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Offshore Racing

COASTAL RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

RACE NO 2: The Great Escape Inshore Challenge

Sunday 4th April 2021
HW Portsmouth 17.59 BST



TROPHIES

Class	
1	Maid of Malham Trophy
2	Myth of Malham Trophy
3	Minx of Malham Trophy
4	Blue Sabre Trophy

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 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 instructions will, whenever possible, be posted on the website by 1700hrs before the race start and announced by VHF radio.

4. Signals made ashore

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

5. Class Flags

- 5.1 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 (east to west)
Saltmead (leave to starboard)
Between Horse Sand and No Man's Land Forts
Bembridge Ledge Buoy (leave close to port)
Between Horse Sand and No Man's Land Forts
Finishing Line. Distance approx. 30 miles

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 9 of 2021. The Moving Prohibited Zone in the Precautionary Area 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 or South of No Man's Land Forts.
- 7.3 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes harbour fairway nor 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 and Snowden Buoy, if on station.

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 a West to East direction, **showing her sail number**.

9. The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started as follows:

	Pennant	Warning Signal		Preparatory		1 Minute		Start
Class 4		09:50	Sound signal only	09:55	Sound signal	09:59	Sound signal	10:00
Class 3		10:05	Sound signal only	10:10	Sound signal	10:14	Sound signal	10:15
Class 2		10:20	Sound signal only	10:25	Sound signal	10:29	Sound signal	10:30
Class 1		10:35	Sound signal only	10:40	Sound signal	10:44	Sound signal	10:45

Radio announcements may also be made.

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 bright turquoise 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. An announcement by VHF radio will also be made. Yachts starting may pass either side of Gurnard buoy.
 - 9.4 In the event of the race being postponed or abandoned, appropriate flags will be flown and announcements made by VHF radio.
 - 9.5 Recalls (individual and general) will be indicated by appropriate sound signals and announced by VHF radio only. This changes Race Signals.
 - 9.6 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).
 - 9.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for the other races.
- ## 10. The Finish.
- 10.1 The **Finishing Line** is between the Gurnard buoy and flagstaff (no extension), as detailed above, finishing East to West. A JOG burgee may be flown at the masthead. Leading yachts should text or call **JOG ONE, on Ch 37a, 30 minutes prior to finishing**.

10.2 **Leading yachts** are requested to **text** the Race Officer when about **30** minutes from the finish. Finish declarations are mandatory. Each skipper should ensure, prior to racing, that their email address and mobile tel no are correct in the race entry in MyJog. A skipper can nominate an alternative email and mobile number. JOG will text and email a link to the online declaration form prior to the race start, using these contact details. You should input your (UK) finishing time (normally BST) along with names of the boat ahead and astern where possible. This time must be recorded accurately as it will be used for the results unless the finishing team has been able to take it. Only in the event that you experience any difficulties should you text the required information to +447576 882150. The online finish declaration should be made as soon as, safely, possible.

JOG will endeavour to have a finishing team recording your time. However, this may not be possible where we will have minimal Race Officer presence at the finish in view of social distancing requirements. 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 text or 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 23.

12.2 Results will contribute to the Category 4 series 2021.

13. Retirements and Withdrawals

13.1 Retirements and Withdrawals must be advised to the Race Officers preferably by text or call to mobile **07576 882150** or by VHF. 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.

13.2 Retiring yachts must complete their online declaration form, indicating their reason for retirement, **and** notify the Race Officers as soon as possible. Failure to "report in" may lead to an unnecessary call to the SAR Services.

14. Radio Communication

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

15. Disclaimer of Liability

15.1 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.

By taking part in any of the events covered by the notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the JOG COVID-19 procedures.

The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a). (See Notice of Race)

16. Insurance

16.1 See Notice of Race Sec 27.

17. Crew numbers

- 17.1 Crew numbers for this race are limited to a maximum of 6, irrespective of family group or other considerations. This is a maximum and skippers may limit their own crew in line with social distancing and other requirements.

Sailing Instructions End

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

1. Provisional results will be posted on the website as soon possible after the race.
2. **During the continuing Covid 19 restrictions, JOG strongly discourages any interaction or social activity between crews, pre or post racing.**

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

4. JOG WhatsApp Group

The JOG WhatsApp is for assistance **only** and any communications do not form part of the sailing instructions.

Broadcast group only – please note this group will be used to send course updates, information about social events and updates from the committee boat/box.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FdkshnObU8dGFGMxbabd9D>

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