

# British International Six Metre Association



## Press Information

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## Solent sets the stage for 100-year old Six-Metre Class Championship

A strong fleet of International Six-Metres is coming to Cowes, UK to compete in the 2007 World Championships, 100 years after the Metre Rule was first established.

Tim Street, the President of the International Six Metre Association states "We are expecting more than fifty International Six Metres from the UK, Europe, Scandinavia and North America. The fleet will include beautifully prepared Classic yachts from the early 1900s as well as Modern yachts - technically innovative examples that have been designed and constructed within the last few years. It is significant that designers such as Juan Kouyoumdjian are now creating Six Metre designs. In addition, recently built replicas of earlier yachts are endorsing the popularity of the famous class."



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Royal Yacht Squadron Rear Commodore Simon van der Byl confirms that the RYS is especially pleased to be acting as Organising Authority for the Six Metre Worlds, from 16th - 23rd July. "The Royal Yacht Squadron has had long associations with the fleet and the class's resurgence and return to Cowes will remind us of our yachting heritage. With the substantial investment now being made in Cowes yachting facilities, it is anticipated that the Six-Metre racing will be a regular feature in the Solent."

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More than half of the forty yachts on the British Six Metre fleet register are likely to take part in the championships. The active British fleet - largely based in the Solent - has nine events this season.

The Six Metre Worlds are timed to co-incide with the British Classic Yacht Club Regatta which starts a few days beforehand, and will be followed closely by the Metre Regatta (open to all Metre Yachts) to celebrate the centenary of the Metre Class Rule. July will be a truly festive celebration of competitive classic yachting.

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