



# SERVICES OFFSHORE REGATTA

## COASTAL RACE

21 August 2023

Organizing Authority (OA)  
Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS)  
in conjunction with  
Army Sailing Association  
Cowes, IOW, UK

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS incorporating Change One

### NOTATIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 1. RULES

1.1. See Notice of Race **1 Rules**.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

2.1. Any changes to the SIs made ashore will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Racing will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. See Notice of Race **3 Communications**.

3.2. CASTLE ONE will communicate with competitors on VHF Ch 77. This may also be broadcast on *Signal*. See Addendum A for joining instructions.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle or place any equipment or advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship and in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RYS Lodge Flagstaff.

5.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACING

6.1. See Notice of Race **9 Schedule**.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flags will be, as follows:
  - 7.1.1. IRC Class: IRC Class: Code Flag Zero.
  - 7.1.2. Victoria 34 Class: Pink Flag.
- 7.2. Pink flags will be issued to each Victoria 34 during the take-over of the boats.

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The waters of The Solent and the English Channel.

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The Intended Course will be announced at the SOR 23 Briefing, as notified in the Notice of Race.
- 9.2. The Course will be repeated on VHF Ch 77, and *Signal* no later than at the Preparatory Signal. Failure to hear or to receive such a message will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Navigation marks that may be used in the Course designation, are as follows (Mark positions are approximate):
  - 10.1.1. DZ 'A' Yellow Buoy 50°33.322'N 2°06.498'W.
  - 10.1.2. DZ 'C' Yellow Buoy 50°32.746'N 2°04.534'W.
  - 10.1.3. DZ 'B' Yellow Buoy 50°32.047'N 2°06.013'W.
  - 10.1.4. West Shambles Buoy 50°29.784'N 2°24.411'W
  - 10.1.5. Skerries Bank Red Buoy 50°16.3'N 3°33.78'W.
  - 10.1.6. Mewstone Buoy South Cardinal Buoy, 50°19.92'N, 3°31.89'W.
  - 10.1.7. Channel Safe Water Mark, Red and White 49°54.45'N 2°53.74'W.
  - 10.1.8. RDYC 3 Yellow Conical Buoy with number 50°19.0'N 3°32.5'W.
  - 10.1.9. RDYC 2, yellow Conical Buoy with number 50°18.7'N 3°33.4'W.
  - 10.1.10. Castle Ledge Green Buoy 50°19.99'N 3°33.11'W.

## 11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes Harbour fairway nor within the area denoting power cables and gas pipes between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay, as shown on Admiralty Chart 2040, nor within the mining ground area north east of Ryde Sand.
- 11.2. All boats shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 06 of 2023 giving details of a [Precautionary Area and Moving Prohibited Zone \(MPZ\)](#). The MPZ shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20.
- 11.3. Whilst racing, boats shall pass to the north of the Cowes Breakwater.
- 11.4. Potential Obstruction in the Hurst Narrows [Western approaches to The Solent](#).
- 11.5. Whilst racing boats shall not pass between the shore and each of the following:
  - 11.5.1. Cod Rock, Mewstone Cardinal Buoy, West Rock Cardinal Buoy, Western Blackstone Rocks, Coombe Rocks, Dancing Beggars Rocks.
- 11.6. Navigators shall ensure that they are aware of [Rocks in Dartmouth waters](#).

## 12. THE START

- 12.1. The Race will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal made Ten (10) minutes before the Starting Signal. An Orange Flag will not be displayed. This changes Orange Flag in *Race Signals*.
- 12.2. The RYS Starting Line is formed by bringing the RYS Main Flagstaff into line with the White Line on the Orange Diamond on The Castle, on a bearing of approximately 346°(T) from the RYS Flagstaff, and limited by limit marks.
- 12.3. Vertical light beams are installed to help identify the Starting Line transit. The intensity of the light beams intensifies as the transit is approached and at the approximate point of transit, the RYS Flagstaff momentarily obscures the lower rear light. These lights are a navigational aid only and do not constitute the Starting Line, nor will a start be postponed because of any failure of the lighting equipment. An Orange Flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 12.4. The limit marks, all of which rank as starting marks and may not be precisely on the transit, are:
  - 12.4.1. **Outer Distance Mark (ODM) 'Alpha'** (an Orange Inflatable mark approximately 400m to the north of the RYS Flagstaff).
  - 12.4.2. **Inner Distance Mark (IDM)** (an Orange Inflatable mark approximately 70m to the north of the RYS Flagstaff).
- 12.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the Starting Line at her Starting Signal, and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF CH 77 after Flag X has been displayed, but not sooner than 30 seconds after the Start. Failure to hail her number, failure

of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### **13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

13.1. Does not apply.

### **14. THE FINISH**

14.1. The Finishing Line line runs for 0.1nm due South from Castle Ledge Buoy.

14.2. Each boat shall note the GPS time of crossing the Finishing Line, together with the Sail number of any SOR boat ahead or astern.

14.3. The Time and other sail numbers, together with the Sail Number and Class of the reporting boat, shall be on posted using *Signal*, as soon as possible.

### **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1. See Notice of Race **14 Penalty System**.

### **16. TIME LIMITS**

16.1. There is no Time Limit for this Race.

### **17. HEARING REQUESTS**

17.1. The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. This changes RRS 63 Hearings. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a Protest Committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

17.2. All RRS Part 2 protests will initially be dealt with by the RYA Arbitration Procedure as soon as practicable after the Protest Time Limit, which is 150 minutes after the last boat finishes the CR.

17.3. Protesting boats shall post their intention to Protest using *Signal* at the time of the incident.

17.4. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on *Signal*.

### **18. SCORING.**

18.1. See Notice of Race **15 Scoring**.

### **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the PRO using *Signal*, as soon as practical.

### **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1. Does not apply.

### **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

21.1. See Notice of Race **10 Equipment Inspection**.

### **22. SUPPLIED BOATS**

22.1. Does not apply.

### **23. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

23.1. Mark laying vessels will be RYS Ribs.

### **24. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

24.1. See Notice of Race **14 Support Person Vessels**.

### **25. TRASH DISPOSAL**

25.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels.

### **26. BERTHING**

26.1. See Notice of Race **18 Berthing**.

### **27. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

27.1. See Notice of Race **19 Haul-Out Restrictions**.

### **28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC TOOLS**

28.1. See Notice of Race **20 Diving Equipment**.

**29. PRIZES**

29.1. See Notice of Race **24 Prizes**.

**30. RISK STATEMENT**

30.1. See Notice of Race **22 Risk Statement**.

**31. INSURANCE**

31.1. See Notice of Race **23 Insurance**.

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**ADDENDUM A**

**QR CODE TO JOIN SIGNAL**

An official *Signal* Group has been set up for receiving General and Race information from the OA and the PRO.

If you do not already have the *Signal* app installed on your device, please follow the instructions on: <https://signal.org/download/>

To join the *Signal* SOR 23 Group please use the link or scan the QR Code below:

[https://signal.group/  
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