

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for the SORC Channel Week and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2017 Notice of Race including General Conditions, version 1.0 dated January 2017.
- b) All positions given use WGS84 and are approximate. All times are in BST.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

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- a) Communications (including declarations) should normally be with the Series Race Director, who will act as the Race Officer for the event. If he is uncontactable, the Race Officer may be contacted as back-up.
- b) Until 2000 on Thursday 15 June, amendments to SIs will be distributed by email and may also be posted on the SORC website. If a competitor will not have access to their email it is their sole responsibility to inform the Series Race Director, who will do his best to communicate by other means.
- c) Amendments made thereafter will if possible be notified at the Skippers' Briefing (see Section 2d). Amendments made after the Skippers' Briefing will be broadcast on VHF (Channel 72 [preferred] or Channel 77 [back-up]) before the start and may be notified by other means. Reasonable notice will be given.
- d) A Skippers' Briefing will be scheduled before each day's racing to confirm details of the start, including the designated Competitor Start boat if applicable, course, and finish line. All skippers are expected to attend. Any skipper that does not do so is responsible for obtaining this information from the Series Race Director.

3 CLASSES AND START TIMES

- a) Each yacht shall carry her class and SORC pennants on her backstay. Classes and flags are expected to be as follows

Class 1	IRC-rated boats with TCC of 0.990 or higher	NP1 and SORC pennant
Class 2	IRC-rated boats with TCC of 0.989 or lower	NP2 and SORC pennant
Class 3	Boats without an IRC rating	NP3 and SORC pennant

- b) It is intended to give a time check on VHF at 30 minutes before the first expected start. This will normally be GPS time; however, in the event of discrepancy, the time announced by the Race Officer/Competitor Start Boat will take priority.
- c) Starts will use a 5-4-1-go sequence.
- d) Starting signals and recalls will be made on VHF and not signalled visually, changing RRS 26, 29 and 30.

- e) If conditions are unsuitable for the planned start, boats may be directed to motor to a different area at a speed of not less than 5.5 knots and must try to stay together. The Race Officer may start the race at any time using the procedures specified in NoR Appendix 1.
- f) Anticipated details for Race 1 are provided in Appendix A.

4 PROGRAMME AND COURSES

- a) Up to 6 races will be sailed.
- b) A series of courses will be set suitable to the forecast conditions. It is intended that the race area will include destinations in the Channel Islands and north Brittany and finish in the Solent. Anticipated details are provided in Appendix A. However, if conditions are unsuitable, other English Channel destinations may be selected.
- c) All marks are rounding marks unless otherwise stated.

5 FINISHING AND SHORTENING COURSE

- b) There is no time limit.
- c) Competitors must take their own finish time in **BST**. Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.
- d) Amending RRS 32.2, 'SORC RACE CONTROL' or a nominated competitor may shorten the course by announcement on VHF identifying the new finish mark and bearing. In this event, take your own time when the finish mark is at the required bearing.
- e) You are reminded that bearings are taken from the normal helming position.

6 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING

- a) See Notice of Race including General Conditions Section 14.
- b) In the event of being delayed significantly beyond other competitors for any reason eg missing a tidal gate, gear failure, fouling a net, then every effort should be made to get an appropriate message to the Series Race Director, see Section 2 for contact details.

7 SCORING, RESULTS AND PRIZES

- a) Results will be published on the SORC website as soon as possible after racing.
- b) If practicable, informal prize-givings will be held after racing. Listen for announcements on VHF Channel 72.

Note, as stated in the NoR:

- c) All Channel Week races less one discard will count towards the boat's Channel Week series score
- d) The Petit Bateau ZTL Trophy will be awarded to the 1st IRC boat overall
- e) The Ana Cup will be awarded to the boat with most 1st places on the water
- f) Series prizes will be awarded to 1st in IRC Class 1; 1st in IRC Class 2; and 1st, 2nd and 3rd in IRC overall
- g) Up to 3 Channel Week race results can be counted towards the Season Championship

Appendix A: Race Schedule

Channel Week Race 1 - Sat 17 June Lymington to St Peter Port; 85NM HW Portsmouth 0515 & 1801 BST	
<i>Timings</i>	All Classes Warning 0755 Preparatory 0756 1 minute 0759 Start 0800
<i>Start</i>	In the vicinity of mark 2C-Colten (50° 43.833N 1° 30.882W), near entrance to the Lymington river; listen for announcements in VHF Channel 72
<i>Course</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave Casquets Light (Fl (5) 30s at 49° 43.318N 2° 22.614W) and outlying rocks to port
<i>Finish</i>	Finish when Reffée S cardinal (Q (6) + L Fl 15s at 49° 27.745N 2° 31.261W) bears 315° mag i.e. leave Reffée to starboard

Channel Week Race 2 - Mon 19 June St Peter Port to St Quay; 50NM	
<i>Timings</i>	All Classes Warning 0755 Preparatory 0756 1 minute 0759 Start 0800
<i>Start</i>	CSB procedure (see Appendix 1 to Notice of Race) in the vicinity of St Peter Port entrance
<i>Course</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave Madeux W cardinal (48° 40.420W 2° 48.799W) to port
<i>Finish</i>	Finish when Les Noirs W cardinal (48° 39.090N 2° 48 46W) bears 045° mag. i.e. leave Les Noirs to port

Channel Week Race 3 - Tue 20 June Day race around marks; 4-6 hours	
<i>Timings</i>	All Classes Warning 0955 Preparatory 0956 1 minute 0959 Start 1000
<i>Start</i>	CSB procedure in the vicinity of St Quay entrance
<i>Course</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be confirmed; weather-dependent
<i>Finish</i>	To be confirmed

Channel Week Race 4 - Wed 21 June St Quay to St Peter Port; 50 NM	
<i>Timings</i>	All Classes Warning 0755 Preparatory 0756 1 minute 0759 Start 0800
<i>Start</i>	CSB procedure in the vicinity of St Quay entrance
<i>Course</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave Madeux W cardinal (48° 40.420W 2° 48.799W) to starboard
<i>Finish</i>	Finish when Reffée S cardinal (49° 27.745N 2° 31.261W) bears 315° mag and is within 100m i.e. leave Reffée to starboard

Channel Week Race 5 - Thu 22 June Race around Sark	
<i>Timings</i>	All Classes Warning 0855 Preparatory 0856 1 minute 0859 Start 0900
<i>Start</i>	CSB procedure in the vicinity of St Peter Port entrance
<i>Course</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-clockwise around Sark; marks to be confirmed
<i>Finish</i>	Finish when Reffée S cardinal (49 27.745N 2 31.261W) bears 315° mag and is within 100m i.e. leave Reffée to starboard

Channel Week Race 6 - Fri 23 June St Peter Port to Solent; 85NM	
<i>Timings</i>	All Classes Warning 1555 Preparatory 1556 1 minute 1559 Start 1600
<i>Start</i>	CSB procedure in the vicinity of St Peter Port entrance
<i>Course</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave Casquets Light (Fl (5) 30s 37m at 49° 43.318N 2° 22.614W) and outlying rocks to port
<i>Finish</i>	Finish when 1K-North Head (50° 42.69N 01° 35.52W) bears 135° mag and is within 100m i.e. leave mark to starboard

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