



ROUND THE ISLAND RACE 2025

CLIPPER EVENTS



WE BUILD EXPERIENCES

SIR ROBIN KNOX-JOHNSTON

Sir Robin became the first sailor to race solo and non-stop around the world in 1968-69. Aged then just 30, and a perceived underdog in The Sunday Times Golden Globe Race, his determination, skill and bravery has since inspired generations of novice sailors. Through the Clipper Race, he has encouraged over 5,000 people to step outside their comfort zone and overcome the hurdles in their way.

A passionate advocate for sailing safety, valued media contributor, patron of many sailing clubs and associations, explorer and active sailor, Sir Robin continues to be active and involved in all aspects of Clipper Ventures business.

Clipper Events combines access to record-breaking offshore racing yachts with proven, highly experienced professional skippers and crew for your fleet racing, team development and experiential learning events.

You can compete in an iconic yacht race against household names in an exhilarating experience on board the Clipper Race yachts, specifically designed for safe but dynamic offshore racing whether you are an experienced yachtsman or have limited sailing experience.

It also leads as a stand-out platform for learning and development goals, team building events, for private use, or as an environmental and social governance tool to help amplify the ways your products and services contribute to sustainable development.

Clipper Events is operated by Clipper Ventures PLC which was founded in 1995 by legendary yachtsman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston and William Ward OBE.



ICONIC RACES

Now you can compete in world-renowned races, lining up against some of the leading names in sailing, on board our purpose-built offshore racing fleets of 68 and 70-foot yachts.



EXPERIENTIAL SAILING

Create an experience tailored to meet your objectives. Exploring boundaries, taking measured risks and team building are at the core of everything we stand for. An unforgettable day focused on leadership and development can cement relationships and forge new connections.



BESPOKE PROJECTS

There is so much out there to explore and experience. That's what life is about. We want everyone to have the opportunity to experience the exhilaration of sailing on board an ocean racing yacht - for a day, a weekend, in a regatta, or perhaps a private event.

OFFSHORE RACING

...IT'S IN OUR BLOOD



RACE OVERVIEW

Organised by the Island Sailing Club, the Round the Island Race is an iconic, one-day yacht race that sees over 1,400 yachts circumnavigate the Isle of Wight.

Open to sailors of all abilities the events' 'Race for All' ethos attracts over 15,000 participants making it one of the largest yacht races in the world.

For 2025, Clipper Events will be entering up to 5x Clipper 68 race yachts that will compete within their own class as part of the main race. Crews will be made up of individuals of all levels of experience who will unite as a team for a training day prior to the race day.

It's a fantastic event that culminates in an evening of festivities in Cowes and is a must-do for any sailing enthusiast, regardless of experience.

ROUND THE ISLAND RACE 2025

YOUR READY-TO-RACE PACKAGE INCLUDES:



EXPERIENCED SAILING STAFF

Our experienced staff demonstrate high levels of judgement, seamanship and people management underpinned by professional sailing qualifications.

Each yacht will come with a Skipper, First Mate and Second Mate.



CATERING

The following catering is included:

Breakfast - Saturday and Sunday

Lunch - Friday and Saturday

Dinner - Friday (ashore)

Boats will also have snacks and soft drinks available on board.

On the Saturday evening, you/your crew will make your own arrangements for your evening meal where you can soak up the post-race atmosphere in Cowes.



INSURANCE

All participants engaged in activities organised by Clipper Events are insured with Personal Accident Cover.



CLIPPER 68 RACE YACHT

Designed as exceptionally strong, seaworthy, attractive yachts, you will be sailing on board our Clipper 68ft race yachts. See further details on page 4 of this document.



CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Each guest will receive a team polo shirt to keep, and have access to Musto BR2 wet weather clothing and a Spinlock Vito lifejacket whilst on board.



OVERNIGHT ON BOARD

On the Friday and Saturday night, you will stay on board the boat in a bunk in an open-plan sleeping area. If you prefer, you're welcome to arrange alternative accommodation in Cowes at your own expense.

Details on what to bring will be included in your Joining Instruction pack which is sent out in the lead up to the event.



