

RACING INSTRUCTIONS

ROUND THE ISLAND



ROUND 1 2024 UKOPRA OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP

SHAMROCK QUAY

Friday 17th May Saturday 18th May



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TIMETABLE:

FRIDAY 17th MAY:

Race Admin	The Bistro Shamrock Quay	12:00	18:00
Signing In	The Bistro Shamrock Quay	12:00	18:00
Scrutineering	(Allocated berthing)	12:00	18:00

SATURDAY 18th May:

Race Admin	The Bistro Shamrock Quay	07:00	16:00
Breakfast	The Bistro Shamrock Quay	08:00	10:00
Driver's Briefing	The Bistro Shamrock Quay	08:00	
Safety Briefing	The Bistro Shamrock Quay	09:30	
Boats leave allocated berthing		11:15	
Race start		12:30	
Prizegiving & Live band	The Bistro Shamrock Quay Food at £10.00 per head (ticket only)	18:00	23:00

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INDEMNITY:

All Participants in the Event do so based on the Indemnity details of which are set out below and which they will also be required to sign prior to participating in the Event and a Competitor's entry is accepted strictly on this basis:

I undertake to comply with all the conditions and rules as set out in the Racing Instructions and any other bulletins or instructions issued in connection with the Event and to comply with all the requirements of the Organising Committee, sponsors, and the United Kingdom Offshore Powerboat Racing Association (UKOPRA) and their respective officials servants agents and all other persons or entities concerned with the organising and running of the Event ("the Indemnified Parties").

AND

I agree to hold harmless and keep indemnified the Indemnified Parties from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of myself, my driver(s), passenger(s), crew, mechanics and support team, boat and equipment (as the case may be) and in respect of loss or damage to property or personal injury sustained howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with my entry in the Event and/or my participating in the Event

AND I hereby indemnify the Indemnified Parties in respect thereof absolutely.

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RACE IS THE TEAM'S DECISION.

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RISK STATEMENT:

Powerboat Racing is by its nature a dangerous sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

By participating in or becoming involved either as a participant, team member or otherwise individuals agree and acknowledge that:

- They are aware of the inherent risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposing themselves to such inherent risk, including risks to their person, their property, drowning, hypothermia, collision injuries, burns and other physical injuries as well as possible death.
- They have satisfied themselves that they have the necessary skill and knowledge to take part in the event and deal with the conditions that may arise during a race.
- They will not participate in the event whilst under the undue influence of alcohol, drugs or whilst otherwise unfit to participate.
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their property whether afloat or ashore.
- The management of their boat, including insurance, is solely their responsibility.
- Scrutineering does not constitute a condition survey of the boat and it is solely their responsibility to decide whether or not to start or to continue in any powerboat race.
- Ensuring the efficiency and suitability of the helmets and racing vests worn is solely their responsibility.
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their responsibilities.
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- To be bound by the conditions of the Race Entry Form and Racing Instructions
- They will accept the decisions of the organising committee and officials nominated by the organising committee.

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RACE:

The Round the Island race is sanctioned and approved by UKOPRA.

The Round the Island will be run under UKOPRA's rules and regulations together with these Race Instructions and any other instructions issued before or at Drivers' Briefings or in Race Bulletins.

The Organisers reserve the right to change these Instructions at any time for safety reasons, provided that any change will be in accordance with the current rules.

The Organisers reserve the right to decline race entries prior to the cut-off point. The organisers also reserve the right to accept race entries after the cut-off point.

Any changes will be notified to competitors in a Race Bulletin and announced at Drivers' Briefing.

The Round the Island race will count as the first round (1) of the 2024 UKOPRA Championship.

LICENCES:

All competitors should hold a 2024 UKOPRA Racing Licence.

The maximum number of crew on board is 6, the minimum age for all racing crew members is 18 years old, (17 years old Class 3B).

Throughout the event, only current licence holders are allowed on board competing boats when underway.

