



Sorry for those who will not make it to Cowes this year, but this newsletter as well is entirely dedicated to the 12th Fast Lines Half Ton Classics Cup!

Dear friends!

We're now at D-25... and everyone is preparing for the trip to the Isle of Wight, either by car or by boat. We totally discourage swimming your way to Cowes...

The Class has lots of things to tell regarding sponsors, prizes, the programme, ...

Let's begin with the sponsors...

We're happy to announce that apart from Fast Lines Belgium (as main sponsor), the Cowes Harbour Commission and North Sails our event can also count on the support of Spinlock, The Wine Therapy, 1st Class Covers and Wessex Gin.

And we're still talking to many other local businesses.

We are doing all we can to have a well filled prize basket...





About teams that entered and those who still must do so...

The Class has done a big effort to contact and trying to convince as many teams as possible to enter the regatta... While we're not as succesfull as in 2011 (when 38 teams showed up) we're confident that we'll have a 20+ boats fleet gathering in Cowes Yacht Harbour. So if you have not done so yet... yes you can still register your boat & team for the event at this link: <http://www.rorc.org/events/racing-events-2022/half-ton-cup-2022>).

We urge you to register as fast as possible: it is a fact that the longer the list is, the more teams will register and so will ensure a financially viable event. So, plan your stay as from today – the Class counts on you all!

Please note that for all non-UK residents it is important that you all carry a valid passport when crossing the border.





The (quite final) Program

Sunday 14/8

10.00-12.00	Registration at the club (=RORC)
14.30	Practise starts, practise regatta on the Solent
18.00	Briefing & Opening reception at the club (= RORC)
19.30	Evening dinner at the club (tickets at the registration desk)

Monday 15/8

10.25	1st warning signal
19.00	Results & Prizegiving
19.30	Evening dinner at the club (tickets at the registration desk)

Tuesday 16/8

10.25	1st warning signal
17.30	Results & Prizegiving
18.00	'Pontoon Dinner' (you'll see when in Cowes)

Wednesday 17/8

07.25 (oh yeah....)	1st warning signal
19.00	Results & Prizegiving
19.30	Evening dinner at the club (tickets at the registration desk)





Thursday 18/8

10.25	1st warning signal
19.00	Results & Prizegiving
19.30	HTCE Gala Dinner at the club (tickets at the registration desk)

Friday 19/8

10.25	1st warning signal (no start after 14.00)
16.00	Final Prizegiving, announcement HTCC 2023
17.00	Farewell Drink
19.00	Evening dinner at the club (tickets at the registration desk)

Dinner tickets

RORC and the Half Ton Class Europe are working together to give the racing crews and their guests the possibility to have dinner at the club, at a quite competitive cost of 20£. You'll not find better quality for that price in town, and you avoid the rushes to the supermarket after racing as well as ... the dishes...

These dinner tickets are available at the registration desk throughout the week, but for the comfort of the club's kitchen we would appreciate if you buy them well on beforehand. This requires a bit of planning, we know, but you all have a master degree in planning, isn't it?





At the RORC club bar you can buy 'drinks cards', so that you avoid having to carry lots of cash when offering me a drink...

It goes without saying that by buying these tickets and cards, you're helping us to make this a financially viable event... so please do attend massively for the evening dinners and the gala dinner.

On Tuesday 16th the Class (with a little help from a local caterer) organizes a BBQ at the harbour side. This same evening the prizegiving will also be held at the yacht harbour. Tickets to be bought separately, and drinks to be paid cash (your drinks card will not serve here).





Support Boats

If you would like having a support boat moored in the marina (Cowes Yacht Haven) in the vicinity of all the other half-tonners, you are kindly requested to make a reservation with the Harbour Master. All details at www.cowesyachthaven.com.

The Class is actually working on a plan to have reduced fees for support boats, but there is no agreement yet. We hope to have more news in the near future.

Crew Pool

If you want to race at the HTCC in Cowes but are still looking for a boat or crew, please send a mail to info@halftonclass.eu, or share your message on our facebook page.

Lodging

We learned that finding a place to stay in Cowes via AirBnB can be much cheaper than via a traditional letting agency... So if you're still searching: you now know where to look!





Membership fees 2022

We encourage you to pay your membership fees: they amount only 50 EUR per boat (or more at your discretion).

This fee grants you access to the yearly AGM, with voting rights, but above all is a sign of your commitment to the Half Ton Class, which gives us the force to continue because the Class is a story of 'you & us'. And it gives you the right to take part in the Half Ton Classics Cup...

You can pay your membership fees on our Class' account:

Half Ton Class Europe asbl

IBAN: BE78 0018 1280 2886 / BIC: GEBABEBB

Communication: 'member' + boat name/sail number/your name

Best regards from the board,

Stay in touch & keep safe!

Philippe – Laurent - Bert

