 30 plus experienced sailors, handling more than 10,000 square feet of sail, driving a 200 ton hull at 16 knots around the course”

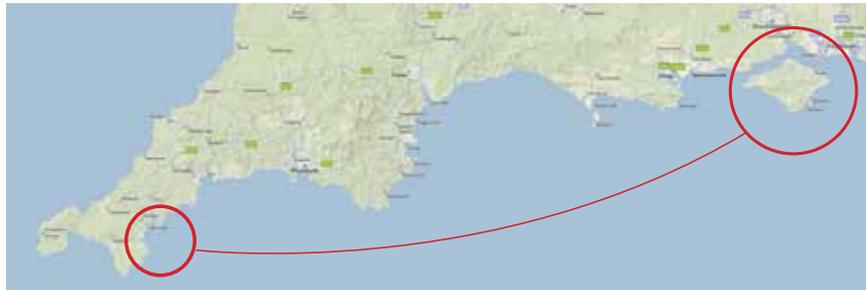
In the 1930s they were the ultimate racing yachts. Now, with advanced rigging, hydraulics, carbon masts, composite ropes and electronic navigation systems, the new Js still represent the most demanding yachts in the world. Sailors just off TP52s, Volvo and America's Cup yachts declare their awe at the power, loadings, size, skill and management required to race these monsters, which are around 40 metres (140 feet) long and have a draft of 5 metres (16 feet).

Changing a genoa on a downwind leg takes 10 minutes and commits almost all the crew to lift and reposition sails, making every tactical decision critical. Yet these yachts are incredibly manoeuvrable, making them probably the ultimate racing yacht. And with no guard rails, spectacular to watch.



PROGRAMME 2012

“A programme of great races for the competitors and spectators”



SOLENT REGATTA 18-20 July

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>18 July</i>	<i>Race 1</i>	<i>20 nm</i>
<i>Start 11.00</i>			
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<i>Friday</i>	<i>20 July</i>	<i>Race 3</i>	<i>20 nm</i>
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FALMOUTH REGATTA 26-30 June

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>26 June</i>	<i>Race 1</i>	<i>25 nm</i>
<i>Start 10.00</i>			
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>27 June</i>	<i>Race 2</i>	<i>30 nm</i>
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<i>Thursday</i>	<i>28 June</i>	<i>Lay Day</i>	
<i>Friday</i>	<i>29 June</i>	<i>Race 3</i>	<i>25 nm</i>
<i>Start 10.00</i>			
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>30 June</i>	<i>Race 4</i>	<i>30 nm</i>
<i>Start 10.00</i>			

HUNDRED GUINEA CUP RACE 21 July

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>21 July</i>	<i>75 nm</i>
<i>Start 10.00</i>		<i>Central Solent</i>
<i>Portsmouth</i>		<i>HW 13.50 4.62</i>



Three short Solent based races, a mecca for the historic J Class fleet. One long race for the Hundred Guinea Cup over the original America's Cup course.

Four races based from Falmouth, home of the historic Clipper yachts and first port of call for many Atlantic sailing events.

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FALMOUTH

“The start and finish of great ocean voyages”

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Falmouth's natural sheltered deep water harbour was the first stopping point for the great Clipper yachts and is the natural choice for a J Class regatta. The large deep water bay offers wonderful sailing in minimal tide conditions.

Berthing is just inside Falmouth harbour in protected deep water, right in the heart of the town. The start and finish area is expected to be under Pendennis Point, with superb spectator points around the many headlands.





Pendennis Castle

Falmouth Bay and race course

JCA Fleet Moorings

Support Yacht moorings

To Mylor

Hotels

Maritime Museum
& Plaza

Container
Park & Loading
Pontoon

Harbour Master
Office

Pendennis Shipyard

New Marina

Royal Cornwall Yacht Club

Greenbank Hotel

Moorings

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SOLENT REGATTA
18-20 July

Wednesday	18 July	Race 1	The Solent and Isle of Wight were the “home waters” of British J Class racing during the 1930s. With strong tides and complex navigational problems, it will be a great challenge to the fleet. Three races are planned around the Solent area, ideal for spectators to watch the racing.
Thursday	19 July	Race 2	
Friday	20 July	Race 3	

HUNDRED GUINEA CUP RACE
Saturday 21 July

The last, testing race of the series for the Hundred Guinea Cup probably captures the true spirit of the J Class. It will present numerous tactical decisions due to the varied weather and tidal conditions. There will be no time limit. The race is based over the original 75 mile America’s Cup course, clockwise around the Isle of Wight. This will be a successful event that could be repeated every four years.



