

44Cup's event covid protocol focuses on these main principles: testing & medical screening, social distancing, PPE, working bubbles, and contingency planning for potential emerging infection.

PRE EVENT:

Prior to travel, all individuals must monitor themselves for 14 days for any symptoms of COVID-19 and complete the pre-event health screening questionnaire the day before departure to the UK.

ENTRY REQUIRMENTS TO THE UK:

Proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken in the 72 h before you leave for the UK - PCR and antigen tests are approved.

You must still take a test even if:

- you've been vaccinated
- you're traveling from a country or territory on the green list
- you're a UK citizen

Your test result must show:

- your name, which should match the name on your travel documents
- your date of birth or age
- the result of the test
- the date the test sample was collected or received by the test provider
- the name of the test provider and their contact details
- confirmation of the device used for the test, or that the test was a PCR test

You must complete a passenger locator form on the [government website here](#).

If you are able to travel on a seaman's discharge book or British seaman's card please inform the class at 44cupcovid@gmail.com

QUARANTINE EXEMPTION

The 44Cup Cowes has been granted Specified Competition Status by the UK government Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) allowing international elite sportspersons and essential support staff accredited to the event exemption from the self-isolation requirements.

The event is now included in the Travel Regulations amendment [here](#).

This exception does not apply to participants travelling from UK red list countries – [see list here](#).

The quarantine exemption rules, as set by the UK government, will govern the operations and covid protocol for the event and so must be followed by all participants without exception.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO TRAVEL

- RYA exemption letter to travel to the UK – see next page
- Letter from World Sailing recognising the 44Cup as an elite sports event
- Letter from the Class confirming your involvement
- Letter of employment from your team
- Letter from your national governing body supporting the World Sailing letter

You will not need to self-isolate as long as you proceed directly to the accommodation and the footprint of the listed event, and remain either self-isolated or within the event location (or locations if the event has multiple venues) until your departure from the UK.

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QUARANTINE EXEMPTION LETTER

The Royal Yachting Association will issue a letter for every individual entering the UK that will allow them the exemption from the quarantine in line with the UK government listing of the 44Cup as an elite sport event in Schedule 5 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (England) Regulations 2021,

EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR CREW TRAVELLING TO THE UK MUST FILL IN THIS LINK TO RECIVE THEIR EXEMPTION LETTER: <https://forms.gle/k36XCxRnAVJ3iFMi8>

The deadline for submission is **Friday 23 July**. We will not be able to do last moment crew changes very easily as the letters will be issued by the RYA.

The letter of exception will only be available for international elite athlete and ancillary sportspersons. The definitions of which are below:

“international elite athlete” means an individual who

- (a) derives a living from competing in a sport,
- (b) plays in a professional league or competition,
- (c) is a senior representative nominated by a relevant sporting body, or
- (d) is on an elite development pathway for a major competition.

“international ancillary sportsperson” means an individual essential to

- (a) the running of a specified competition, including
 - (i) operational staff essential to the running of a specified competition,
 - (ii) competition officials and referees,
 - (iii) broadcast staff and journalists covering a specified competition, or
- (b) the support of an international elite sportsperson, including
 - (i) sports team medical, logistical, technical and administration staff,
 - (ii) individual international elite sportsperson medical and technical support staff

ARRIVAL IN THE UK

When arriving in the UK all participants need to proceed directly to their accommodation by taxi. Public transport is not permitted.

Taxi company: SBL Travel

steve.lockyer@sbltravel.co.uk

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CROSSING TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT:

Cowes on the Isle of Wight is divided by a river into East and West Cowes. The event will be held in West Cowes.

Red Funnel Red Jet passenger ferry takes you directly to West Cowes on the Isle of Wight where the event will be held.

