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2021 CHANNEL RACE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL OCEAN RACING CLUB IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

SATURDAY 24TH JULY 2021 FIRST WARNING SIGNAL 1050 HW PORTSMOUTH 1225 4.6M

CONTACT DETAILS

	Race Committee	Coastguard	Race Office Address
Start	Callsign "Ocean One" VHF Channel 72 (see also SI 8.2) Mobile: +447825 007 035 SMS: +447797 805 885 Email: racing@rorc.org	"Solent Coastguard" VHF Channel 16 +44239 255 2100 MMSI 002320011 (for notification of retirements or in emergencies)	The Disrespect 82, High Street Cowes, IOW PO31 7AJ Tel: +441983 295 144 Mobile: +447825 007 035 Email: racing@rorc.org
Finish	As above	As above	As above

Boats retiring from the race must immediately notify the Race Committee.

Failure to comply may lead to exclusion from future RORC racing.

THE ATTENTION OF EVERY PERSON IS DRAWN TO SPECIAL REGULATION 1.02 AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SUITABLE AND ADEQUATE PERSONAL INSURANCE

Pre Race: Please turn on and check AIS, Text Boat Name, Sail Number and number of crew to [+447797805885](tel:+447797805885)

Post Race: Complete declaration with finish time.

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(RRS Fundamental Rule 3)**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix WP of The Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3 RRS part 2 rules will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) between the times of local sunset and sunrise; or government right-of-way rules if applicable. A scoring penalty (RRS 44.3) will be applicable during these times.
- 1.4 RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.5 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with Category 2 liferafts, AIS Transponder and RORC Prescriptions.
- 1.6 The rules and regulations of appropriate Class rules; IRC Rules Parts A, B & C, Class40 and MOCRA Rules.
- 1.7 RRS 28.2 is amended to include: (d) pass between the marks or waypoints of a gate, pass or cross a line of latitude or longitude, as described in the course, from the direction of the previous mark.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 The 2021 RORC Notice of Race (NOR)
- 1.10 The Sailing Instructions (SIs)
- 1.11 If there is a conflict between the NOR and SIs the SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

2 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 2.1 A yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Rules and Sailing Instructions.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be published on the RORC website at <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents>

4 NOTICE TO MARINERS

- 4.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of Notice to Mariners and should be particularly aware of:
- 4.2 **Southampton Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel)**
Competitors are reminded to maintain a constant watch for shipping movements, particularly in the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel). Your attention is drawn to the ABP Notice to Mariners No.09 2021 which covers the movement of shipping and the accompanying sound signals that may be heard. See: https://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Yachting_and_Leisure/Notices_to_Mariners/

5 AIS

- 5.1 **All boats are required to have their AIS transceivers switched on and able to transmit (at least every minute) and receiving from 0900 on Saturday 24th July and throughout the race.**
- 5.2 A boat's AIS must transmit: the boat's MMSI number, current racing name.
- 5.3 Nothing shall be done to inhibit AIS transmissions
- 5.4 It is a boat's responsibility to ensure it has operational AIS transceiver before competing. The penalty for breaking this rule is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may **include disqualification.**

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class	TCC Range	Class Flag
IRC Zero	1.275 and greater	Pennant 0
IRC One	1.101 – 1.274	Pennant 1
IRC Two	1.051 – 1.100	Pennant 2
IRC Three	1.004 – 1.050	Pennant 3
IRC Four	0.850 – 1.003	Pennant 4
Multihull	1.200 and greater	Pennant 8
Class40	n/a	Class Insignia

7 MANDATORY REPORTING BEFORE RACE (P)

- 7.1 There is no identity gate for this race. (category 2 races only)
- 7.2 **Before leaving the dock, boats shall use their best endeavours to have an accurate crew list lodged in Sailgate. (<https://rorc.sailgate.com>)**
- 7.3 **After leaving the dock but before starting, each boat shall send an SMS (text) message to: +44 (0) 7797 805 885 using their declared “on-board” mobile number. The SMS (text) message shall contain the boat name, sail number and the number of persons on board. (example: Good Behaviour, GBR1234, 15)**
- 7.4 **In exceptional circumstances when the persons on board do not match the crew list as declared on Sailgate, then the full names(s) of either the persons not on the crew list or those not on board the boat shall also be included in the message.**
- 7.5 **A boat shall not sail with a crew member whose Emergency Contact details have not been lodged on Sailgate before the start of the race.**
- 7.6 **Should any boat fail to correctly SMS (text) crew numbers and/or fail to identify changes to the crew list, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty as detailed in 21.2.5.**

