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Offshore Racing

OFFSHORE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2020



RACE NO 14: Serversys Cowes-St Peter Port

With the assistance of the Guernsey Yacht Club

Friday 28th August 2020

HW Portsmouth 20:37 BST

TROPHIES

Class	
1	Schroder Blenheim Trophy
2	Channel Cup
3	Schroder Enterprise Trophy
	Marine & General Trophy for best C.I. entry

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 online before a yacht may start.
- 1.4 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, see Notice of Race Section 3.

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 1700 on the day 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

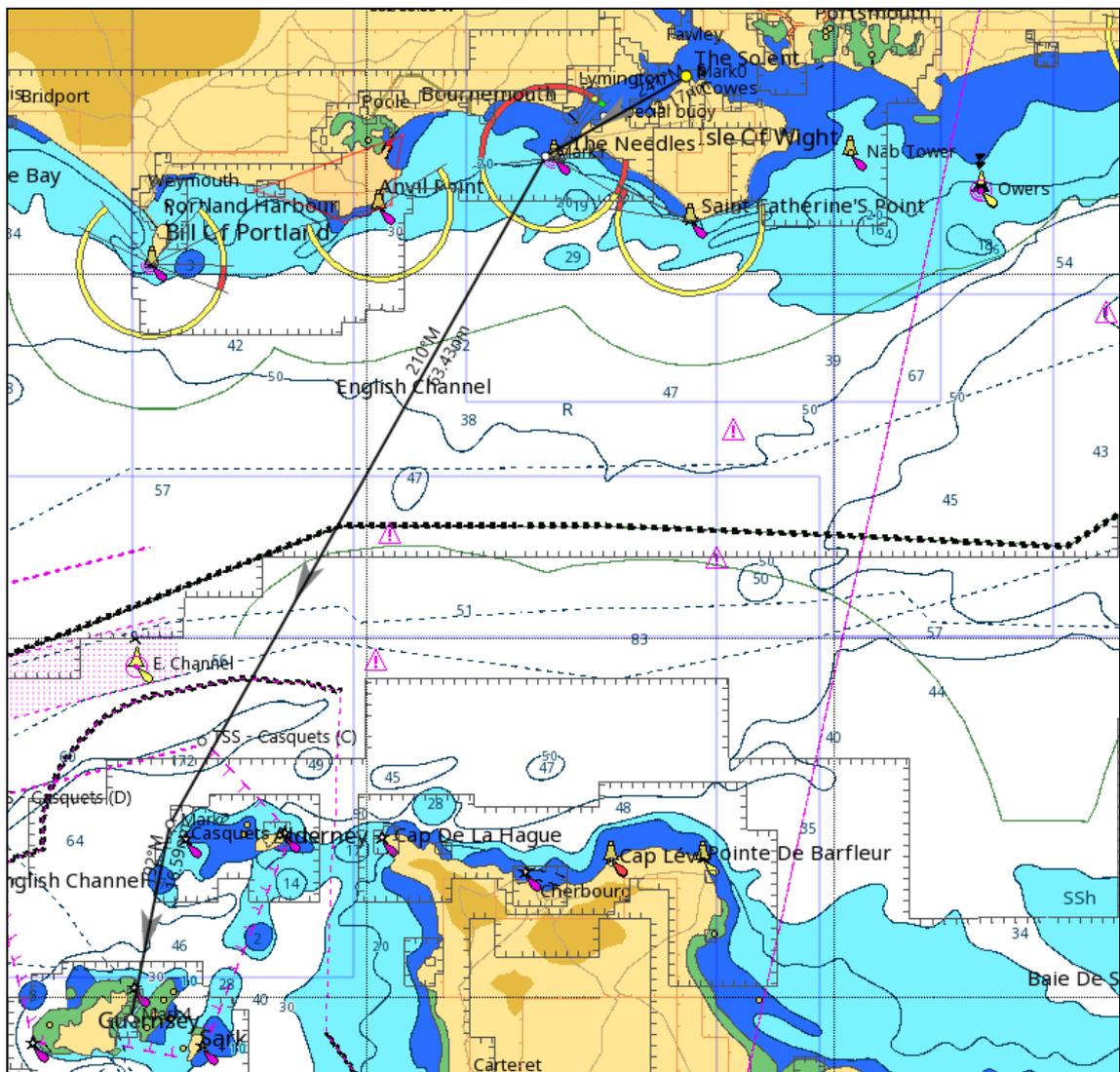
Start Line (East to West)

Bridge buoy (leave to port)

The Casquets and all outlying rocks (leave to port)

Finishing Line (North to South).

