

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for Races 4, 5 & 6 of the SORC Offshore Series, and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2018 Notice of Race including General Conditions, version 1.0 dated November 2017.
- b) At all times, including whilst on passage to the start and after the finish, boats shall comply with the Port of Southampton Byelaws and Cowes Harbour General Directions (see http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port_Information/Regulations/Byelaws/ and http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general_directions). Particular attention is drawn to the regulations relating to the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area.
- c) Yachts shall not anchor or kedge within the area defined by the two lines denoting power cables and gas pipes between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay as shown on Admiralty chart 2036.
- d) All positions given use WGS84 and are approximate. All times are in BST.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

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- a) Declarations should be sent to the RO.
- b) After the start of Race 4, other communications should normally be with the Series Race Director, who will act as the Race Officer for the event. If he is uncontactable, the RO may be contacted as back-up.
- c) Until 2000 on Wednesday 18 July, 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.
- d) Amendments made thereafter will if possible be notified at the Skippers' Briefing (see Section 2e). 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.
- e) All skippers are expected to attend a Skippers' Briefing scheduled before each day's racing to confirm details of the start, including the designated Competitor Start boat if applicable, course, and finish line. If conditions are unsuitable for the planned courses, reasonable alternatives may be set. Any skipper that does not attend 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 class 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
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- b) It is intended to give a time check on VHF Channel 72 [preferred] or Channel 77 [back-up] 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 RC will take priority.
- e) Starts will use a 5-4-1-go sequence. Anticipated times are shown in Appendix A.
- f) Changes to anticipated start times will if possible be notified via SMS or email by 2000 on the evening before the race and will be announced on VHF after the time check and at 20 and 15 minutes before the first start.
- g) Starting signals and recalls will be made on VHF and not signalled visually, changing RRS 26, 29 and 30.
- h) If conditions are unsuitable for the planned start, boats may be directed to motor to a different start area at a speed of not less than 5.5 knots and must try to stay together. The Race Committee may start the race at any time using the procedures specified in NoR Appendix 1.

4 OBSTRUCTIONS

- a) A boat shall not enter an area designated as an Obstruction when racing.
- b) All Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) are designated as Obstructions
- c) The area of each TSS is a box. The coordinates are given below. The boundaries are the rhumb lines between adjacent corners.

TSS	Position (WGS84)					
		Latitude	Longitude		Latitude	Longitude
Casquets	A	50° 03'.50N	002° 57'.40W	B	50° 08'.60N	002° 28'.30W
	C	49° 51'.30N	002° 21'.10W	D	49° 46'.30N	002° 50'.30W

- d) Adding to Section 15 of the Notice of Race, for a breach of any area designated an Obstruction ie TSS, the RC 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. Should the RC consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate, it may protest the boat.

5 COURSES

See Appendix A.

6 FINISHING AND SHORTENING COURSE

- a) Finishing lines are specified in Appendix A.
- b) Competitors must take their own finish time.
- c) 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.
- d) You are reminded that bearings are taken from the normal helming position.

7 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING

See Notice of Race including General Conditions Section 14.

8 SCORING, RESULTS AND PRIZES

- a) Results will be published on the SORC website as soon as possible after each day's racing.
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b) If practicable, an informal prize giving will be held in St Peter Port after Races 4 and 5.

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Appendix A: Race Schedule

Offshore Series Race 4 - Thu 19 July Cowes to St Peter Port, approximately 95 nm	
<i>Timings</i>	<i>Classes 2 & 3:</i> Warning signal 1755, start 1800 <i>Class 1:</i> Warning signal 1825, start 1830
<i>Identity gate</i>	No earlier than 40 minutes before the first scheduled start, each yacht, as draft permits, must pass between the beach and the mooring buoys in the vicinity of the starting line in an East to West direction with the skipper wearing a lifejacket and harness and receive visual acknowledgement.
<i>Start line</i>	The Lisburne line, between a flagstaff flying a SORC flag and Gurnard Buoy (3U). The flagstaff is behind the race box about 50 metres to the east of the New Holmwood Hotel, Egypt Point.
<i>Course</i>	One of the following: Course A: From the start to the finish (approximately 65 nm) leaving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needles Light (Oc(2)WRG20s at 50°39.73N 1°35.29W to port • Casquets Light (Fl (5) 30s at 49°43.318N 2°22.614W) and outlying rocks to port Course B: As sent out by SMS and announced on VHF.
<i>Finish line</i>	The finish mark is Reffée S cardinal (Q (6) + L Fl 15s at 49°27.745N 2°31.261W). Take your own time when the buoy is within 100 metres and bears 330° mag i.e. leave Reffée to starboard. Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.
<i>Time limit</i>	None

Offshore Series Race 5 - Sat 21 July Race around Sark, approximately 20 nm	
<i>Timings</i>	All Classes: Warning 0955; Start 1000
<i>Starting</i>	Competitor start boat procedure described in Appendix 1 of the Notice of Race in the vicinity of St Peter Port entrance.
<i>Course</i>	From the start line anti-clockwise round Sark (leave Sark to port); marks to be confirmed.
<i>Finish line</i>	The finish mark is Reffée S cardinal (Q (6) + L Fl 15s at 49°27.745N 2°31.261W). Take your own time when the buoy is within 100 metres and bears 330° mag i.e. leave Reffée to starboard. Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.
<i>Time limit</i>	None

Offshore Series Race 6 - Sun 22 July St Peter Port to Solent, approximately 80 nm	
<i>Timings</i>	All Classes: Warning 1155; Start 1200
<i>Starting</i>	Competitor start boat procedure described in Appendix 1 of the Notice of Race in the vicinity of St Peter Port entrance.
<i>Course</i>	Leave Casquets Light (Fl (5) 30s 37m at 49° 43.318N 2° 22.614W) and outlying rocks to starboard
<i>Finish line</i>	The finish mark is 1K-North Head at 50° 42.69N 01° 35.52W. Finish when North Head bears 135° mag and is within 100 m i.e. leave mark to starboard. Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.
<i>Time limit</i>	None

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