

Solo Offshore Racing Club 26 & 27 April

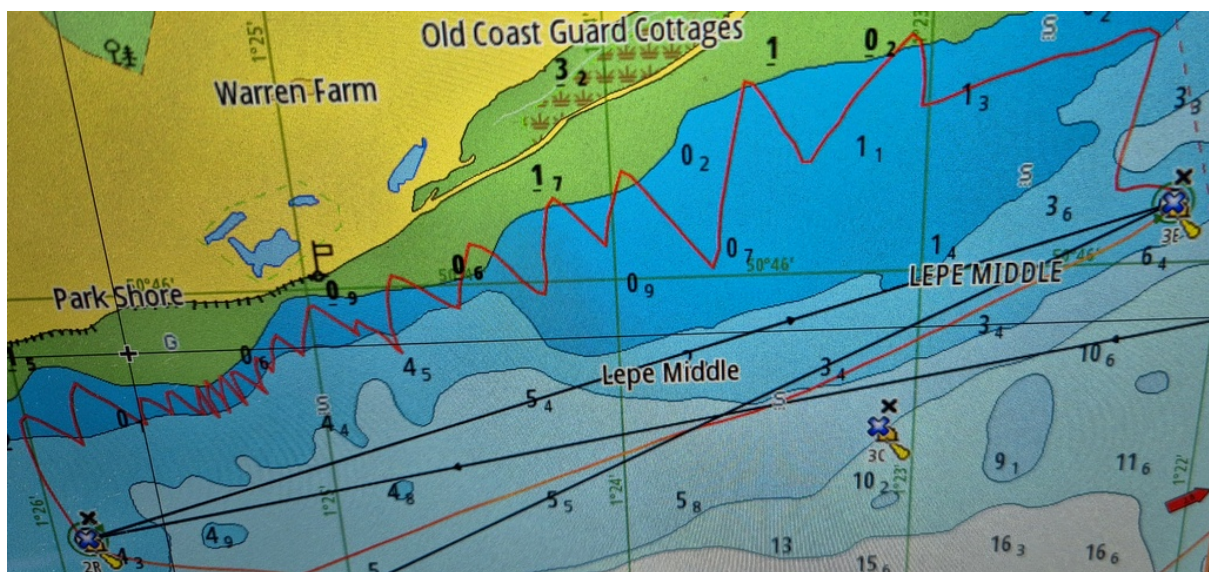
The weather gods kindly provided sufficient breeze for the SORC Solent race to Yarmouth as far as the penultimate mark, where the course was prudently shortened. The combination of light headwinds and a strong foul tide on the second leg meant ditch crawling up the mainland shore, when both solo boats and double handers had a real work out, putting in around 40 short tacks each.

Rob Macgregor's Mustang 30 Dark Horse risked being swept over the line for a well judged start and was rewarded by winning IRC Class 2 and Solo Overall ahead of newbie Don Forster's First 31.7 Memory Maker. Stephen Thomas's C&C 115 Azora won IRC 1 and Edward Rogers on J/97 Joyride (another newbie) won the Double Handed class.

Results were announced and informal bottle prizes awarded in Lymington, followed by the formal 2024 prize giving and a convivial dinner, when the newcomers were particularly welcomed and tales of derring-do swapped.

The breeze for the return leg the next day unfortunately materialised too late and despite efforts to run a short windward/leeward course, racing had to be abandoned.

The next SORC event, open to double handed as well as solo boats, goes to Weymouth on Saturday 10 May.



Who needs a gym?