



Offshore Racing

OFFSHORE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

THE GILL COWES-CHERBOURG 2 RACE

Race No 14: Friday 20th September 2019

HW Portsmouth 1550

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

TROPHIES:

- Class 3 - Lewmar Trophy
- Class 4 – JOG Sextant Trophy
- Class 5 – Lewmar Winch Trophy
- Class 6 – Frank Price Memorial Trophy

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 and signed 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.

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

- 6.1 The COURSE is as follows:

Start Line (West to East)
Snowden buoy (leave to starboard)
Between Horse Sand and No Man's Land Fort
Bembridge Ledge buoy (leave to starboard)

Finishing Line. Distance about 75 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 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	1750	Numeral Pennant 6	1755	Square	1759	Square removed	1800
Class 5	1805	Triangle Point UP	1810	Square	1814	Square removed	1815
Class 4	1820	Triangle Point DOWN	1825	Square	1829	Square removed	1830
Class 3	1835	Circle	1840	Square	1844	Square removed	1845

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 the transit of the lighthouse on Fort de l'Ouest and a red pillar buoy with a square topmark FI R 4s just inside the entrance. Cross the line from north west to south east, leaving the buoy to port. 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** 30 minutes 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.**

11. Protest and Requests for Redress

- 11.1 Boats shall notify the race committee by VHF or telephone 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 NoR Para 18.

12.2 Results will contribute to the Category 3 series 2019.

13. Retirements and Withdrawals

13.1 Retirements and withdrawals must be advised on the appropriate VHF Channel. Refer to SI No 16. 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 also email their declaration form to the JOG Secretary, indicating their reason for retirement. 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 M1 (37a) call sign **JOG One**.

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

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. Declaration

15.1 Please refer to 10.2

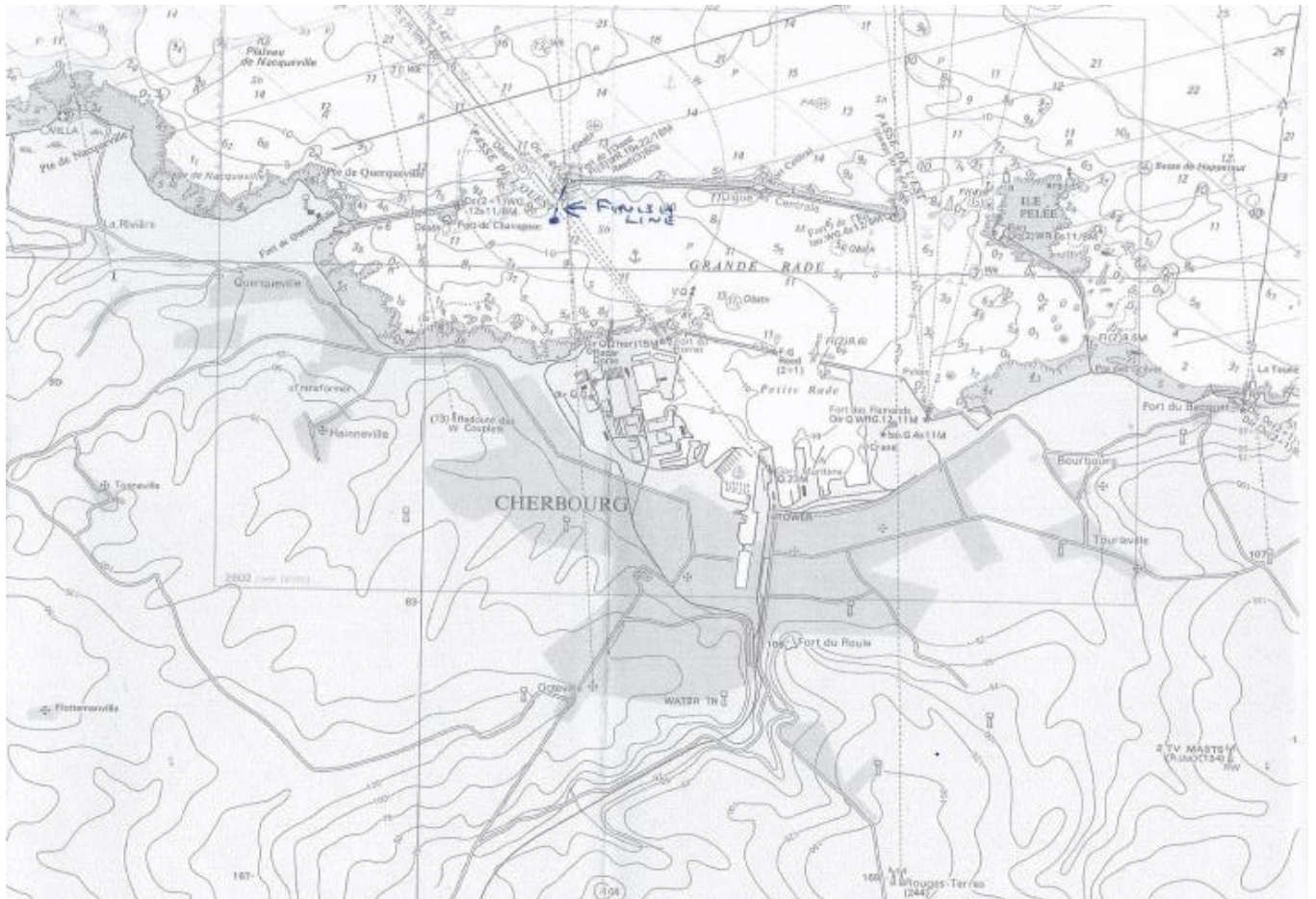
16. Disclaimer of Liability

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 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 1. 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 and border control activities.
2. **All competitors** are invited to a drinks party that will take place at 11.30 (1230 local time) on Saturday 21st September at the Cherbourg Yacht Club.
3. **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.
4. The Committee encourage you to persuade your crew to become members of JOG <https://www.jog.org.uk/join/>
5. BOATS will be subject to safety inspection at Cherbourg 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
6. 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.

Martin Banfield
JOG Secretary