8 COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 The Race Committee may broadcast information on VHF Ch.72, Call sign “Ocean One”.
- 8.2 **Boats are reminded of their legal obligation to keep a continuous watch on VHF Ch.16.**
- 8.3 Boats are required to have their onboard mobile phone switched on at all times.
- 8.4 Inter-boat communication calls should when possible be on DSC or, VHF Ch.16 as a calling channel and VHF Ch.72 as a working channel.
- 8.5 Boats with communications in addition to VHF should act as a link, taking other boats’ reports on VHF and passing them to the Race Committee or Coastguard.

9 STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS

- 9.1 The race will be started by using RRS 26, with the warning signal being made 10 minutes before the starting signal.

Proposed Starting Times

IRC Four & IRC Three Warning Flag: Numeral 2	IRC Zero, IRC One, IRC Two, MOCRA & Class 40 Warning Flag: Numeral 1	Event	Signal
1050	1100	Warning	Warning flag displayed
1056	1106	Preparatory	Preparatory flag displayed
1059	1109	One-minute	Preparatory flag removed
1100	1110	Start	Warning flag removed

10 THE STARTING LINE

10.1 The starting line is formed by bringing the Royal Yacht Squadron's flagstaff into line with the white line on the orange diamond on the Castle. (As an aid to competitors, vertical light beams are installed at the RYS to identify the starting line transit. The intensity of the light beam increases as you approach the line, but the lights are momentarily obscured by the forward mast when you are on the line. The lights are navigational aids only and do not constitute the starting line. Any failure of this equipment shall be disregarded.)

Outer limit: (which is not on the starting line) Williams Shipping Buoy; leave to Starboard.

10.2 The start will be to the West

11 LATE AT THE START

11.1 If a boat which has not previously come to the starting area, is not off her moorings at her preparatory signal and comes to the starting area under power or being towed, she shall stop her engine (or drop the tow) and complete a Two-Turns penalty as specified in RRS 44.2 before starting. This changes RRS 44.1.

11.2 No penalty will be imposed for an infringement of RRS 42 for complying with SI 12.1. This changes RRS 42 and 45.

12 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

12.1 A yacht shall not enter an area designated as an Obstruction. Obstructions (if any) will be listed in Appendix One and issued with the course.

13 THE COURSE

13.1 The course will be mailed to competitors no later than 12 hours before the start.

14 REPORTING

14.1 In the event the Race Committee asks a boat to report (ie AIS failure), reporting should be done by SMS (+447797 805 885), email (racing@rorc.org) or any other means possible. Reports shall include:

Name of boat and Sail Number
Date/time (BST)/position
Course and Speed over the Ground
Names of any Boats nearby

15 USE OF ENGINE

15.1 When a yacht uses its engine, e.g. to avoid collision or in a grave emergency, the facts shall be reported on her Declaration Form.

16 TEMPORARY DISCONTINUANCE OF RACING

16.1 If a boat makes fast in order to take shelter or in an emergency, the crew may temporarily leave the boat to handle her moorings.

16.2 If she uses her engine for propulsion she shall, on re-joining the race, return to the spot where she began to use her engine, turn off her engine and complete a Two-Turns penalty as specified in RRS 44.2 before continuing to race from that spot. She shall report the circumstances on her Declaration Form. This changes RRS 45 and 47.2.

17 TIME LIMIT

17.1 There is no time limit for the race.

18 RETIREMENTS AND NON STARTERS

18.1 Retirements and non-starters must promptly inform the Race Committee or the Coastguard. It is imperative that yachts that are no longer competing can be excluded from any Search & Rescue operation. **Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification or exclusion from future RORC racing.**

19 THE FINISH

19.1 The finish line will be described in the course.

19.2 Yachts are reminded to take their own finishing times (BST) together with the names of the yachts ahead and astern, if any. Finishing times shall be delivered to the RORC as soon as possible using the sms text number.