COMPETITORS RESPONSIBILITY:

All competitors must read the Risk Statement and Indemnity as well as the safety information.

By signing the race entry form and the UKOPRA official signing on form at the event all competitors are bound by the rules contained in UKOPRA Rules. Competitors must ensure that they have adequate insurance cover for this race.

It is the competitor's sole responsibility to decide whether to start or continue in a race once passed scrutineering.

All competitors must read and fully understand the rules relating to start procedures, overtaking rules, flag procedures and emergency assistance procedures.

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LAUNCHING:

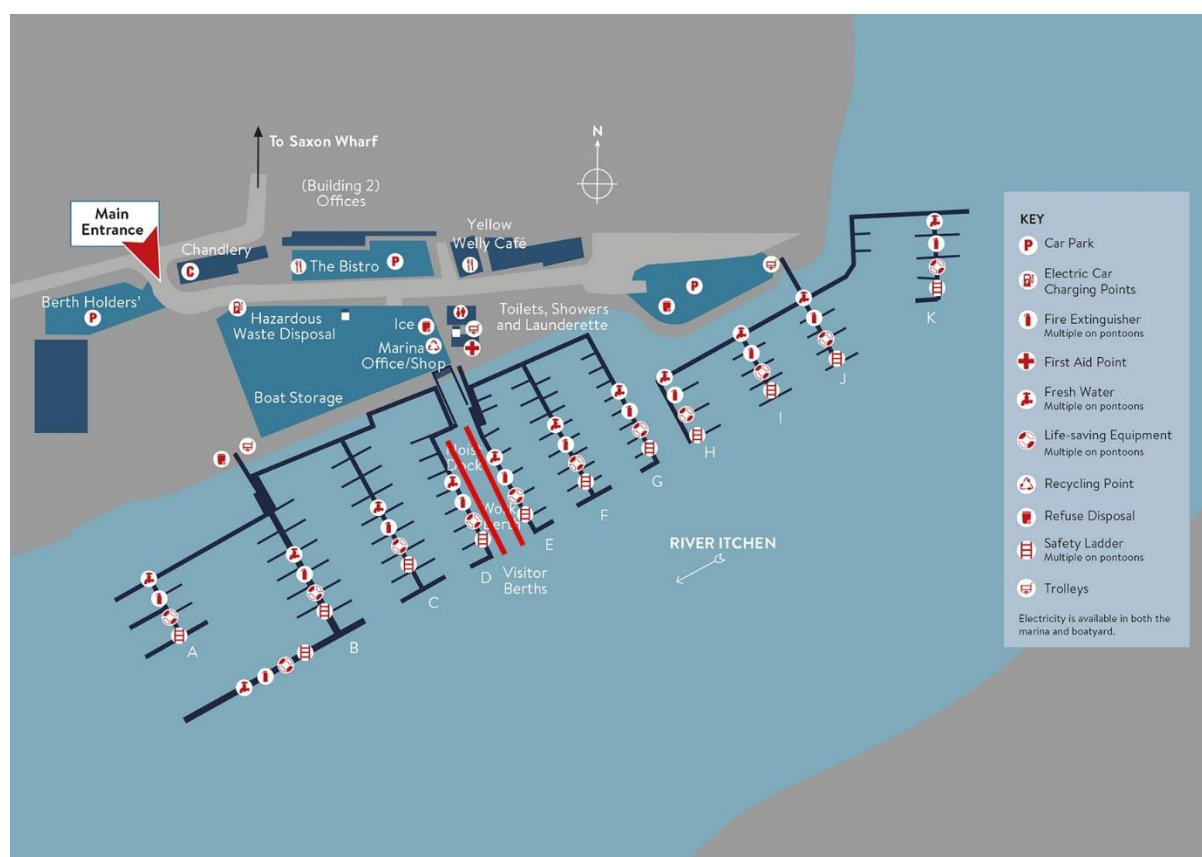
Launching / recovery by crane is available at Drivers Dry Berthing.

