

1 GENERAL

- d) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for Offshore Series Races 6, 7 & 8 to the Cherbourg Peninsula and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2025 Notice of Race 1.1 including Amendment 1 dated March 2025 and General Sailing Instructions including Amendment 1 (Version 1.1 dated 27 May 2025).
- e) 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) and King's Harbour Master Portsmouth General Directions (<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/khm/portsmouth/safety-and-regulations/regulations>). 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.
- f) 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 (if available) 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) 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.
- c) Starts will use a 5-4-1-go sequence. Anticipated times are shown in Appendix A.
- d) 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.
- 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.

4 COURSE

- a) The courses are expected to be as detailed in Appendix A.
 - b) Alternative courses appropriate to the weather conditions may be set. The courses may use any of:
 - Standard navigation marks in the central English Channel
 - Marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 07 Feb 2025 (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 Version 2.0 dated January 2025 will apply. This document may be found at:
<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://www.sailing.org/document/2025-2028-appendix-wp-rules-for-waypoints-jan-2025/>
- Boats shall ensure they carry charting and pilotage information sufficient to cover possible alternatives.
- c) It is intended to confirm 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.
 - 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

5 FINISHING AND SHORTENING COURSE

- a) The finish will be as in Appendix A or as otherwise announced with the course.
- b) There is no time limit.
- c) Competitors must take their own finish time in hours, minutes and seconds.
- 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.

6 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING

See General Sailing Instructions Section 7.

7 SCORING, RESULTS AND PRIZES

- a) Results will be published on the SORC website as soon as possible after racing.
- b) It is intended that an informal prize giving will be held after racing on Saturday 23 August and Sunday 24 August.

Appendix A: Race Schedule

All times BST

Offshore Series Race 6 - Fri 22 August: Solent to St Vaast HW Portsmouth 2351	
<i>Timings</i>	<i>All classes:</i> Warning signal 1755, Start 1800 BST
<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>	From the start to the finish, approximately 80 nm, leaving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowes breakwater to Starboard • Horse Sand Fort (6B) at 50°45.01N 01°04.34W pass to Port • Bembridge Ledge buoy (6F) at 50°41.15N 01°02.81W to Starboard
<i>Finish line</i>	The finish line is the transit of Le Gavendest South Cardinal buoy (Q(6) + L Fl 15s) at 49°34.36N, 01°13.89W with La Dent South Cardinal buoy at 49°34.57N, 01°14.20W. Record your finish time when on the transit (approximate bearing 315°) and within 100 metres of Le Gavendest buoy (leave Le Gavendest buoy to starboard). <i>St Vaast lock open 0743 to 1305 and 1949 to 0118 BST</i>

Offshore Series Race 7 - Sun 24 August: Round Iles St Marcouf HW Dover 1251	
<i>Timings</i>	<i>All Classes:</i> Warning signal 0840, Start 0845 BST (or as soon as possible after lock opening)
<i>Start line</i>	Competitor Start Boat procedure in the approaches to St Vaast
<i>Course</i>	From the start to the finish, approximately 20 nm leaving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iles St-Marcouf pass to Starboard • Norfolk east cardinal buoy at 49°28.77N, 01°03.70W to Starboard • Iles St-Marcouf pass to Starboard • Ouest St-Marcouf west cardinal buoy at 49°29.73N, 01°11.97W to Starboard
<i>Finish line</i>	The finish line is the transit of Le Gavendest South Cardinal buoy with Le Manquet East Cardinal buoy at 49°34.26N, 01°15.56W. Record your finish time when on the transit (approximate bearing 267°) and within 100 metres of Le Gavendest buoy (leave Le Gavendest buoy to port). <i>St Vaast lock open 0819 to 1342 BST</i>

Offshore Series Race 7 - Mon 25 Aug: St Vaast to Solent HW Dover 1325; HW Portsmouth 1348	
<i>Timings</i>	<i>All Classes:</i> Warning signal 0925, start 0930 BST
<i>Start line</i>	Competitor Start Boat procedure in the approaches to St Vaast. <i>St Vaast lock open 0853 to 1415 BST</i>
<i>Course</i>	From the start to the finish, approximately 80 nm leaving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bembridge Ledge buoy (6F) at 50°41.15N 01°02.81W to Port • Horse Sand Fort (6B) at 50°45.01N 01°04.34W pass to Starboard
<i>Finish line</i>	The finish line extends 100 metres to the south west of North Sturbridge buoy (5F) VQ at 50°45.33N, 01°08.23W. Record your finish time when North Sturbridge buoy is within 100 metres and bears 045° magnetic (leave the buoy to starboard). The race may be shortened at Bembridge Ledge buoy. Record your time when the buoy bears 270° magnetic even if the course is not shortened.