

ROUND THE ISLAND



2025 UKOPRA CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND ONE

RACING INSTRUCTIONS

 Saturday, 3rd May ||  East Cowes Marina | boatfolk ||  Start Time: 14:00 from East Lepe

Organised by World Powerboat Events

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TIMETABLE:

Friday, 2nd May 2025

Teams arrive	East Cowes Marina boatfolk	12:00 >	
Race Admin	East Cowes Marina boatfolk	12:00	17:00
Scrutineering	East Cowes Marina boatfolk	12:00	17:00

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Drivers Briefing	East Cowes Marina boatfolk	10:00	10:45
Safety Briefing	East Cowes Marina boatfolk	11:00	11:45
Race boats depart	East Cowes Marina boatfolk	13:00	
Muster	NE of East Lepe Buoy	13:40	
Race Start	East Lepe	14:00	
Prize Giving & Evening function	East Cowes Marina boatfolk	18:00	

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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 will count as the first round of the 2025 UKOPRA Championship.

LICENCES:

See UKOPRA Rules - 1.01 – Racing Licence Requirements

COMPETITORS RESPONSIBILITY:

All competitors must read the Risk Statement, Indemnity and have read and understood the 2025 UKOPRA Rules.

<https://www.ukopra.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-UKOPRA-Rules.pdf>

By signing the race entry form and the UKOPRA official signing on form at the event all competitors are bound by UKOPRA Rules.

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

It is the responsibility of the 'Driver' or 'Skipper' of any race boat or marshal/ support boat to leave an exclusion zone of at least 25 meters when passing any navigational aid during the race.

LAUNCHING:

Please arrive by water. Craning is available at Drivers Dry Berthing Ltd, Southampton SO14 0PF, at your own discretion. Call 023 80 233 302 to arrange.

Various slipways are available in the area, the closest non-tidal on the mainland is at Calshot Activity Centre:

<https://hampshireoutdoorcentres.cinolla.com/calshot/item/calshot-daily-launching>

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ARRIVING AT COWES:

Please read the Cowes Harbour General Directions regarding speed limits and exclusion zones around commercial traffic and familiarise yourself with these key locations upon arrival (see below):

Cowes Main Harbour Entrance, Red Jet Ferry Berth (fast cat), Red Funnel Ferry Port (car ferry), 'Floating Bridge' (chain ferry), Fuel Berth, and Shepherds Wharf.

The Cowes Harbour General Directions can be accessed here: <https://www.cowes.co.uk/safety-navigation/general-directions/>



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TRANSITING COWES HARBOUR:

Instructions will be given regarding the safe transit of Cowes Harbour, agreed with Cowes Harbour Commission and the ferry operators. Any competitor who does not adhere to instructions given at Drivers Briefing, or to the Cowes Harbour General Directions for the duration of the event, may be penalised accordingly by the OOD.

FUEL:

