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Offshore Racing

OFFSHORE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2020



RACE NO 3: NJO Sails Cherbourg-Cowes

With the assistance of the Yacht Club de Cherbourg and Cherbourg Marina

Sunday 12th April 2020
HW Portsmouth 1535 BST

TROPHIES

Class	
1	Gary Weller Trophy
2	Blue Sabre Trophy
3	Theta Trophy

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

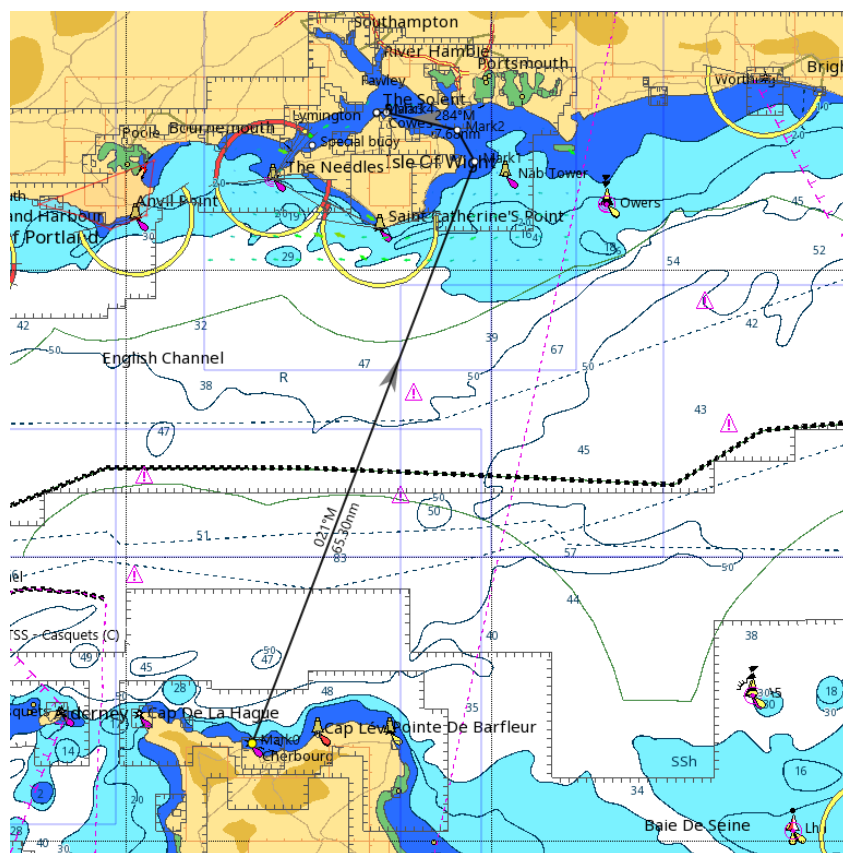
- 1. Rules**
 - 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules defined in the racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 1.2 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
 - 1.3 A Special Regulations Checklist 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 be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect and announced by VHF radio.
- 4. Signals made ashore**
 - 4.1 Limited signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagstaff on the north mole of the marina.

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 The course is as follows:
Start Line (West to East)
Through the Passe de L'Est
Bembridge Ledge buoy (leave to port)
Between Horse Sand and No Man's Land Fort
Snowden buoy (leave to port)
Finishing Line. Distance about 75 miles.



7. Areas that are Obstructions



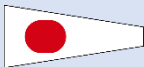
- 7.1 Boats shall comply with the prohibited area enforcement in place surrounding the French Naval Base which shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20.
- 7.2 Boats shall not pass North of Horse Sand or South of No Man's Land Forts.
- 7.3 Boats shall comply with Associated British 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.
- 7.4 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes harbour fairway 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.
- 7.5 Boats shall keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic.
- 7.6 Whilst racing boats shall always pass to the north of the Cowes breakwater.

8. Identity Gate

- 8.1 Before she starts each yacht is requested to sail close to the north mole for identification by the race officers, **showing her sail numbers**. Your co-operation is required over this limited starting area and start line.

9. The Start

- 9.1 All times are BST and races will be started as follows:

	Pennant	Warning Signal		Preparatory		1 Minute		Start
Class 3		08:50	Sound signal only	08:55	Sound signal	08:59	Sound signal	09:00
Class 2		09:05	Sound signal only	09:10	Sound signal	09:14	Sound signal	09:15
Class 1		09:20	Sound signal only	09:25	Sound signal	09:29	Sound signal	09:30

Radio announcements may also be made.
This changes RRS 26.

- 9.2 The Starting Line is the transit of the two orange triangles at the elbow of the north mole of the marina. Keep to the east of the line indicated on the sketch chart. See diagram in Appendix 1 which is not to be used for navigation.
- 9.3 A yellow/orange buoy may be laid by the Cherbourg YC in the vicinity of the start line as a guide to an outer limit.
- 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.
- 9.6 Yachts failing to start or retiring from the race must report this to the Race Officer at Cherbourg.

10. The Finish

- 10.1 The finishing line is between Gurnard buoy and a flagstaff behind a race officer's box that is about 50m to the eastward of the New Holmwood Hotel at Egypt Point, Cowes. A JOG burgee may be flown at the masthead. Leading yachts should call **JOG ONE**, 30 minutes prior to finishing line. Take your finish time carefully.
- 10.2 **In order to produce faster/real time race results we need your help. Please take your finish time carefully. Declarations online 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 0044576 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 22.
- 12.2 Results will contribute to the Category 3 series 2020.

