



Channel Week
Sat 13 to Sat 20 July 2024
Sailing Instructions

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1 GENERAL

- b) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for SORC Channel Week races and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2024 Notice of Race 1.0 dated November 2023 and General Sailing Instructions 1.0 dated 10 March 2024.
- c) At all times, including whilst on passage to the start and after the finish, boats shall comply with the Port of Southampton Byelaws (http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port_Information/Regulations/Byelaws/), Cowes Harbour General Directions (http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general_directions), King's Harbour Master Portsmouth General Directions (<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/khm/portsmouth/local-notices>) and relevant bye-laws for all ports visited. Particular attention is drawn to the regulations relating to the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area and Direction relating to the Exclusion Zone for underway warships.
- d) Competitors should be aware of the submarine barrier north of Horse Sand Fort (6B).
- e) All positions given use WGS84 and are approximate. All times are in BST.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

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- a) Until 2000 on Friday 12 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 Race Director, who will do his best to communicate by other means.
- b) Amendments made thereafter will if possible be notified at the Skippers' Briefing (see Section 3). 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.

3 SKIPPERS' BRIEFING

- a) A Skippers' Briefing will be scheduled before each race to confirm details of the start, course, and finish line. All skippers are expected to attend. Any skipper that does not do so is responsible for obtaining this information from the Race Director.

4 CLASSES AND START TIMES

- a) Each yacht shall carry her class and SORC pennants on her backstay. Classes and flags are expected to be as follows

Class 1	Solo IRC rated boats with TCC of 0.975 or higher	NP1 and SORC pennant
Class 2	Solo IRC rated boats with TCC of 0.974 or lower	NP2 and SORC pennant
Class 3	Solo boats without an IRC rating	NP3 and SORC pennant

Class 4	Double-handed IRC rated boats	NP4 and SORC pennant
Class 5	Double-handed boats without an IRC rating	NP5 and SORC pennant

- b) Starts are likely to use the Committee Start Boat procedures specified in the General Sailing Instructions.
- c) 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.
- d) Starts will use a 5-4-1-go sequence.
- e) Starting signals and recalls will be made on VHF and not signalled visually, changing RRS 26, 29 and 30.
- f) If conditions are unsuitable for the planned start, boats may be directed to motor in the direction of the course at a speed of not less than 5.5 knots and must try to stay together. The race may start at any time using the Committee Start Boat procedures specified in the General Sailing Instructions.

5 COURSE

- a) It is intended to run up to 6 races, comprising a mix of longer legs across the channel with some shorter, challenging tidal courses around the Channel Islands and rest days. A draft programme is provided in Appendix A; however, start times, courses and destinations are subject to change depending on prevailing and forecast weather conditions and will be confirmed at the Skippers Briefing (see Section 3).
- b) The courses may use any of:
 - Standard navigation marks in the central and western English Channel and coast of France
 - Marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 05 Feb 2024 (see <https://www.scra.org.uk/solent-marks/solent-marks2>)
 - Virtual waypoints as specified in the course announcement. World Sailing guidance on Racing Around Waypoints at <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/racing-rules-of-sailing/> will apply.

Boats shall ensure they carry charting and pilotage information sufficient to cover possible alternatives.

- d) Competitors are reminded that:
 - if any mark of the course is missing, it should be regarded as a virtual waypoint in its charted position
 - all traffic separation schemes rank as obstructions
 - all marks are rounding marks unless otherwise stated

6 FINISHING AND SHORTENING COURSE

- a) The finish will be announced with the course.
- b) There is no time limit.
- c) Competitors must take their own finish time in hours, minutes and seconds in BST.
- d) 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.
- e) You are reminded that bearings are taken from the normal helming position.

7 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING

See General Sailing Instructions Section 7.

8 SCORING, RESULTS AND PRIZES

- a) Results will be published on the SORC website as soon as possible after racing.
- b) Where possible, it is intended that an informal prize giving will be held after each race, at which a bottle prize will be awarded to the first boat in each class. This changes NoR 6d).
- c) At the end of the series, up to 7 bottles in total will be awarded based on series scores. This changes NoR 6d).

APPENDIX A

Race	Start Date	HW Dover	Start Vicinity		Course	Finish Line		Distance
1.	Sat 13 Jul	0433 1645	Solent 4P West Ryde Middle	1000	Leave: • Horse Sand Fort (6B) to P • Bembridge Ledge buoy (6F) to S	Cherbourg	Transit of a red pillar buoy (Fl R 4s) at 49° 40.39N 01° 38.89W and Fort de l'Ouest lighthouse (approximate bearing 020°); pass within 100 m of the buoy (leave the buoy to port).	75
2.	Sun 14 Jul	0518 1733	Cherbourg Grande Rade	1500	Leave: • La Plate N cardinal buoy at 49° 43.97N 01° 55.74W and all off-lying rocks to P	Alderney ²	Braye breakwater light (L Fl) at 49° 43.72N, 02° 11.72W bears 315° M	25
3.	Mon 15 Jul	0617 1834 Neaps	Braye harbour entrance	0800	Leave: • Guernsey & all off-lying rocks ¹ to P	St Peter Port ²	Anfré Y Beacon at 49° 26.45N, 02° 31.48W bears 270° M	36
	Tue 16 Jul	0727 1943	Rest Day					
4.	Wed 17 Jul	0831 2047	St Peter Port Little Russel	0800	Leave: • Guernsey & all off-lying rocks ¹ to S	Dartmouth	Homestone red can buoy (QR) at 50° 19.61'N, 03° 33.55'W bears 270° M within 100 m (pass to port).	71
	Thu 18 Jul	0928 2144	Rest Day					
5.	Fri 19 Jul	1019 2236	Dartmouth SE of river entrance	0800	Start to finish	Weymouth	Portland Harbour Outer Breakwater Fort Head (N end) (QR) at 50° 35.11'N, 02° 24.87'W bears 270° M within 100 m (pass to port)	60
6.	Sat 20 Jul	1106 2324	Weymouth E of harbour	0800	Start to finish	Lymington ³	North Head (1K) bears 135° M within 100 m (pass to starboard)	40

All positions (WGS84) and distances are approximate

¹ See Appendix B

² Option to go straight from Cherbourg to St Peter Port on Mon 15 Jul; 44 NM

³ Option to go straight from Dartmouth to Lymington

APPENDIX B

The following (which may not be exhaustive) lists drying rocks off Guernsey that should be left on the required side

- Platte
- Petite Canupe
- Platte Fougere
- Grandes Brayes
- Roque au Nord
- La Main
- Hoffets
- Mouliere
- Boue Corneille
- Grand Saut Rocher
- Suzanne
- Les Grunes de Nord Ouest
- Le Boin
- La Soufleuresse
- Flabet
- Grande Etacré
- Boue Aligne
- Grande Battue
- Les Trois Pères
- Banc des Hanois
- La Mauve
- Cat Rock
- Herpin Rock
- Tas de Pois d'Aval
- Moliere
- Les Kaines d'Aumont
- Les Lieuses
- Rousse de Moye
- Grunes de Jerbourg
- Fourquie de Jerbourg
- Longue Pierre