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Offshore Racing

OFFSHORE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

RACE NO 1: Nab Tower Race

Saturday 6th April 2019
HW Portsmouth 13:39

TROPHIES

Class 3: Wai Aniwaha Trophy
Class 4: Dusty Miller Trophy
Class 5: BLRA 1/2 Ton Cup
Class 6: BLRA 1/4 Ton Cup

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules defined in the racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 A Special Regulations Checklist must be completed and signed online before a yacht may start.

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is the Group's website (www.jog.org.uk).

3. Changes to Sailing instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagstaff behind the race officer's box.

5. Class Flags

- 5.1 The Class flags for the classes will be as follows:
 - Class 3 Numeral Pennant 3
 - Class 4 Numeral Pennant 4
 - Class 5 Numeral Pennant 5
 - Class 6 Numeral Pennant 6
- 5.2 Each yacht shall carry her class numeral pennant on her backstay as shown on the list of entries.

6. The Course

- 6.1 If the **Green Flag** is displayed
 - Start Line (west to east)
 - Snowden buoy, (leave to starboard)
 - Between Horse Sand and No Man's Land Forts
 - Nab Tower (round to port)
 - Winner Buoy (round to port)
 - Between Horse Sand and No Man's Land Forts
 - Snowden buoy, (leave to port)
 - Finishing Line. Distance approx. 35 miles
- 6.2 If the **Red Flag** is displayed
 - The course for all classes will be announced on VHF Channel M1 (37a).

7. Areas that are Obstructions

- 7.1 Boats shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016. The Moving Prohibited Zone in the Precautionary Area which shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.
- 7.2 Boats shall not pass North of Horse Sand Fort.
- 7.3 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes harbour fairway and in the area and in the area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay on Admiralty Chart 2040. Gas and water pipes, telephone and electricity cables carrying 133,000 volts lie on the sea bed.
- 7.4 Boats shall keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic.
- 7.5 Whilst racing boats shall always pass to the north of the Cowes breakwater.

8. Identity Gate.

- 8.1 Before she starts each yacht (subject to draft) must pass between the beach and one of the Mooring Buoys approximately on the Starting Line in an East to West direction, **with all crew members wearing a lifejacket and safety harness and receive visual acknowledgement before starting.**

9. The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started as follows:

	Warning		Preparatory		1 minute		Start
Class 6	0850	Numeral Pennant 6	0855	Square	0859	Square removed	0900
Class 5	0905	Triangle Point UP	0910	Square	0914	Square removed	0915
Class 4	0920	Triangle Point DOWN	0925	Square	0929	Square removed	0930
Class 3	0935	Circle	0940	Square	0944	Square removed	0945

This changes RRS 26.

- 9.2 **The Starting Line** is between the Gurnard buoy and a flagstaff behind the race officers' box which is about 50m to the eastward of the New Holmwood Hotel, Egypt Point, Cowes. A JOG burgee may be flown.
- 9.3 If a Blue Flag is signalled, the **Alternative Starting Line** is the **transit** formed by a flagstaff behind the race officers' box and Gurnard buoy with the outer limit, not necessarily on the line, as North East Gurnard buoy. Yachts starting may pass either side of Gurnard buoy.
- 9.4 Individual Recalls will be signalled by a board painted as flag "X". This changes Race Signals.
- 9.5 Sail numbers of individually recalled boats may be broadcast on VHF as soon as practical. Failure to hail, display or broadcast sail numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for the other races.

10. The Finishing Line

- 10.1 The **FINISHING LINE** is the same line as the start line, finishing East to West. A JOG burgee may be flown at the masthead. Leading yachts should call **JOG ONE, on Ch 37a 30 minutes prior to finishing line.**
- 10.2 **In order to produce faster/real time race results we need your help. Please take your finish time carefully. Declarations on-line need to be completed within 30 minutes of finishing. If for some reason you are unable to complete the declaration online. Please text the JOG Mobile as soon as possible with yacht name, sail number, finishing time, boat ahead & boat astern (text 07576 882150).**
Where we have visibility of the finish line JOG will endeavour to have a finishing team recording your time, however, this is not always possible and in order to guarantee a placing we will need your own recorded time.

11. Protest and Requests for Redress

- 11.1 Boats shall notify the race committee by VHF at the end of the race that they intend to protest.
- 11.2 Protest forms are available from the Race Officer at the finish or the JOG Secretary at secretary@jog.org.uk.

11.3 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within 120 minutes of the yacht finishing the race.

12 Scoring

12.1 See Notice of Race Instruction 18.

12.2 Results will contribute to the Category 4 series 2019.

13. Retirements and Withdrawals

13.1 Retirements and Withdrawals must be advised on VHF Channel M1 (37a) at the start and finish call sign JOG One. Remember that we are only allowed to operate on low power so you may not be able to hear our response to your transmission. Please transmit your message even if there is apparently no reply. The Race Officers can be contacted on Mobile **07576 882150**.

13.2 Retiring yachts must complete their online declaration form, indicating their reason for retirement. Failure to "report in" may lead to an unnecessary call to the SAR Services.

14. Radio Communication

14.1 All communications at the start and finish will be on VHF Channel M1 (37a) call sign JOG One.

14.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

15. Declaration

15.1 Please refer to 10.2

16. Disclaimer of Liability

16.1 Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. Insurance

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Sailing Instructions End

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

1. Provisional results will be posted on the website as soon possible after the race.

2. **The 'designated watering hole' will be The Island Sailing Club IoW & The King & Queen in Hamble.**

3. The Committee encourage you to persuade your crew to become members of JOG <https://www.jog.org.uk/join/>

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