

### 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 in a solo class, two in a double handed class, except as required by Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 1.1.
- d) Boats must comply with the applicable Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) category as listed in Section 5. For Category 3 events, the competitor shall have undertaken training within the five years before the start of the race in OSR 6.02 Training Topics.
- 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) Boats shall be adequately insured against third party claims before racing.
- 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.
- i) Entries for SORC Channel Week must enter the Normandie Solo in accordance with its Notice of Race, have a valid IRC rating, and register their entry for SORC Channel Week via the SORC website.

### 3 CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

- a) Solo boats shall display a SORC pennant on the backstay. A SORC pennant will be supplied free to new solo 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) If a boat holds both primary and secondary IRC certificates, it must use the configuration with the higher time correction coefficient (TCC) unless otherwise declared to SORC in writing at least 7 days before the race start.
- d) A boat shall remain in its original class in all IRC races even if its TCC changes.
- e) Depending on the number of entries, classes are likely to be as shown below.

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

- f) 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%**.
- c) **Refund policy:** Refund in full if the entrant cancels 7 or more days before an event (14 days for R1OW). No refund thereafter. If the Race Committee or Race Officer cancels or abandons a race 1 or more days before it is scheduled, entry fees are carried forwards to a future event. No refund thereafter.

## 5 2023 RACE PROGRAMME

Date	Event	Series	OSR Category	Start Area	Distance or Duration <sup>2</sup>	HW Portsmouth	First Start <sup>2</sup>	Fee
15-16 Apr	Poole & Back	Inshore 1 & 2	4	Central Solent	4-6 h per race	0805 0915	1000 1100	£50
6-8 May	Eastern Solent & Hayling Bay	Inshore 3, 4 & 5	4	Eastern Solent	4-6 h per race	1242 1319 1359	1000 1000 1000	£75
19-21 May	Cherbourg Peninsula	Offshore 1 & 2	3 with liferaft <sup>1</sup>	Central Solent / Cherbourg	65-70 NM 65-70 NM	0020 (20 <sup>th</sup> ) 1327	1830 0900	£50
10 Jun	Round Isle of Wight (RIOW)	Inshore 6	4	Central Solent	50 NM	0458 / 1754	0700	£80 solo <sup>3</sup> £100 DH <sup>3</sup>
30 Jun	Solent-Le Havre	Offshore 3	3 with liferaft <sup>1</sup>	Central Solent	90 NM	0927 / 2153	1400	£25
03-08 Jul	Normandie Solo <sup>4</sup> / Channel Week	CW	3 with liferaft <sup>1</sup>	Le Havre	See Normandie Solo Notice of Race			
04-06 Aug	Alderney & Back	Offshore 4 & 5	3 with liferaft <sup>1</sup>	Lymington	65 NM 80 NM	1421 1615	1700 0700	£50
25, 27, 28 Aug	Weymouth (via forts) Weymouth Bay Weymouth to Solent	Offshore 6, 7 & 8	3 with liferaft <sup>1</sup>	Central Solent / Weymouth	65 NM 4-6 h 40 NM	1824 0848 2218	1630 1000 1200	£75
16-17 Sep	Cowes	Inshore 7 & 8	4	Central Solent	4-6 h per race	1320 1350	1000 1000	£50
14 Oct	Lay-up Nab Tower Race	Inshore 9	4	Central Solent	30 NM	1215	0930	£25

1. Where a life raft is required, it must comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) requirements for Category 2.
2. Start times are in BST. Distances and durations are approximate.
3. Entry fee includes shirt(s)
4. Results of Normandie Solo will be extracted

## 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 solo IRC results as well as results by class.
- b) For boats entered in Channel Week, results of the Normandie Solo event will be extracted and re-scored using IRC.
- c) Results based on elapsed times will be given to boats racing in non-rated classes.
- d) Race results will be sent via email to skippers and posted on the SORC website as soon as possible after the finish.
- e) If permitted, there will be an informal prize giving at the end of Inshore Races 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 & 9 and Offshore Races 1, 3, 4, 6, & 7. The yellow Winner flag will go to the overall solo winner to fly until the next race. There will be bottle prizes for the winners of classes 1 & 2; the best two places in solo 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.
- f) Series scores will be determined using the Low Point System of Appendix 4. RRS A5.3 will apply. To be eligible for a series score, a boat must rank as a starter for at least 1 race in the series. This changes RRS A2.2.
- g) Series prizes will be awarded at the annual prize giving as shown below.

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

- h) Other awards for solo boats will be as shown below.

Event	Achievement	Trophy
RIOW	1st Solo IRC overall 1st Solo on the water*	Anticipation Cup <sup>†</sup> Watermark II Trophy <sup>†</sup>
Nab Tower race	1st IRC overall	Carbon Pole <sup>†</sup>
Longest race	1st IRC overall	ZTL Trophy
Solent to Weymouth	1st IRC overall	Wonky Mainsail Trophy <sup>†</sup>
Channel Week	Most 1sts on the water* <sup>†</sup>	Ana Cup
2023 season	Best rookie Best act of seamanship	Keeper Prize Spirit of SORC

\* Based on shortest elapsed time after adjustment for any penalty or redress

† Ties will be broken based on the longest race counted

‡ If the race is abandoned/cancelled, the trophy may be reallocated to a different event

- i) If a solo boat changes skipper during a series, each skipper will be treated as a separate entry in the series results.
- j) If a solo 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 2023; 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 2023 IRC rules Parts A, B and C ([www.ircrating.org](http://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/](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port_Information/Regulations/Byelaws/)
  - <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/khm/portsmouth/safety-and-regulations/regulations>
  - [https://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general\\_directions](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; (<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/> ) and Equipment Rules of Sailing (<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/equipment-rules-of-sailing/> ).
- f) The RYA Racing Charter ([www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://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/rules/rules-disputes> ) will be available.
- h) World Sailing Appendix WP Rules For Racing Around Waypoints ([https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforWaypointsMay2021-\[27276\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforWaypointsMay2021-[27276].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/AppendixTSTrafficSeparationSchemeRulesJanuary2021-\[27332\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixTSTrafficSeparationSchemeRulesJanuary2021-[27332].pdf))

## 8 CHANGES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

- a) Change definition of Start as follows:

**Start** A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either

- (a) at or after her starting signal, or
- (b) during the last 5 minutes before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of Start but, if she does not, the starting penalty shall be at least 5 minutes added to her elapsed time plus a further 5 minutes for every whole minute early.

Separate starting penalties apply for the Competitor Start Boat (CSB) Procedure, see Appendix 1.

- b) IRC rule 15.2(d) does not apply. Amending RRS 52, all types of self-steering devices are permitted.
- c) Section 6f) amends RRS2.2 (series entries) and Sections 6g) and 6h) amend RRS A8 (series ties).
- d) Additional changes to rules are described in the General Sailing Instructions 2023; the specific Sailing Instructions for each event; and Appendix 1, Competitor Start Boat (CSB) Procedure, as applicable.

## **9 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 2023

### **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 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
Skipper	.....	.....	.....
Witness	.....	.....	.....