You must:

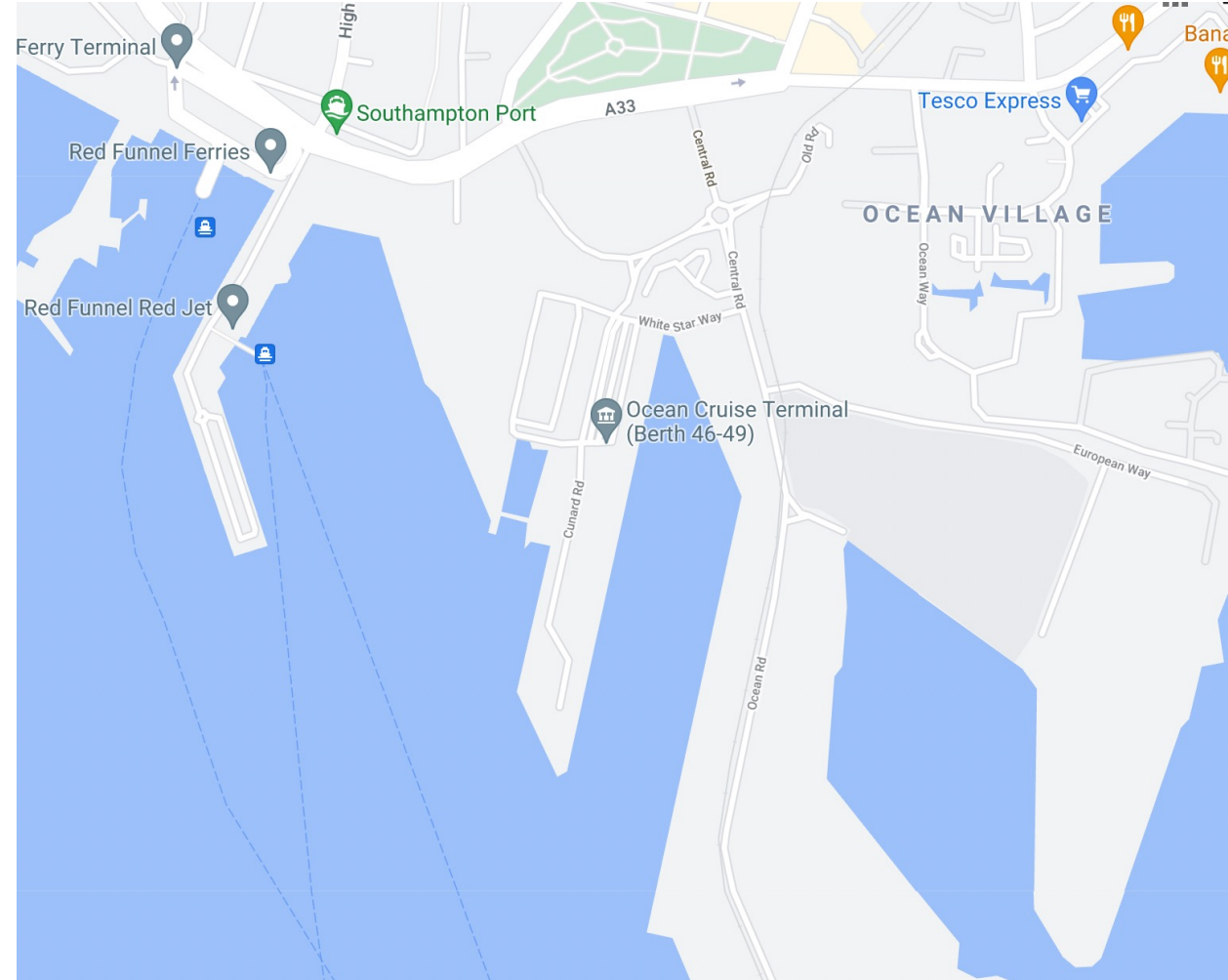
- Use the self-service ticket machine on the outside of the building and not enter the ticket office
- Wait for the ferry in the outside waiting room
- Be the last person to board the ferry
- Sit at least one seat away from anyone else
- Masks must be worn at all times inside and out

If a team has more than three people arriving at the same time, it will be recommended that they use their team RIB to bring them across to the Island instead of the ferry. Pick up location Ocean Village or Hamble Point.

Red Funnel Car Ferry takes you to East Cowes a 30 min drive to where the event will be held.