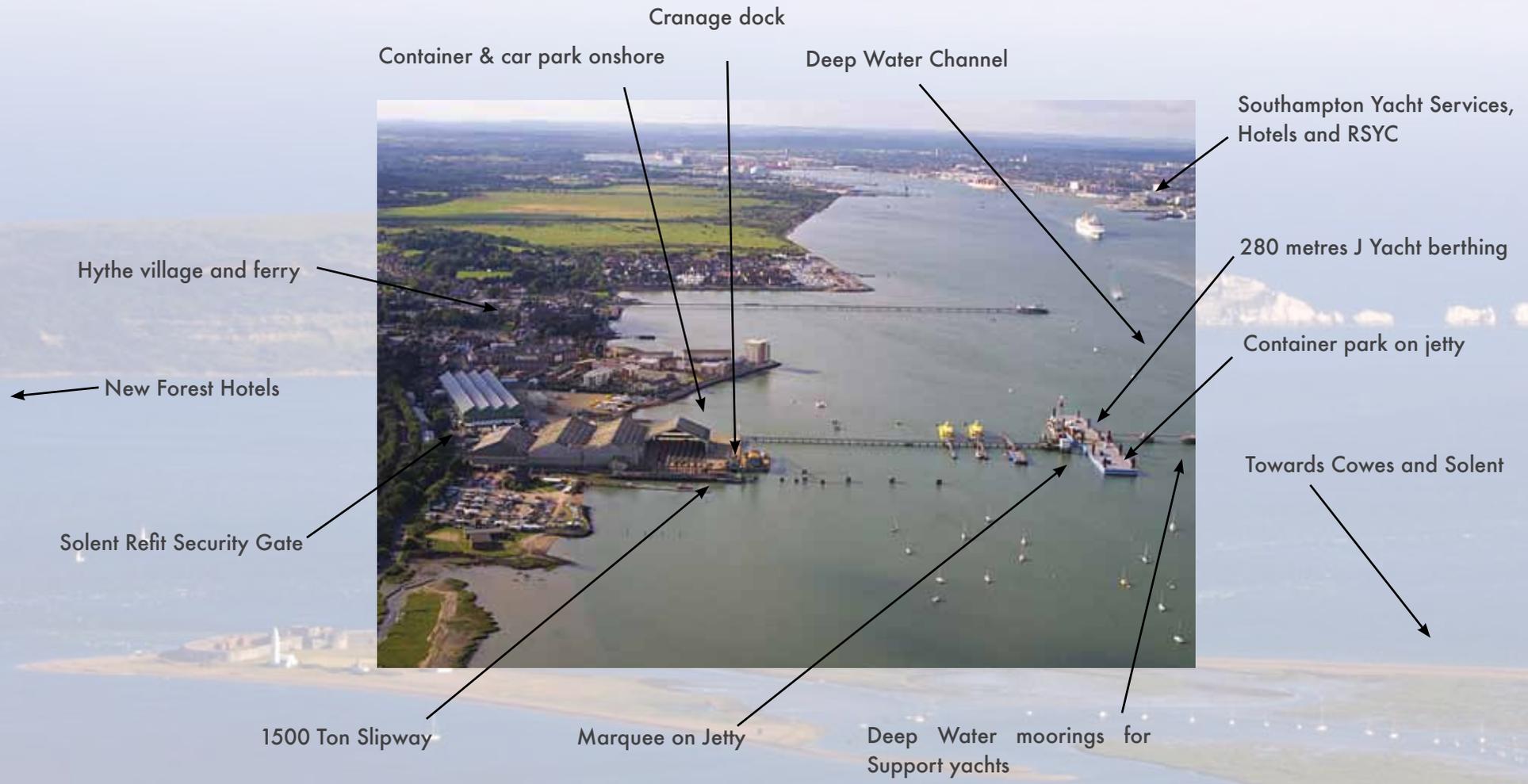
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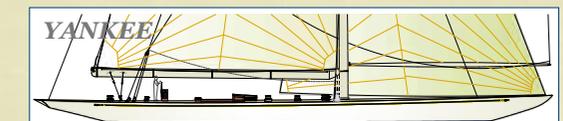
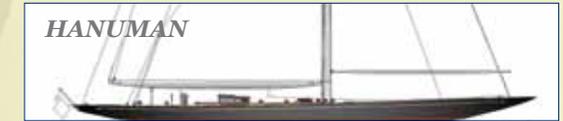
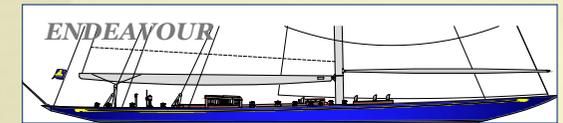
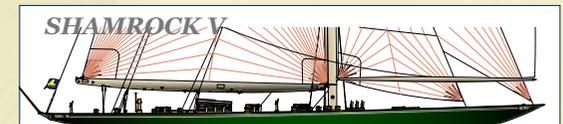
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THE FLEET

“The potential exists to have a number of J yachts completed in time for the regatta”