Drivers Wharf, Northam Rd, Southampton SO14 0PF

Please contact Gareth Williams - 023 8023 3302

This service is not included in the entry fee, please deal directly with Drivers Dry Berthing.

BERTHING:



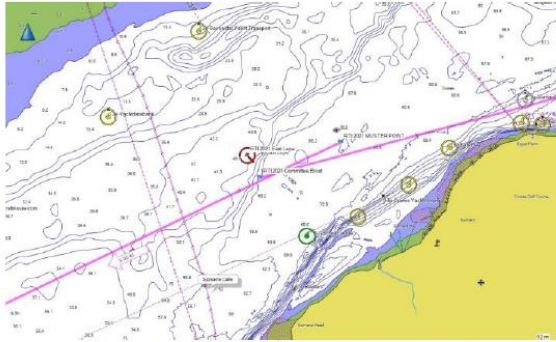
There will be limited berthing available at Shamrock Quay, (above), space has also been secured at Saxon Wharf next door.

Competitors will be emailed with a berthing plan before the event.

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Muster point	N50 46.000 W1 20.322			
East Lepe	N50 45.930 W1 21.070	Red	Starboard	
Sconce	N50 42.529 W1 31.430	Black / Yellow	Port	7.9
Bridge	N50 39.629 W1 36.879	Yellow / Black / Yellow	Port	12.4
St Catherine's Point	N50 34.278 W1 17.843	Virtual Course	Not a mark of the course	25.6
Ventnor	N50 35.584 W1 10.434	Virtual Course	Not a mark of the course	30.5
West Princessa	N50 40.162 W1 03.652	Yellow / Black / Yellow	Port	36.8
Bembridge Ledge Buoy	N50 41.146 W1 02.80	Black / Yellow / Black	Port	37.9
No Man's Land Fort	N50 44.401 W1 05.702	Fort	Port	41.7
North Sturbridge	N50 45.328 W1 08.230	Black / Yellow	Port	43.5
South Ryde Middle	N50 46.130 W1 14.160	Green	Port	47.4
Prince Consort	N50 46.409 W1 17.562	Black / Yellow	Port	49.5
Committee Boat	N50 45.816 W1 20.966		Port	
East Lepe	N50 45.930 W1 21.070	Red	Starboard	51.80
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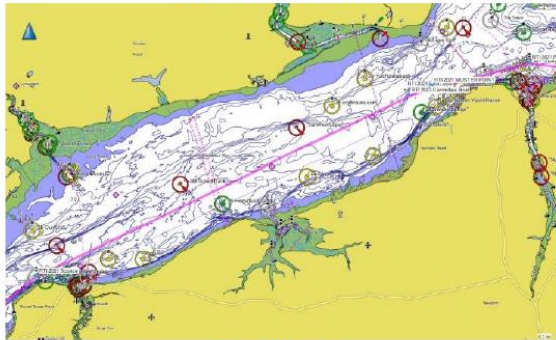
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Start / Finish Line



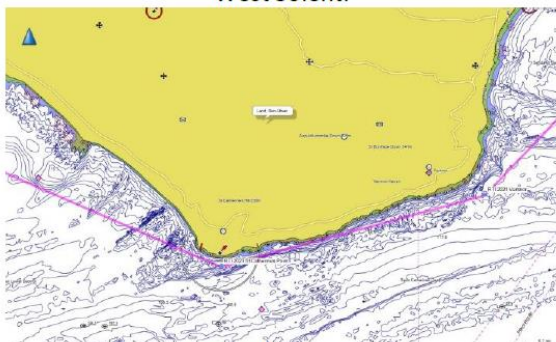
East Solent:



West Solent:



Needles:



St Catherine's:

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START PROCEDURE:

The race will use a Rolling Start, full details of the starting procedure will be given at Drivers' Briefing.

The Start Boat will be described at briefing.