ROUND THE ISLAND 2025 YOUR RACE

KEY INFORMATION

Your Round the Island Race experience with Clipper Events runs from **Friday 06 June - Sunday 08 June 2025.**



- **No prior experience is required** as all crew members will take part in a familiarisation and training day on Friday before overnighing in Cowes prior to race start on the Saturday.
- **Professional Skipper, First Mate and Second Mate** will guide you throughout the weekend to ensure you are getting the most from your experience.
- **Hands-on involvement** is required and encouraged throughout your time on board. You will become part of a race crew where everyone's role on board is key to the success of your race. Expect to get involved in **winch handling, sail trimming** and **helming**.
- **Your Race Crew** will be made up of a minimum of 6 people and a maximum of 12 people plus the 3 Clipper sailing staff. Crew members will be allocated to boats by Clipper Events to ensure a spread of experience and ability where possible.

ROUND THE ISLAND 2025 - THE COURSE

Start/Finish Cowes, Isle of Wight
Distance 50 NM



PRICE

ROUND THE ISLAND 2025

Individual berth

£895.00 PER PERSON

OUR YACHTS

THE CLIPPER 68

Four circumnavigations and more than 140,000 miles under their hulls and have carried more than 3,000 sailors around the world. The Clipper Race fleet is tried and tested and the identical 68-foot yachts have proved themselves in the most extreme ocean racing conditions and in close quarter around-the-cans racing.

- ✓ Designed for fast, competitive racing
- ✓ No prior sailing experience required.
- ✓ Competed in four round the world yacht races

4 | UP TO 4 CLIPPER 68
COMPETING IN THE
RTIR 2025

12 | PEOPLE PER
YACHT

+3 | PROFESSIONAL
SAILING STAFF



CLIPPER 68
AN EXHILARATING POWERHOUSE

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FROM ENQUIRY
TO THE FINISH
LINE, WE HAVE
EVERTHING
COVERED.

> FROM US

Expect to hear from us in line with the key events listed below, however, if you have any questions outside of this, please get in touch.
We know everyone is busy so we aim to only get in touch when it is necessary and send clear concise information that is easy to action.

> FROM YOU

We want to make this as straightforward as possible for you. Help us by returning accurate and complete information within the allocated time frames.



BOOKING AND
DEPOSIT PAYMENT

Confirm your place by booking online and pay your deposit.

- Read the Terms and Conditions
- Ensure your details are correct
- If you book within 60 days, you will pay the full balance on booking.

BALANCE
PAYMENT

Balance payment will be due no later than 60 days prior to the event date.

- Receive balance payment reminder via e-mail.
- Make your balance payment
- If you book within 60 days, you will pay the full balance on booking.

JOINING
INSTRUCTIONS

Approx. 30 days before the event you'll receive your Joining Instructions and will need to make your final payment.

- This will include all information regarding where/what time to meet, what to wear/bring etc.

FRIDAY 06 JUNE
ARRIVAL &
TRAINING DAY

AM Arrival at Clipper HQ for check-in, familiarisation and safety brief on-board. Depart for sail training day on the Solent

PM Finish in Cowes, sundowners and evening meal with crew.

Overnight on board.

SATURDAY 07 JUNE
ROUND THE ISLAND
RACE DAY

AM Early start for Race Day (Start time TBC)

Race Start
Expected duration: 7-10 hours (subject to conditions)

PM Race Finish. Enjoy evening in Cowes at your leisure.

Overnight on board.

SUNDAY 08 JUNE
RETURN TO
GOSPORT

AM Breakfast on-board followed by motor from Cowes-Gosport.

1300 Arrive in Gosport. Clean down and depart.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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DEFINITIONS

This contract is made between Clipper Events (the Company) Registered in England, and any person(s) (the Client) booking with the Company to take part in any race, event, charter, or management-training event (the Programme). All bookings are subject to these terms and conditions and it is agreed between the Client and the Company that any contracts will be construed in accordance with English Law and the jurisdiction of English courts.

Information given by the Client via booking form or online or via a deposit forms the basis of a contract and the Client will be accepting the booking conditions for themselves and members of their party.

If any part of these booking conditions is found to be invalid or unenforceable then the remainder of these booking conditions will remain valid and enforceable.