Distance approx 116 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 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 keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic.

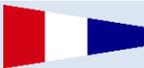
7.4 Whilst racing boats shall always pass to the north of the Cowes breakwater.

8. Identity Gate.

8.1 Before she starts, each yacht (subject to draft) must pass between the beach and one of the Yellow Mooring Buoys approximately on the starting line in a West to East direction, **showing her sail numbers**.

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		18:20	Sound signal only	18:25	Sound signal	18:29	Sound signal	18:30
Class 2		18:35	Sound signal only	18:40	Sound signal	18:44	Sound signal	18:45
Class 1		18:50	Sound signal only	18:55	Sound signal	18:59	Sound signal	19:00

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 In the event of the race being postponed or abandoned, appropriate flags will be flown and announcements made by VHF radio.

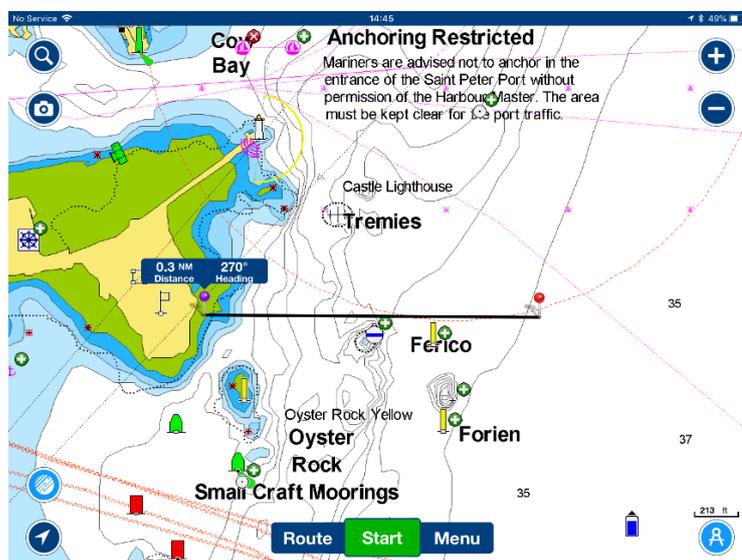
9.4 Recalls (individual and general) will be indicated by appropriate sound signals and announced by VHF radio only. This changes Race Signals.

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 Finish

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. Mandatory 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 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.**
- 11 Retirements and Withdrawals**
- 11.1 Retirements and withdrawals must be advised, where practical, 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 should also be contacted by text or call Mobile **00447576 882150**
- 11.2 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.
- 12 Time Limit.**
RRS 35 shall not apply.
- 13. Protests and Requests for Redress**
- 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. See Notice of Race Instruction 22.
- 14.2 Results will contribute to the Category 3 series 2020.
- 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.
- 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.

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.
- 3 **Safety** and Special Regulations checks may be carried out at St Peter Port. Please cooperate with the race officers in the implementation of these most important safety checks.
- 4 **Serversys**, our sponsors, invite all competitors to the **Guernsey Yacht Club at 1700 on Saturday 29th August.** Timing may be adjusted to suit the Yacht Club and race conditions and will be confirmed on WhatsApp and social media.
- 5 Owners/Skippers are reminded that written nominations should be submitted to The JOG Committee in respect of the YOUTH CHALLENGE TROPHY 2020 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 5th October 2020. The JOG Committee will adjudicate.
- 7 Details of the JOG Ball and Prizegiving are on the JOG website. To book tickets and find out more details go to www.jog.org.uk/jog-events.
8. 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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