During the start run, all race boats should follow the Start Boat forming up in line abreast behind the Start Boat, exact side to be stipulated by OOD at Drivers Briefing, whilst remaining at least 30 metres behind the Start Boat and observing a safe spreading distance of at least 3 metres between boats.

No boat shall run directly behind the stern of the Start Boat.

A boat that is in the Muster Area but is unable to start for any reason must not interfere with the start.

Late starters are only permitted within the time limit shown in the relevant Appendix and then only at the discretion of the OOD.

There will be no recalls.

A boat starting early should proceed on the course and **MUST NOT** attempt to re-cross the Start Line.

FINISH PROCEDURE:

When the leading boat in each race crosses the finish line, they will be shown the Finish Flag.

All following boats in the race will then be flagged as finishers.

On receiving the Finish Flag, race boats must come off the plane after crossing the above line, and within 100 metres of such.

Competitors must turn off the course and be aware of other boats finishing behind.

It is not permitted to continue racing after receiving the Finish Flag.

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RETIREMENT:

In the event of retirement:

1. An orange flag must be displayed
2. If urgent assistance is required, the orange flag should be waved Then:
3. Radio Safety Officer on VHF Channel 37a / M1 Or: telephone +44 7721 694135

FLAG SIGNALS:

All flag signals are fully described in UKOPRA General Racing Rules and Class specific rules where differences occur.

All competitors must have a full understanding of all flag signals.

If a competitor fails to acknowledge 2 flags in any one race they will immediately be disqualified.

The Curtailment Flag will be Code Flag 'S' (blue rectangle on white background).

RADIO:

In the event of retirement, boats must report immediately to Safety Control on VHF Channel 37a / M1

TRACKERS:

Trackers are mandatory for all races and will be issued to you after the driver's briefing, the trackers will be switched on and ready to go.

It is your responsibility to collect your tracker, fix it securely to your craft in an area which can clearly receive a signal from telecoms mast (Canopy or partial canopy boats – this must be securely fixed outside the cockpit area).

It is also mandatory to return your tracker after the race-to-Race Admin where it will be checked back in.

If you are unable to return your tracker to Race Control, please send to: Simon Lovesey, 57 Bearcroft, Weobley, Hereford, HR4 8TA

Damage or loss of any tracker will be charged at £200.00

If you would like to track your team, Tacktracker is a free app and available at Google Play and App Store.

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POST RACE SIGNING OFF:

The Driver or Co-Driver must sign off at Race Admin as soon as possible, failing that telephone Race Admin +44 7932 622841.

Failure to do so within one hour of finishing the race may result in exclusion from the results.

PROTESTS:

Before Race Briefing:

Against another competitor's eligibility.

£500.00 to be lodged with Race Admin which will be refunded in the event of a successful protest. After the race:

On posting of provisional results, a period of 1 hour will allow for the submission of protest of on-water actions.

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A Protest Jury will be selected from 3 UKOPRA licence holders.

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PENALTIES:

Smoking in the defined wet or dry pits	£100 fine
Transferring fuel in wet or dry pits	£100 fine
Failure to present engine or craft for technical inspection	Disqualification
Misrepresentation or providing untrue statement	Disqualification
Failure to raise and fly retirement flag when able	£100 fine
Failure to report retirement to race/safety control	£100 fine
Interference with starting procedure	Disqualification
Planing in the muster area	Disqualification
Passing the wrong side of the start boat	10-minute time penalty
The bow of any boat being in front of the transom of the Start Boat when the green flag is raised	10-minute time penalty
Failing to respect a safe distance of 30 metres behind Start Boat	3-minute time penalty
Failure to respect a safe spreading distance	2-minute time penalty
Turning in wrong direction during muster	1-minute time penalty
Passing wrong side of mark (mark cannot be retaken)	20-minute time penalty
Deliberately missing a mark	Disqualification
Missing two consecutive marks	Disqualification
Entering a Spectator Area on the plane	Disqualification
Excessive speed in fog or poor visibility (determined at sole discretion of race jury)	Disqualification