



WPE Round the Island 2024 Event

ROUND 1 2024 UKOPRA CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 18th May 2024

Bulletin No. 1

1. Transiting to 'Muster', including Southampton Water

The race fleet shall be split into groups of no more than 10 vessels, according to Class:

Classes 1, 1L and 2 shall proceed when directed to do so, led by Start Boat 'Red Wings' (10m Scorpion cabin RIB, red tubes / white hull, displaying UKOPRA flag)

Classes 3E, 3D, 3C and 3B shall proceed when directed to do so, led by marshall boat 'South Coast 1' (8m RIB, dark grey tubes / white hull, displaying UKOPRA flag)

*You **must** be ready to leave the Marina on time.*

The transiting fleets must maintain a separation of at least 1NM between the last boat of the first group and the lead boat of the second group, operating within guidelines agreed with ABP HM. Therefore, you should follow the instruction / direction of your designated Transit Marshall carefully.

Route:

Depart Shamrock Quay Marina

- > Once clear of the Marina, form a 'mummy duck - baby duck' convoy, maintaining a speed no greater than 6knts, but one which minimises wash wherever possible and following International Col Regs (i.e. passing Port to Port, keeping to your side of the river)
- > After passing Dock Head all boats are to stay in formation NE of the main channel transiting in a roughly South Easterly direction keeping all main channel markers to Starboard. Effectively using what known locally as the 'Small Ships Channel'
- > After passing 'Weston Shelf' speed to be increased to a 'safe' speed controlled by Transit Marshall, **never** greater than 30knts
- > The fleet should continue all the way down Southampton Water under the direction of its Transit Marshall but should expect to reduce speed at some point after passing the entrance to the River Hamble in preparation for crossing the channel
- > After passing 'The Reach' to Starboard, look to check the channel is clear of all shipping and other water users, before making a right turn to cross the channel at 90 degrees, arriving on the Western side of the main channel between 'Castle Point' and the 'Calshot Lightfloat'

> From here travel across Stanswood Bay, remaining North of the channel and clear of the precautionary area where you should *Muster* in the vicinity of 'East Lepe'

NOTE: At no point should you overtake your designated Transit Marshall until reaching 'Muster', where you will be held until the standard start procedure commences.

2. Fuelling

Due to the potential of holding at 'Muster' for a brief time in line with transiting instructions above, we recommend that teams fuel for a 75-mile race according to your boat's calculated fuel consumption so as to not run out of fuel towards the end of the race.

**This bulletin will be available for review at Race Control & reiterated at Drivers Briefing.
Please keep any questions for the OOD until then.**