20 RACE FINISH DECLARATIONS

20.1 After finishing or retiring, every yacht is required to fully complete and submit a Declaration Form to the Race Committee as soon as possible, but **not later than 24 hours after the end of the race.** Every member of the

crew shall sign the Declaration Form. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the yacht being excluded from the results. When a yacht retires from a race she shall write the reasons on her Declaration Form. The completed Declaration Form may be scanned and emailed to racing@rorc.org.

21 PENALTY SYSTEM

21.1 Scoring Penalty:

21.1.1 When the right-of-way rules of IPCAS apply (between the hours of local sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty applies (RRS 44.3).

21.1.2 The scoring penalty will be 10 minutes added to the boat's corrected time for each penalty.

21.2 Standard Penalties:

21.2.1 For a breach of any area designated an Obstruction, i.e. Traffic Separation Schemes, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%, unless the breach was unavoidable and unintentional and no advantage was gained. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

21.2.2 Should any boat break any part of SI 8, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20% of elapsed time. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

21.2.3 Should the Race Committee consider a standard penalty to be inappropriate, it may protest the boat.

21.2.4 If, in a valid hearing brought by the Race Committee under Sailing Instruction 21.2.1 or by another boat, a boat is found to have infringed RRS 28, 29.1 or Sailing Instruction 13 the penalty will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee but will not be less than the standard penalty.

21.3 Grounds for Protest:

21.3.1 Breaches of SI 8, 15 and 16 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1a.

21.4 Other Penalties

21.4.1 When the Protest Committee decides that a boat that is party to a protest hearing has broken a rule other than RRS Part 1 and 2 and that no serious damage or injury was caused and no significant advantage has been gained, it may apply a time penalty of up to 20%. Should the Protest Committee decide that the breach was minor and unintentional it may at its discretion choose to give a warning instead.

22 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

22.1 Protests and requests for redress may be written on plain paper, but Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

22.2 The protest time limit is 3 hours after the protesting yacht finishes.

23 SCORING

23.1 The Scoring System for Offshore Races, defined in Notice of Race 1.12.1, will apply.

24 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The following Trophies will be awarded:

Channel Challenge Cup – BCT IRC

Stetson Plate – IRC 1

Royal Albert YC Trophy – IRC 2

Royal Albert YC Trophy – IRC 3

Royal Albert YC Trophy – IRC 4

Assegai Bowl – Two-Handed Division

Hugh Astor Trophy – First Yacht Home

Inter Service Trophy – BCT Service Yacht

24.1 Medallions:

24.1.1 RORC medallions will be presented as prizes for each class and division as follows:

Number of starters	6 – 8	9 – 15	16 - 24	25 or more
Prizes	2	3	4	5

24.1.2 When there are fewer than 6 starters in a class it may be combined for prizes with a neighbouring class.

25 RISK STATEMENT

25.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

25.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) the provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.
- g) All boats shall comply with current covid-19 guidelines. Persons shall not compete if they have, or if they have been in contact with anyone with, symptoms of Covid-19 in the last 14 days, please use the advice available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment>. Activities are currently restricted by regulations and guidelines emanating from the government, port authorities and marinas. Key links are provided below.
Government: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
Port authorities: Cowes: https://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/local_notices_to_mariners
Portsmouth: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/local-notices>
Southampton: http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Yachting_and_Leisure/Notices_to_Mariners/

26 INSURANCE

- 26.1 Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured, against all third party claims.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

(Notices are for information and do not rank as part of the Sailing Instructions)

Cowes Clubhouse

All competitors and their families are welcome to use the Clubhouse which is situated on The Parade, Cowes. Dinner on Friday night will be available from 1900 to 2130. It is recommended that you book on +44 (0) 1983 293581 or by e-mail: cowes@rorc.org

Prizegiving

Trophies and medallions will be presented on Saturday 11th September at the RORC Cowes Clubhouse, The Parade, Cowes PO31 7QU at 1930. All skippers and crews are most welcome.

Race Report

Louay Habib has been contracted by the RORC to write the race reports for the 2021 RORC season. The RORC will supply Louay with mobile telephone numbers for competitors so you may receive a call from Louay about the race.