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BOOKING, FEES AND CHARGES

- Bookings made more than 60 days from the Programme start will be required to be a non-refundable £250 deposit at the time of booking.
- Bookings made within 60 days of the Programme start date will be required to pay the full Programme cost.
- Booking Forms and personal information is kept according to the Clipper Ventures privacy policy which can be found [here](#).
- Final balance must be paid 60 days prior to the start of the Programme or the company reserves the right to cancel the booking and charge a 50% cancellation fee as detailed under cancellation.
- In the event of a booking being made within 60 days of the first qualifying event, full payment will be required to confirm a booking.
- In the event of there being any fees due on the day of the event, the Company reserves the right to withhold the services unless payment is received. The Company reserves the right to charge interest of 1.5% above the Bank Of England rate on overdue accounts.
- The Company accepts Visa, MasterCard, and debit cards and bank transfers. All costs are subject to VAT.
- Should there be any additions/amends to the original quotation the costs will be amended accordingly.
- The Client shall not make this booking available for onward sale for profit or otherwise without prior written permission from the Company.

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LIMITED LIABILITY

- The Company shall not be liable for any injury, death loss or damage caused by other Clients, nor will it be responsible for any uninsured losses of the Client's property, nor for any illness, injury or death sustained during the programme.
- The Company will use insured vessels for the event they are entered into.
- Clients agree if required to complete a release of liability form before embarking on a programme if required to by the Company or race organiser.

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CANCELLATION

By the Company

- In the event of cancellation by the Company the Client may be given the choice of an alternate Programme where possible. If the Client does not choose an alternate Programme, then a full refund will be given.

By Client

- Cancellation by the Client must be in writing and is effective upon receipt by the Company.
- In the event of cancellation by the Client the following charges shall apply:
 - More than 90 days from the event start date: Loss of £250 non-refundable deposit.
 - 90-31 days from the event start date: Loss of 50% of Programme cost.
 - Less than 30 days from the event start date: Loss of 100% of Programme cost.

Other reason

- In the event of a cancellation prior to the start of the Programme as a consequence of Force majeure, war, disease, actions of the Race Event organisers or Government advisories the Client may be given the choice of an alternate Programme.
- No liability is accepted by the Company for any costs or expenses incurred by the Client in the event of changes to the Programme or cancellation by the Company.
- In the event of cancellation, postponement, curtailment or changes to the advertised programme outside of the Companies control as a consequence of Force Majeure, war, disease or Government advisories or actions of the Programme or Event Organisers once the Programme has commenced, the Client may be given the choice of an alternate programme where possible. If the Client does not wish to choose an alternate programme, then a refund will be given. Alternate programmes or refunds offered will be proportionate to the point at which the cancellation, postponement, curtailment or changes to the advertised programme occurred.
- In the event that changes to the advertised programme occur the Company reserves the right to make such changes as required. The Company will pay no compensation to the Client(s) where change or cancellation to the programme is due to Force Majeure, war, disease or Government advisories, loss, damage or incapacity of the vessel or actions of the race event organisers.

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CLIENT OBLIGATIONS

- Details supplied on the booking form are accurate.
- The Client agrees to abide by the normal operating and safety procedures as laid down by any third party suppliers to the event.
- Sailing requires an average level fitness and health, the Client is required to inform the Company of any pre-existing medical conditions of any of the participants prior to the start of the Programme.
- Clipper Events operates yachts for up to twelve guests on each boat, each event will consist of a minimum safety number of six guests, of which all are aged 18 or over on the day of the event.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

- The Client agrees to accept the authority, decisions and instructions of the Company's Skipper's, employees, agents and representatives during the Programme.
- The Skipper has full authority to decide when to sail or race, with regard to weather conditions and the well-being of the crew, or to return to port after the commencement of a passage due to the above or defects to the yacht at any time at their discretion and their decision is final.
- The Company requires respectful conduct from its Clients and participants at all times.
- It is strictly prohibited to be under the influence of alcohol whilst engaged in the Company sailing activity. The skipper will ask you to leave the activity until you are fit to resume normal duties.
- Any use or possession of banned substances will be dealt with by expulsion from the event and will be reported to the relevant authorities.