You must:

- Book your ticket online and not enter the ticket office
- Remain in your vehicle whilst waiting for the ferry
- Wait until all passengers have disembarked the car level before exiting your vehicle
- Stay on the open sundeck and sit at least one seat away from anyone else
- Masks must be worn at all times inside and out



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ARRIVAL ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT :

Upon arrival all individuals will need to go directly to their accommodation to take a rapid antigen swab test. While waiting for test results, no one will be allowed on site and all individuals will need to remain quarantined in their accommodation.

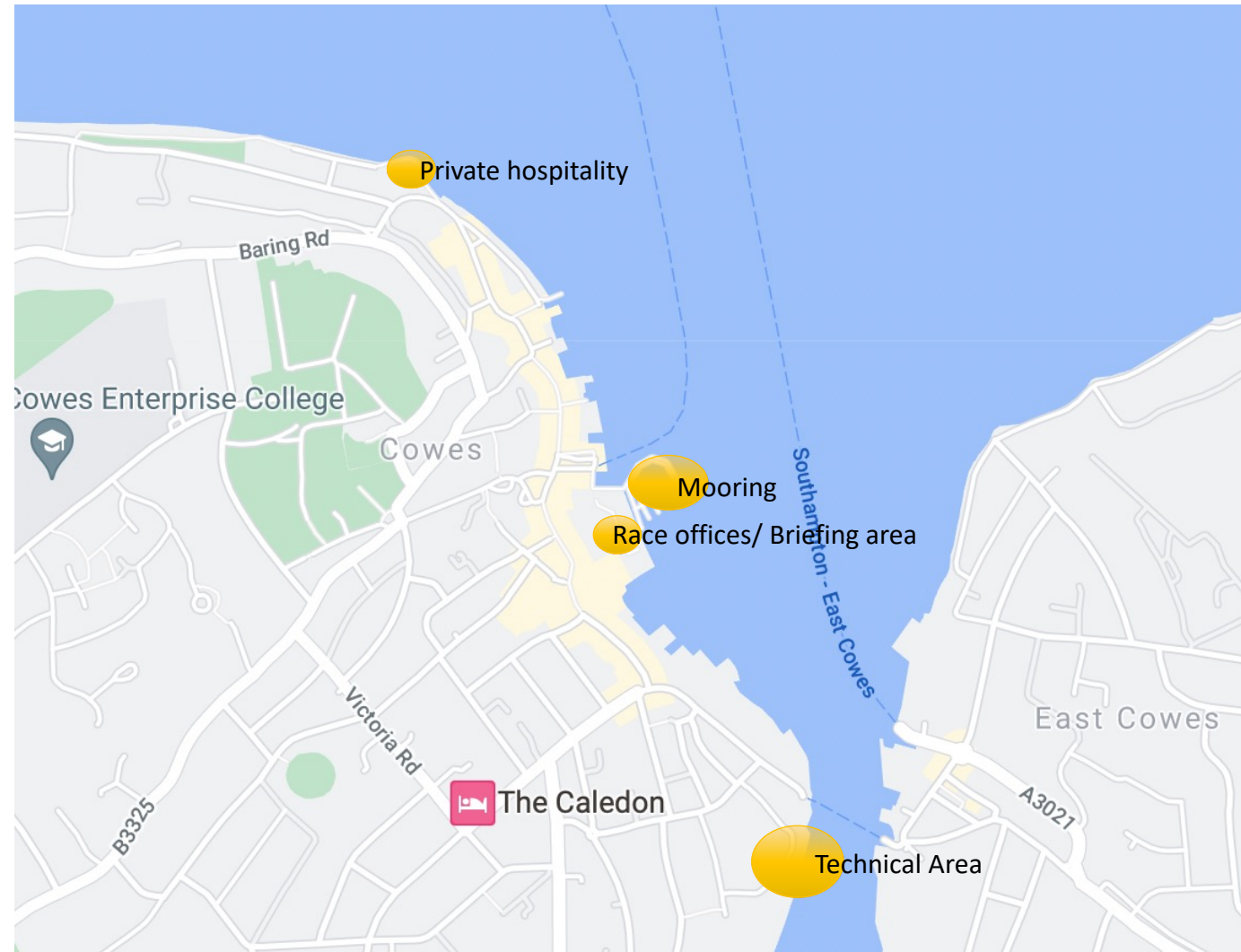
Once a negative test result is received and daily health screenings are complete, individuals will be allowed to go to the Race office for thermal screening register and to pick up their accreditation for access to the event sites.

