



Simon Rowell presenting the Raymarine sponsored pre-race weather briefing on the eve of the 2017 event

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Raymarine: Round the Island Race in association with Cloudy Bay - Raymarine returns to Cowes to host Live Weather Briefing

Raymarine teams with meteorologist, Simon Rowell for the pre-race weather briefing on the eve of the 2018 Round the Island Race in association with Cloudy Bay

Top marine meteorologist Simon Rowell will deliver the all-important pre-

race weather briefing for the 2018 Round the Island Race *in association with Cloudy Bay*. Hosted by the Race's official Technical Partner, Raymarine, competitors will get the most up-to-date forecast and tidal information ahead of the Race. During the briefing, which can also be watched online, Simon will also reveal how this year's competitors could win over £2000s of Raymarine equipment.

The Events Centre, Cowes Yacht Haven has been named as the new venue for this year's briefing which takes place at 18.00 Friday 6th July. Simon will be presenting data taken from the Theyr high-precision weather and ocean forecasting software app amongst other sources. This is Raymarine's global weather forecasting app powered by the company's LightHouse operating system and available on Raymarine's Axiom® family of MFDs. In addition to weather, tide and sea state information, Simon will also run through the course, giving vital information about exclusion zones and anticipated conditions at the main areas of concern.

Simon has a string of high-profile yachting achievements under his belt including skippering the winning boat in the 2002 Clipper Round the World Race and acting as assistant race director for the same contest in 2005-6. After 12 years in the yachting industry, he enrolled at Reading University and gained a master's degree in meteorology with distinction. Since 2015 he has been employed as the meteorologist for the British Sailing Team.

The Round the Island Race Raymarine Weather Briefing has become a must-attend event for competitors and is the culmination of a series of daily weather reports shared in the run-up to the race. The reports will be available daily at www.raymarine.co.uk/events/RTIR where you can also register for a reminder to watch the live Weather Briefing and post-briefing, be able to replay and watch again.

Watch the live briefing at 18:00 on Friday 6th July at the Events Centre, Cowes Yacht Haven and you could be in with a chance to win one of Raymarine's Axiom multifunction navigation systems as well as a top-of-the-range Raymarine AIS700 Class B transceiver – with a combined value of £2,390.

To register for the weather briefing visit <http://www.raymarine.co.uk/events/rtir/>

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