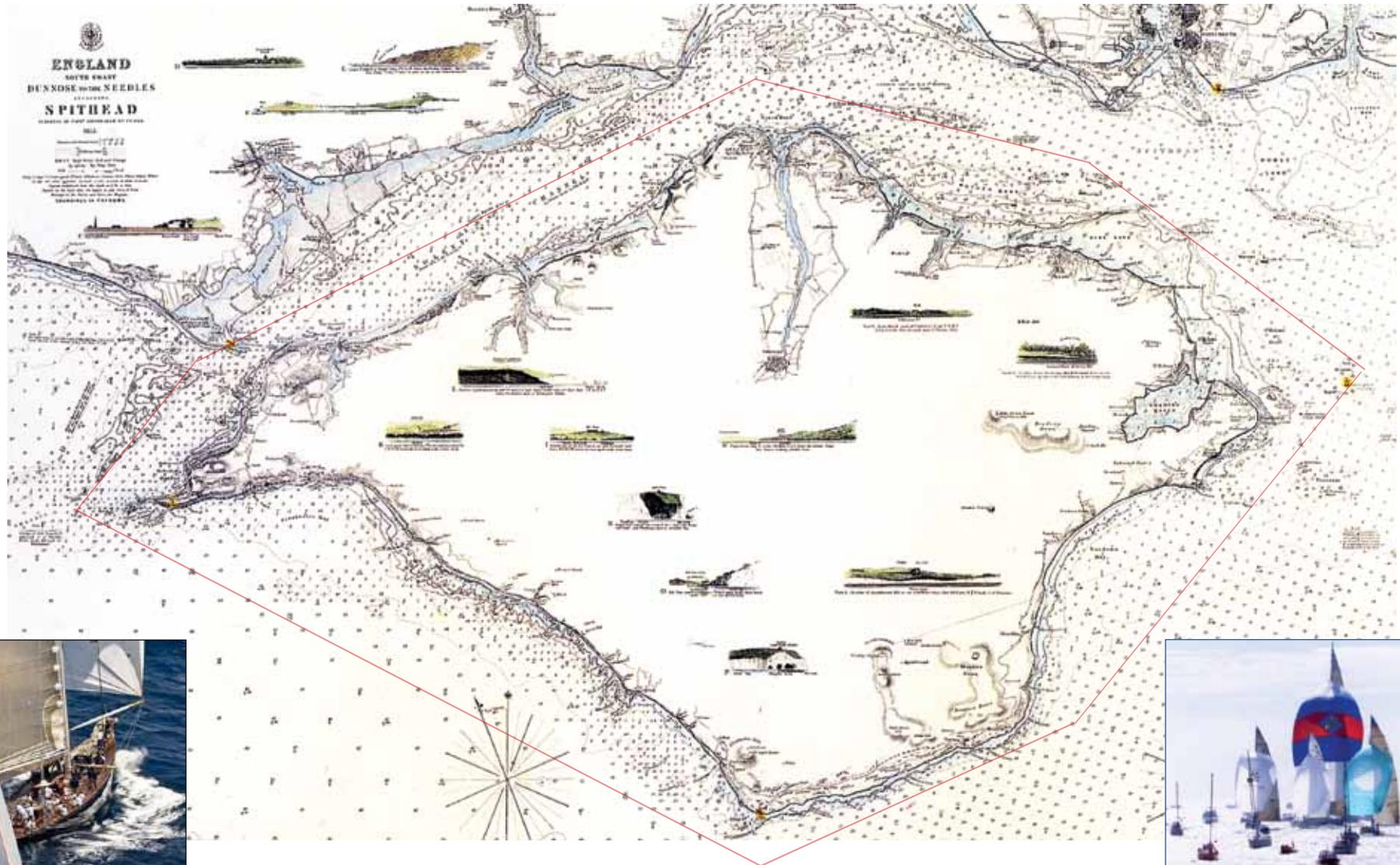
Five or more yachts sailing together would be magnificent, a breathtaking sight. A Class event of this magnitude may have a profound effect on yacht racing worldwide.

SHAMROCK V	- Sir Thomas Lipton’s last yacht to compete for the America’s Cup. 1930
VELSHEDA	- Built by W.Stephenson to compete alongside Endeavour. 1933
ENDEAVOUR	- T.O.M Sopwith’s first America’s Cup challenger. 1934
RANGER	- Replica of H. Vanderbilt’s 1936 America’s Cup defender. 2002
HANUMAN	- Replica of T.O.M. Sopwith’s second challenger Endeavour II. 2009
LIONHEART	- An original build of a 1936 Ranger design. 2010
RAINBOW	- Replica of the 1934 Rainbow built to defend the America’s Cup. 2011
ATLANTIS	- An original build of a 1936 Frank Paine design. 2011
YANKEE	- Replica of the 1934 Yankee built to defend the America’s Cup. 2012
SVEA	- An original build of a 1937 Swedish design by Tore Holm. 2011



HUNDRED GUINEA CUP RACE

“Over the original America’s Cup course, clockwise from Cowes around the Isle of Wight, including a Nab Tower mark and without a time limit”



BEYOND 2012

There is no doubt that the 2012 Project will be an outstanding event for all concerned - owners, crew, clubs, supporters and spectators. The Class has plans beyond 2012.

2014

For 2014, we hope to arrange another major regatta in Newport, USA, with its history of America's Cup yachting and J Class racing.



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