

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for Races 3 & 4 of the SORC Offshore Series, and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2019 Notice of Race including General Conditions, version 1.0 dated January 2019.
- 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) All boats shall stay north of the Le Havre fairway and not to enter the channel unless in the process of entering or leaving the port. Do not hinder shipping in the main approach channel. Please keep a listening watch on VHF Ch.12 which will inform you about commercial traffic movements.
- d) All positions given use WGS84 and are approximate. All times are in BST.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

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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 0.985 or higher	NP1 and SORC pennant
Class 2	IRC-rated boats with TCC of 0.984 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 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 COURSE

- a) See Appendix A.
- b) Courses may use:
 - Marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 08 Feb 2019 (see <http://www.scra.org.uk/web/text/2018-19/SolentMarks2019-Zones.pdf>)
 - Standard navigation marks in the central English Channel and approaches to Le Havre
 - Virtual waypoints as specified in the course announcement. Attention is drawn to World Sailing guidance on Racing Around Waypoints at [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforRacingAroundWaypoints-\[19996\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforRacingAroundWaypoints-[19996].pdf)
- c) It is intended to send the course via SMS, if possible by 2000 on the evening before the race, and to confirm it on VHF after the time check. In exceptional circumstances, the course may differ from that given out the previous evening.

5 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.

6 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING

See Notice of Race including General Conditions Section 14.

7 SCORING, RESULTS AND PRIZES

- a) Results will be published on the SORC website as soon as possible after each day's racing.
- b) If practicable, an informal prize giving will be held in Le Havre after the outbound race.

Appendix A: Race Schedule

Offshore Series Race 3 - Fri 31 May HW Portsmouth 2245 BST	
<i>Timings</i>	<i>All classes:</i> Warning signal 1855, start 1900
<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 90 nm) leaving: Cowes breakwater to Starboard Horse Sand Fort (6B) at 50° 45.01N 01° 04.34W to Port Bembridge Ledge buoy (6F) at 50° 41.15N 01° 02.81W to Starboard Course B: As sent out by SMS and confirmed on VHF
<i>Finish line</i>	Approximately 5 nm NE of Le Havre Harbour entrance. The finish line extends 100 m on a bearing of 070° from General Metzinger north cardinal buoy (V Qk Fl) at 49° 32.61N, 00° 01.99W. Take your finish time in BST when the buoy is within 0.05 nm and bears 250° magnetic i.e., leave the buoy 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 4 - Sun 02 June

HW Portsmouth

1136; 2355 BST

Details of the start to be confirmed in Le Havre and notified by SMS with the course announcement

<i>Timings</i>	<i>All Classes:</i> Warning signal 0725, start 0730 BST
<i>Start line</i>	The starting area will be in the vicinity of Le Havre harbour entrance. The start is likely to use the Competitor Start Boat procedure set out in Appendix 1 of the NoR; or as otherwise notified
<i>Course</i>	One of the following: Course A: From the start to the finish (approximately 90 nm) leaving Bembridge Ledge buoy (6F) at 50° 41.15N 01° 02.81W to Port Horse Sand Fort (6B) at 50° 45.01N 01° 04.34W to Starboard Course B: As sent out by SMS and confirmed on VHF
<i>Finish line</i>	The finish line extends 0.05 nm to the south-west of North Sturbridge north cardinal buoy (5F) VQ at 50° 45.33N, 01° 08.23W. Record your finish time when the finish buoy is within 100 m and bears 045° magnetic, i.e., leave the buoy to starboard. Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.
<i>Time limit</i>	None