

PREFACE

At the time of publication, the impact of Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic on the 2021 racing season is uncertain. Every effort will be made to run the programme as scheduled. However, it is subject to change, not only due to the weather but prevailing government regulations and guidelines. If a scheduled event is not possible, every effort will be made to provide an alternative.

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Solo Offshore Racing Club Limited (SORC).

2 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- a) Entries are accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- b) All competitors must be aged 18 years or older on the date of any race entered.
- c) Only one person shall be on board whilst racing, except as required by Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 1.1 or when a double-handed class is provided.
- d) Boats must comply with the applicable Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) category as listed in Section 5.
- e) Before confirming any race entry, the organisers may request the skipper to provide evidence of relevant previous experience. The Race Director will be happy to advise on what is required.
- f) The organisers may waive or modify some of the requirements listed above; requests must be made and determined in writing. Additional procedures and/or restrictions may be prescribed.
- g) The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2 million per event.
- h) Entry into and taking part in any race is conditional upon the skipper having made a declaration as set out in the Risk Statement and Declaration as part of the online entry process. It is the sole responsibility of the skipper to ensure they read, understand and agree the declaration.

3 CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

- a) All boats shall display a SORC pennant on their backstay. A pennant will be supplied free to new entrants; replacements may be purchased via the SORC website.
- b) Boats entering an IRC class shall have a valid IRC certificate dated at least 7 days before the race start. No alteration in a boat's certificate will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors. Boats with an IRC rating must compete in an IRC class.
- c) Depending on the number of entries, classes are likely to be as shown below. Only certain events include double-handed classes (see Section 5).

Class	Flag	Rating
Class 1	NP 1	Solo boats with an IRC rating
Class 2	NP 2	Solo boats with an IRC rating
Class 3	NP 3	Solo boats without an IRC rating
Class 4	NP4	Double-handed boats with an IRC rating
Class 5	NP5	Double-handed boats without an IRC rating

- d) During a series, a boat shall remain in its original class even if its time correction coefficient (TCC) changes.
- e) The race committee reserves the right to alter classes as it sees fit.

4 ENTRY FEES & RESERVATIONS

- a) Individual race/event entry fees are listed in Section 5. Payment and complete entry details must be submitted no later than **7 days before the race**.
- b) Late entry: SORC is run entirely by volunteers. Late entries cause additional work and sometimes problems; these will be accepted at the discretion of the race committee only in special circumstances and **will** incur a surcharge of 25%.

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5 2021 RACE PROGRAMME

Date	Event	Series	OSR Category	Start Area	Distance or Duration ²	HW Portsmouth	First Start ²	Fee
Sat 17 Apr	Solent Shakedown ¹	Inshore 1	4	Central Solent	3-4 h	1527	1000	£25
Sat 8 May Sun 9 May	Poole & Back	Inshore 2 & 3	4	Central Solent	4-6 h per race	1109 1100	1000 1200	£50
Fri 21 May Sun 23 May	Weymouth & Back (via Forts)	Offshore 1 & 2	3 with liferaft ³	Central Solent	65 NM 40 NM	2012 0928	1800 1100	£50
Fri 4 Jun Sun 6 Jun Mon 7 Jun	Solent to Guernsey Round Sark Guernsey to Solent	Offshore 3 - 5	3 with liferaft ³	Central Solent St Peter Port St Peter Port	95 NM 25 NM 95 NM	2038 - 1029 / 2254	1900 TBA TBA	£75
Fri 25 Jun	Solent to Dartmouth (via Forts) ⁴	Offshore 6	3 with liferaft ³	Central Solent	110 NM	1229	1700	£25
Fri 25 Jun - Sun 4 Jul	Channel Week ⁵	CW	3 with liferaft ³	Central Solent	10 days	1229	1700	£125
Sat 17 Jul	Round Isle of Wight (RIOW)	Inshore 4	4	Central Solent	50 NM	0512	0730	£80
Fri 20 Aug Sun 22 Aug	Cherbourg & Back	Offshore 7 & 8	3 with liferaft ³	Central Solent Cherbourg	75 NM per race	2250 1216	1900 0800	£50
Sat 18 Sep Sun 19 Sep	Yarmouth & Back	Inshore 5 & 6	4	Central Solent Yarmouth	3-4 h per race	1042 1131	1000 1000	£50
Sat 09 Oct Sun 10 Oct	Eastern Solent & Hayling Bay	Inshore 7 & 8	4	Eastern Solent	3-4 h per race	1402 1447	1000 1000	£50
Sat 23 Oct	Lay-up Nab Tower Race ¹	Inshore 9	4	Central Solent	30 NM	1353	1000	£25

1. Includes classes for double-handed boats.
2. Start times are in BST. Distances and durations are approximate.
3. Where a life raft is required, it must comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) requirements for Category 2.
4. Also first race of Channel Week, the fee for which includes this race.
5. After Dartmouth, a series of races appropriate to the forecast conditions will be set with a stopover in Plymouth prior to the start of the Lonely Rock Race, then returning to the Solent.

