



Offshore Racing

OFFSHORE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

RACE NO 4: EXPOSURE LIGHTS COWES TO ST VAAST RACE

Friday 3rd May 2019
HW Portsmouth 2355 BST

TROPHIES:

CLASS 3, Presidents Cup
CLASS 4, Captain Peter Butcher Memorial Trophy
CLASS 5, Sopranino Trophy
CLASS 6, Royal Naval & Royal Albert Yacht Club 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 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.

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:

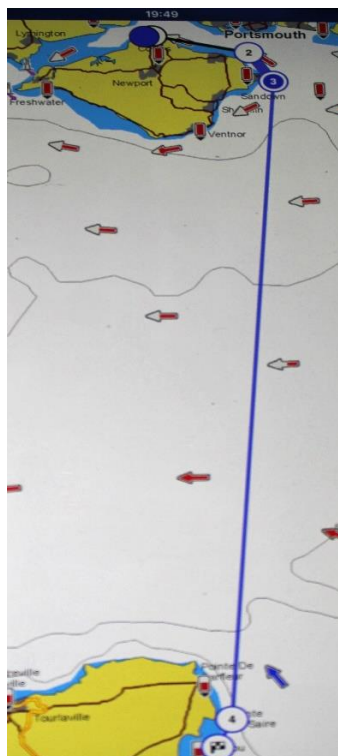
Class 3	Numeral Pennant 3
Class 4	Numeral Pennant 4
Class 5	Numeral Pennant 5
Class 6	Numeral Pennant 6
- 5.2 Each yacht shall carry her class numeral pennant on her backstay as shown on the list of entries.

6. The Course

- 2.1 The COURSE is as follows:

Green Flag Displayed:-
Start Line (west to east)
Snowden buoy (leave to starboard)
Between Horse Sand Fort and No Man's Land Fort
Bembridge Ledge buoy (leave to starboard)

Finishing line.



Red Flag Displayed:-

The course for all classes will be announced on VHF Ch 37 (M)

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 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 keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic.
- 7.4 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, **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 Finish Line is the transit of the La Dent South Cardinal Buoy (approx. pstn 49 34.63N 01 14.12W) and the Le Gavendest South Cardinal Buoy (approx. pstn 49 34.42N 01 13.80W. as Chart 1349) cross the line from North to South within **200m** of Le Gavendest leaving Le Gavendest to Starboard. See Diagram and picture in Appendix 1 which is not to be used for navigation. Leading boats only are requested to attempt to call JOG One 5 miles prior to reaching the 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 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 **00447576 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 TIME LIMIT. RRS 35 shall not apply.

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

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

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

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

14 Scoring

14.1 See Notice of Race Instruction 18.

14.2 Results will contribute to the Category 3 series 2019.

15. Radio Communication

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

15.2 Communications at the **Finish** will be by VHF Channel 72, call sign **JOG One**.

15.3 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.

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 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.

Race 4 Appendix 1



**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 or 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 The St Vaast lock gate opening times are approximately 2¼ hours before HW and 3hrs after HW.

	Lock Opens Approximately	Lock Closes Approximately
Saturday 4 th May	0710 BST 1928 BST	1225 BST 0043 BST
Sunday 5 th May	0743 BST 1957 BST	1258 BST 0112 BST (6 th)

La Capitainerie du Port can be contacted on VHF Ch9 or telephone: 00 33 2 33 23 61 00, Remember to pay your berthing fee.
- 4 **BOATS** will be subject to safety inspection at St Vaast and JOG members may be asked to do this on their own and other yachts. Everyone is asked to co-operate with this vital safety measure.
- 5 Exposure Lights invite all competitors to a drinks party at La Marina restaurant and bar on the Quay by the Marina starting at approximately 1700 BST (1800 local) on Saturday 5th May, provisional results will be displayed and will be placed on the website asap.
- 6 The next Category 4 races will be the Cowes to Yarmouth Race on 18th May followed by the Yarmouth to Cowes Race on 19th May. The next Category 3 Race on the 24th May is Cowes to Dielette.

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