13. Retirements and Withdrawals

- 13.1 Retirements and withdrawals must be advised on the appropriate VHF Channel, where practical. Refer to SI no 14 below. 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 00447576 882150.
- 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 communications at the **Start** will be on **VHF Channel 72**, call sign **JOG One**.
- 14.2 Communications at the **Finish** will be by VHF Channel M1 (37a), call sign **JOG One**.

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 or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

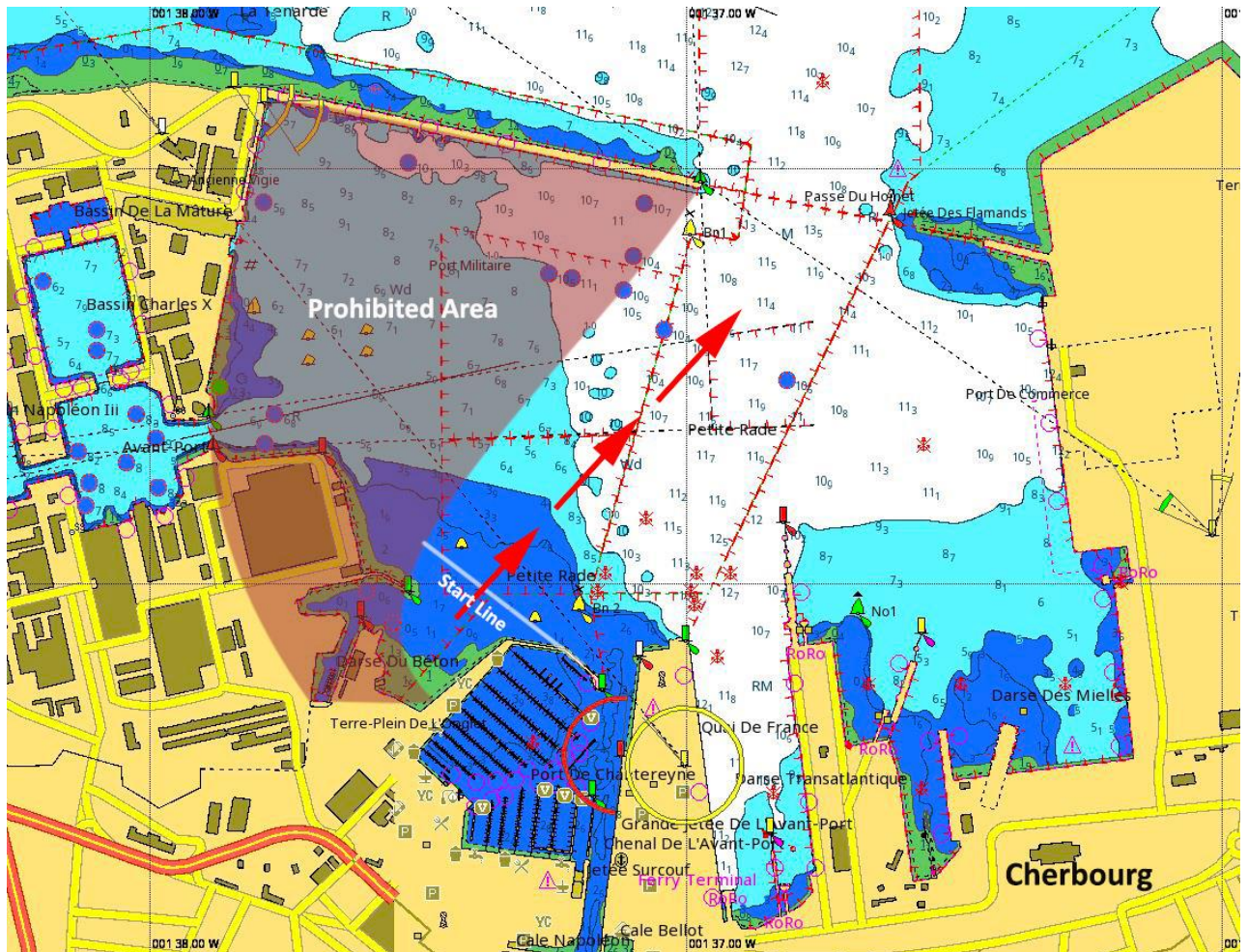
17. Insurance

- 17.1 See Notice of Race Sec 26.

Appendix 1

Prohibited Area and Start Line Illustration

The Start Line is the transit of two Orange Triangles at the elbow of the North Mole of the Marina.



Not to be used for Navigation

Sailing instructions End

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

- 1 REMEMBER to ensure that your crew list is filled in **online** and is up to date at the point of sailing. Inaccurate information has an adverse effect on SAR and border control activities.
- 2 **AIS.** You are reminded that the use of AIS is now mandatory in all Category 3 races. Please refer to the Notice of Race for details.
- 3 Remember to take all your yacht's papers and ensure that all of your crew have valid Passports, these may be checked by UK & French officials.
- 4 The next Category 3 race will be the Exposure Lights Coves to St Vaast on 7th May 2020.

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

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.

Scan the QR code with your Mobile to Join the WhatsApp Group



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