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Offshore Racing

OFFSHORE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

RACE No 11

The Serversys Channel Race

Cowes to St Peter Port

Friday 23rd August 2019

HW Portsmouth 1720

All times are B.S.T.

TROPHIES

CLASS 3 – Schroder, Blenheim Group Trophy

CLASS 4 - Channel Cup

CLASS 5 - Heavens Above Trophy

CLASS 6 – Schroder Enterprise Trophy

Marine & General Trophy for the best Channel Island entry

With the assistance of the Guernsey Yacht Club

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 have been completed on line before a yacht may start.
- 1.4 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise navigation lights shall be lit and International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea shall replace the corresponding rules of RRS Part 2.

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 on the Official Notice Board.

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.

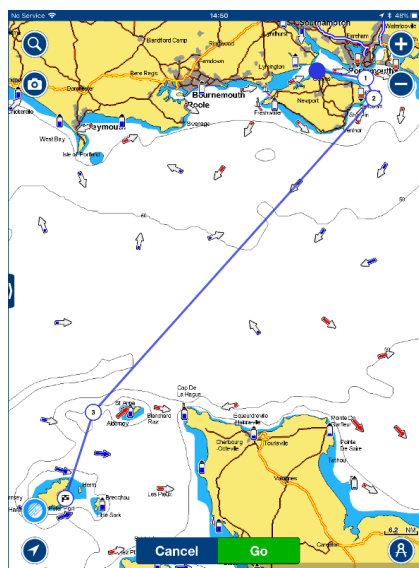
6. **The COURSE, GREEN FLAG displayed is as follows:-**

Start Line (East to West)
The Casquets and all outlying rocks (leave to Port)
Finishing Line (North To South).
Distance approx 116 miles



The COURSE, RED FLAG displayed is as follows:-

Start Line (West to East)
Snowden (leave to Starboard)
Between Horse Sand and No Man's Land Forts
Bembridge Ledge (leave to Starboard)
The Casquets and all outlying rocks (leave to Port)
Finishing Line (North to South).
Distance approx 125 miles.



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 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.
- 7.3 Boats shall not pass to the north of the beacon marking the obstruction of iron piles (Sowley Boom) to the East of Lymington, near Durns Point.
- 7.4 Boats shall keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic.
- 8. **IDENTITY GATE**, before she starts, each yacht (subject to draft) must pass between the beach and one of the Yellow Mooring Buoys approximately on the starting line in a **West to East direction, showing her sail numbers.**

9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started as follows:

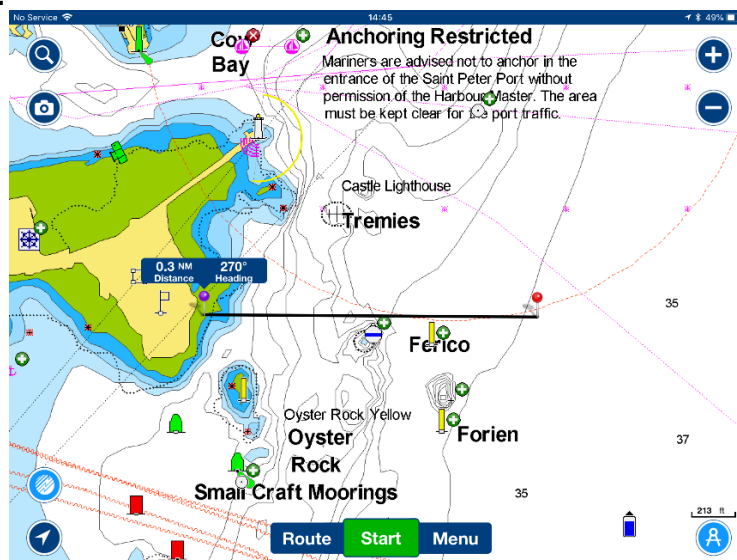
	Warning		Preparatory		1 minute		Start
Class 6	1820	Numeral Pennant 6	1825	Square	1829	Square removed	1830
Class 5	1835	Triangle Point UP	1840	Square	1844	Square removed	1845
Class 4	1850	Triangle Point DOWN	1855	Square	1859	Square removed	1900
Class 3	1905	Circle	1910	Square	1914	Square removed	1915

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 Individual Recalls will be signalled by a board painted as flag "X". This changes Race Signals.
- 9.4 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).
- 9.5 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 formed by a transit on or about 090 degrees True of two triangles (illuminated at night) on Castle Cornet. Cross the line from North to South not more than 600m from Castle Cornet.



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 00447576 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.

10.3 **The online declaration** can be found on the website under manage my races and bookings

11 Retirements and Withdrawals

11.1 Retirements and Withdrawals must be advised on the appropriate VHF Channel. Refer to SI No 15. 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 +44 7576 882150.

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

12 PROTESTS and Requests for Redress shall follow the format of RRS Part 5.

12.1 Boats shall notify the race committee by VHF or telephone at the end of the race that they intend to protest.

12.2 Protest forms are available from the Race Officer at the finish or the JOG Secretary at secretary@jog.org.uk.

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

13 Scoring

13.1 See Notice of Race Instruction 18.

13.2 Results will contribute to the Category 3 series 2019.

14. Radio Communication

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

14.2 Communications at the **Finish** will be by VHF Channel 72, call sign **JOG One**. The Race Officers who may not be on station in Guernsey may also be contacted on +44 7576 882150.

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

16. Insurance

16.1 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 **There is no access to Victoria Marina outside of working hours.** During working hours the harbour staff at St Peter Port will, as usual, make every endeavour to provide berths in the Victoria Marina. However, in fair weather there is now a walk ashore pontoon in the Harbour. Commercial movements can be monitored on Ch 12 (Port Control), St Peter Port Radio working channels 20 and 62.

2 Skippers are reminded that they are responsible for their own marina fees and if you are planning to stay for more than just the Saturday night the Harbour master has requested that you let him know as soon as possible after arrival.

3 SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS CHECKS may be carried out at St Peter Port. Please co-operate with the race officers in the implementation of these most important safety checks.

4 **The designated watering hole is the Guernsey Yacht Club. All competitors and crew members are invited to congregate at 1700 at the Club on Saturday 24th August.**

5 Owners/Skippers are reminded that written nominations should be submitted to The JOG Committee in respect of the YOUTH CHALLENGE TROPHY 2019 Award. Minimum requirement is that a substantial portion of the current JOG series must have been sailed by the individual concerned and that the nominee should be a JOG member and between 17 and 25 years of age on the day of their first race. Nominations in writing to the JOG Secretary by Monday 14th October. The JOG Committee will adjudicate.

6 The next Category 4 Races are the Cowes to Poole and Return on Saturday 8th & Sunday 8th September. The last Category 3 Race of the Season is the Cherbourg II Race on Friday 20th September.

7 The JOG Ball takes place at the Southampton Solent University Conference Centre on Saturday 7th December. To book tickets and find out more details go to www.jog.org.uk/jog-events.

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