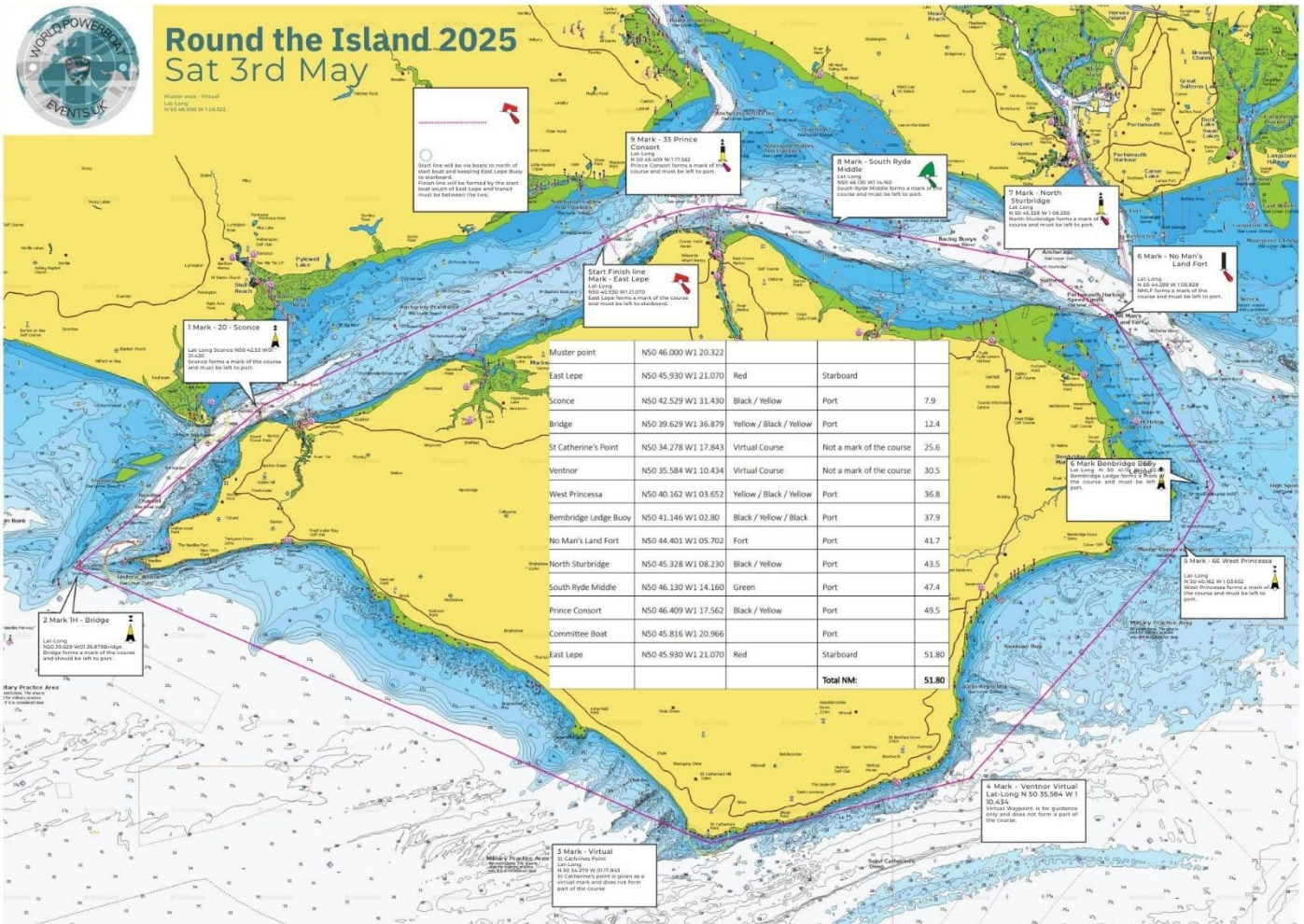
We suggest that you arrive fully fuelled however Cowes Harbour Fuel Berth is situated 200 metres south of Cowes Floating Bridge, on the west side of the River Medina, supplying marine fuels, gas and lubricating oils. Prebooking is advisable for large volumes, contact 01983 200 716.

BERTHING:

Will be allocated in the build up to the event. On arrival at boatfolk, East Cowes Marina, please make contact with the Marina office via VHF Channel 80 or by phone 01983 293 983 to confirm where to go. Also look out for updates via email and social media.

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COURSE:



START PROCEDURE:

See UKOPRA Rules - 4.04 – Start Procedure, further details will be given at Drivers Briefing.

FINISH PROCEDURE:

See UKOPRA Rules - 4.09 – Race Finish, further details will be given at Drivers Briefing.

PRIZE GIVING & AFTER RACE FUNCTION:

Prize giving will be held at the event marquee.

See also: UKOPRA Rules - 3.09 – Prize Giving.

A complimentary bar and food will be available to all competitors and officials.