EVENT AREAS:

Movement of participants is strictly limited. Participants are expected to only move between accommodation and competition venues - this will effectively be a 'bubble' environment. The event will be closed to the public and will have no spectators.

Competitors and essential support staff will be limited to the following areas:

- Technical Area (Medina Village, Bridge Road)
- Mooring (Cowes Yacht Haven)
- Race course (The Solent)
- Race offices/ Briefing Area (Cowes Yacht Haven)
- Private hospitality (Royal Yacht Squadron)



ACCREDITATION:

In order to pick up your accreditation from the race office, all individuals must submit the following

- COVID-19 Event Compliance Form
- Rapid Antigen negative test result
- Negative daily health screening

YOU WILL NOT be allowed to enter the event until you have your accreditation. Security personnel checking accreditation will be at the entrance to each area ensures only permitted people access the event.

TRACK & TRACE

On entry into each event site participants will be required to scan a QR code. Should a positive COVID-19 result become known, the 44Cup are able to trace where, when an infected person has been and who an infected person has been in contact with.

WORKING BUBBLES

All personnel will operate in bubbles to the largest extent possible, keeping workspaces separated and limiting contact with other working bubbles to the absolute minimum. Outside of the event site, all individuals in a bubble are only permitted to go between the event site and accommodations.

- Sailing Team Bubble - Each Team is its own bubble with access to its own containers
- Technical Area Support Bubble – Technical area support staff provided by Medina Yard and Island Cranes
- Marina Support Bubble – Cowes Yacht Haven support staff
- 44Cup Class Offices Bubble - Broadcast, Content, Class Management
- Royal Yacht Squadron Bubble – Race Management, Umpires

All participants and support staff will be provided with masks and hand sanitizer. All members of the bubble must wear masks when working inside team containers and on the dock making the best efforts to maintain social distancing.

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TESTING SCHEDULE:

44Cup will test as required by the UK government including rapid antigen testing on a regular schedule throughout the event period for athletes & crew.

Pre-flight	RT-PCR test – for international participants
Day 0	Rapid antigen test – for everyone involved in the event
Day 2	RT-PCR test for variants – for international participants
Day 6	Rapid antigen test – for everyone involved in the event
Day 8	Pre-flight rapid antigen or RT-PCR test depending destination entry requirements

Individuals that have a positive RT-PCR test result will be referred to the 44Cup Medically Trained Covid Officer. The individual will be instructed to immediately isolate themselves by staying in their accommodations and away from all people. The individual will be contacted by the 44Cup Class Manager to formulate an individual plan based on a number of factors (signs and symptoms, travel, medical history, etc.).

ACCOMODATION AND DINING:

The 44Cup crew and athletes should be accommodated in private crew houses or specified hotel accommodation to maintain a safe and controlled environment during the event period. Local crew members who can stay in their own homes for the duration of the event period are permitted to do so. Local crew members must adhere to the same protocols as travel crew members to maintain the effectiveness of the working bubbles.

At the time of document release, the government allows both indoor or outdoor dining at restaurants. However to maintain the event bubble athletes and crew must adhere to the following guidelines as set by the 44Cup:

- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner should be prepared by private chef at the team accommodation.
- Dining at restaurants is not permitted.
- Dining in groups is not permitted.
- PPE can be removed only while eating or drinking and properly social distanced.
- Dining in own accommodation is permitted.

IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE AT THE 44CUP COWES FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN THE EVENT TO VISIT THE LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND BARS. Doing so would break the rules of the event as set by the UK government and the fine per person is £10,000.