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Offshore Racing

THE GREAT ESCAPE RACE
Saturday 18th July 2020

HW Portsmouth 10:59 BST

Prizes

Class	
1	Informal prize for 1 st /2 nd /3 rd
2	Informal prize for 1 st /2 nd /3 rd
3	Informal prize for 1 st /2 nd /3 rd
DH	Informal prize for 1 st /2 nd /3 rd overall

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 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 1700hrs 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)
Gurnard Ledge (3L)	(leave to starboard)
East Lepe (3H)	(leave to port)
Salt Mead (3D)	(leave to starboard)
West Lepe (3A)	(leave to port)
Hamstead Ledge (26)	(leave to starboard)
Berthon (2F)	(leave to port)
Lymington Bank (2T)	(leave to starboard)
Finishing Line	Distance approx. 20 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

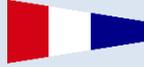
- 7.1 Boats shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016. The Moving Prohibited Zone in the Precautionary Area shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.
- 7.2 Boats shall not anchor or kedge 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 mooring buoys approximately on the Starting Line in an West to East direction, **with all crew members wearing a lifejacket and safety harness and receive visual acknowledgement before starting.** Competitors are reminded that for this race, lifejackets should be worn at all times, pre-race, during and after racing.

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		10:50	Sound signal only	10:55	Sound signal	10:59	Sound signal	11:00
Class 2		11:05	Sound signal only	11:10	Sound signal	11:14	Sound signal	11:15
Class 1		11:20	Sound signal only	11:25	Sound signal	11:29	Sound signal	11:30

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 If a bright, turquoise blue flag is signalled, the **Alternative Starting Line** is the **transit** formed by a flagstaff behind the race officers' box and Gurnard buoy with the outer limit, not necessarily on the line, as North East Gurnard buoy. Yachts starting may pass either side of Gurnard buoy.
- 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.

10. The Finish

- 10.1 The **Finishing Line** is the same line as the start line, finishing West to East. A JOG burgee may be flown at the masthead. Leading yachts should call **JOG ONE, on Ch 37a 30 minutes prior to finishing line.**
- 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 07576 882150). A declaration must still be lodged online as soon as possible.**

JOG will endeavour to have a finishing team recording your time, however, this may not be possible where we will have minimal Race Officer presence at the finish in view of social distancing requirements. 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 Results will **not** contribute to the Category 4 series 2020 or form part of any series.

13. Retirements and Withdrawals

- 13.1 Retirements and Withdrawals must be advised on VHF Channel M1 (37a) at the start and finish call sign JOG One. 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 **07576 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 and finish will be on VHF Channel M1 (37a) call sign JOG One.

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, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Competitors should have due regard to the Governmental guidelines for Covid 19, social distancing and health and safety requirements.

17. Insurance

- 17.1 See Notice of Race Sec 26. **Please ensure that your policy gives suitable cover if you are sailing double handed.**

Sailing Instructions End

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

- 1. Provisional results will be posted on the website as soon possible after the race.
- 2. **JOG strongly discourages any social interaction, before or after racing, during these unusual times, for the safety and well being of us all.**
- 3. 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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