6 RESULTS, SCORING & PRIZES

- a) Results based on corrected finish times will be given for boats racing in rated classes which have supplied a valid TCC. There will be overall IRC results as well as results by class.
- b) Results based on elapsed times will be given to boats racing in non-rated classes.
- c) Race results will be sent via email to skippers and posted on the SORC website as soon as possible after the finish.
- d) If permitted, there will be an informal prize giving at the end of Inshore Races 2, 4, 5, 7 & 9 and Offshore Races 1, 3, 4, 6 & 7. The yellow Winner flag will go to the overall winner to fly until the next race. There will be bottle prizes for the winners of classes 1 & 2; the best two places in IRC overall that have not yet won a prize; and a Race Director discretionary award. Bottle prizes cascade down if the winner is not present.
- e) Series scores will be determined using the Low Point System of Appendix 4. Rule A5.3 will apply.
- f) Series prizes will be awarded at the annual prize giving as shown below.

Series	Class	Position	Races to count / Trophy
Inshore	1 & 2 IRC overall	1, 2 & 3 1	<i>Best 5</i> Petit Bateau Cup (1 st IRC overall)
Offshore	1 & 2 IRC overall	1, 2 & 3 1	<i>Best 5</i> Beagle Cup (1 st IRC overall)
Channel Week	IRC overall	1	<i>Best 4</i> Petit Bateau ZTL Trophy
Season Championship	1 & 2 IRC overall	1, 2 & 3 1	<i>Best 10 results with up to 5 from Inshore Series, up to 5 from Offshore Series and up to 2 from CW.</i> Solon Cup (1 st IRC overall)

- g) Other awards will be as shown below.

Event	Achievement	Trophy
RIOW Solo	1st IRC overall 1st on the water	Anticipation Cup Watermark II Trophy
Nab Tower race	1st IRC overall	Carbon Pole
Longest race	1st IRC overall	ZTL Trophy
To Weymouth	1st IRC overall	Wonky Mainsail Trophy
Channel Week	Most 1sts on the water	Ana Cup
2021 season	Best rookie Best act of seamanship	Keeper Prize Spirit of SORC

- h) If a boat changes skipper during a series, each skipper will be treated as a separate entry in the series results.
- i) If a skipper changes boat during a series, the new boat may acquire the points accumulated by the previous boat for the purpose of overall season standings and, if both the previous and new boats are in the same class, for the purpose of standing within class.

7 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Racing is governed by the following:

- a) The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24 (RRS) and Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions (see <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/racing-rules-downloads.aspx>).
From sunset to sunrise, RRS Part 2 (When Boats Meet) shall not apply and are replaced by the right of way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
- b) This Notice of Race; the General Sailing Instructions 2021; the specific Sailing Instructions for each event; and Appendix 1, Competitor Start Boat (CSB) Procedure (<https://www.offshoresolo.com/documentation>). Sailing Instructions for each event will be posted on the events page of the SORC website at least 5 days before the start of the event.
- c) The IRC rules Parts A, B and C (www.ircrating.org) and class rules in force at the time of the race appropriate for the class entered.
- d) Relevant local by-laws, which also apply whilst on passage to the start and after the finish.
 - http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port_Information/Regulations/Byelaws/
 - <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/regulations>
 - https://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general_directions
 - Prohibited anchorage area defined by the two lines denoting power cables and gas pipes between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay as shown on Admiralty chart 2036
 - By-laws applicable to passages and destinations as specified in the relevant sailing instructions.
- e) The current relevant World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) and Equipment Rules of Sailing (www.sailing.org/documents).
- f) The RYA Racing Charter (www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter).
- g) The Post-race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedure (<https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/rules-disputes-process.aspx>) will be available.
- h) World Sailing Appendix WP Rules For Racing Around Waypoints ([https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforRacingAroundWaypoints-\[19996\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforRacingAroundWaypoints-[19996].pdf)). If a mark of the course is missing, it should be regarded as a waypoint in the charted position.
- i) World Sailing Appendix TS Traffic Separation Schemes, Section B ([https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/APPENDIXTSforpostingonwebsiteJan222020-\[26264\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/APPENDIXTSforpostingonwebsiteJan222020-[26264].pdf))

8 APPLICABLE LAW

These rules and conditions shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. The courts of England and Wales and of no other country shall be the jurisdiction for resolution of all actions with regard to these rules and conditions and as to the conduct and organisation of the all matters relating to the races organised.

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

Risk Statement and Declaration for all Races

Please note this Declaration will remain valid for all races organised by the Solo Offshore Racing Club Limited in 2021

RISK STATEMENT

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.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 omissions;
- 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, patrol boats if any, and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and
- h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third party claims.

DECLARATION

I have read and understood the Notice of Race and SORC General Conditions and undertake to familiarise myself fully with all subsequent documentation in connection with races I wish to enter, including the relevant Sailing Instructions and all amendments to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, SORC Notice of Race, General Conditions and Sailing Instructions, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) and other applicable rules. In particular I understand the OSR categories for the races in which I am competing, as set out in the Notice of Race. The boat will be made available for inspection at SORC's request but I accept that any inspection that may take place will not in any way reduce my responsibilities set out above.

I agree that if any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine or propeller, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Director in good time.

I understand and agree that the information given in this form and also the information contained on race lists and results will be maintained on SORC-related computers to be used for all aspects of race organisation.

I undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.

I am 18 years of age or older / My date of birth is (*delete one*)

Boat Name	Signature	Date
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Skipper
Witness