

OFFSHORE CRUISER RACE WEEK 2024

Friday 28th June to Sunday 7th July 2024

Incorporating: The Channel Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC)

The notation (DP) in a rule in the NOR or SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

The event will be governed by:

- 1.1. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 including the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescription.
- 1.2. The Equipment Rules of Sailing, to the extent that they apply (available at World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing)
- 1.3. The applicable class and/or handicap system rules, including for IRC boats IRC Rule 2023, Parts A, B and C, but excluding rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) rule 22.4. IRC Rule, Notices & Policies IRC Rating
- 1.4. The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Monohulls Category 3 Monohulls with Life Raft 2024-2025 shall apply. (available at World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations)
- 1.5. Cruisers shall comply with class rules and applicable rating/handicap system rules.
- 1.6. The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replaces RRS Part 2 from sunset to sunrise (as specified in the Sailing Instructions)
- 1.7. Competitors should note that the OA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 or on the RYA website at Racing Charter (rya.org.uk)
- 1.8. (DP) Torbay Harbour Byelaws. (available at: Tor Bay Harbour Byelaws (tor-bay-harbour.co.uk)

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.



3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the event website

 Offshore Week 2024 Royal Torbay Yacht Club (rtyc.org) unless otherwise stated.
- 3.2. Official Radio Communication with competitors will be on VHF ch 72 (although if there is congestion /interference then VHF ch 77 will be used temporally). All competitors shall monitor channel 72 or its substitute for each race whenever possible, from before the start until reaching port as well as monitoring channel 16 which will act as a general safety channel.
- 3.3. Failure to broadcast by the RC or time it accurately, or failure to receive such broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 3.4. In accordance with RRS 20.4 (b) the use of VHF radio as an alternative communication is permitted.
- 3.5. (DP) While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 3.6. A competitor's WhatsApp group may also be used, click this link to join details, providing notifications, Race Committee (RC) communications whilst ashore and protest notices. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. (DP) Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Does not apply

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The race committee reserves the right to change the race schedule dependent upon the prevailing weather and other conditions.
- 6.2. The race committee may also introduce an extra race any day if the circumstances allow.
- 6.3. Dates and scheduled Warning Signals of Races:

Date	Race	Scheduled time of Warning Signal (BST)
Friday 28 June	Torquay to St. Peter Port	06:55
Sunday 29 June	Lay Day St Peter Port	-
Sunday 30 June	St Peter Port to Dielette	07:25
Monday 1 July	Dielette to Cherbourg	13:55
Tuesday 2 July	Cherbourg to St Vaast	12:55
Wednesday 3 July	Lay Day St Vaast	-
Thursday 4 July	St Vaast to Cherbourg	09:55
Friday 5 July	Lay Day Cherbourg	-
Saturday 6 July	Cherbourg to St Peter Port	09:55
Sunday 7 July	St Peter Port to Home	07:55

6.4. All times are British Summer Time (BST)



7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Racing will be treated as one overall class, with results for IRC (yachts with valid IRC certificates) and RYA YTC.
- 7.2. All yachts racing will be included in RYA YTC results provided they hold a valid RYA YTC certificate.
- 7.3. The class flag for both classes will be Numeral Pennant 1



8. RACING AREA

8.1. Racing will take place in the waters between Torbay, the Channel Islands and ports of North West Normandy including the English Channel.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. For the scheduled races, courses are described in Addendum A.
- 9.2. The course for any additional race scheduled by the RC which will be communicated via VHF and, if practical, the WhatsApp group.

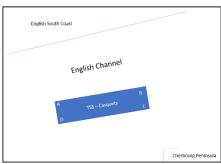
10. MARKS

- 10.1. Rounding marks for each race are as described Addendum A.
- 10.2. The start mark(s), if used, for each race are as described Addendum A.
- 10.3. The finish mark(s), if used, for each race are as described Addendum A.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. A boat shall not enter an area designated as an Obstruction when racing. All Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) are designated as Obstructions. The area of each Obstruction is a box; the coordinates of the corners are given below. The boundaries are the rhumb lines between the corners.
- 11.2. The following are obstructions
 - Torbay Wave Buoy (yellow buoy with associated trailing buoys) serving as a wave monitor located at approximately 050°433N 003°517W.
 - a) TSS Casquets (which is the local shipping zone which is known as the mid channel TSS) with corner coordinates as below:

Corner	Latitude	Longitude
Α	50degs 03'.50N	002degs 57'.40W
В	50degs 08'.60N	002degs 28'.30W
С	49degs 51'.30N	002degs 21'.10W
D	49degs 46'.30N	002degs 50'.30W



- 11.3. (DP) The waters of Normandy, and the Channel Islands have many rocks, strong currents, fishing beds, etc. It is imperative that the skipper and crew make sure they are aware of all these hazards before and during the races and keep well clear.
- 11.4. (DP) When entering harbour areas, there are again many shoals and fishing nets, it is advised that all yachts follow the marked channels.



12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started using RRS26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2. The starting line for each race is as described Addendum A.
- 12.3. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.4. The start will also be transmitted over the VHF radio.
- 12.5. The race officer will transmit other information on Ch 72 approximately 30 mins prior to the start. Yachts are advised to keep a listening watch on leaving port.
- 12.6. The committee vessel will be La Fleche or substitute committee yacht.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. To change the next leg of the course the race committee will communicate by VHF only. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The Finish line for each race is as described Addendum A.
- 14.2. Self-Timing and Declarations:
 - a) All yachts finishing shall take their own time (GPS time) at the finish and communicate this to New Moon 2 or other delegated yacht. Times will normally be taken by radio after finishing. All races are taken on self-timed declarations in BST. All times shall be in GPS (BST) time, accurate to Hours, Minutes and Seconds as your bow is judged to pass the finish line. Any watch used shall be properly synchronised with GPS time.
 - b) Any yachts retiring shall notify the race committee in accordance with section 19.3 below.

15. PENALTIES AND EXONERATION

- 15.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 does not apply. Except at the starts where one end of the line is La Fleche (or substitute committee vessel, which is competing). If a vessel is over the line, the Race officer in these circumstances will decree a number of turns as it will not be practical to go back to the start line as it will have disappeared. However, in some circumstances the Race officer may require the over the line vessel to round the other end of start line mark if this is practical. This will all be announced on the radio by the race officer. This changes RRS 30 and RRS 44.
- 15.2. Any vessel entering an obstruction shall be liable to a 20% time penalty. This changes RRS 28 and RRS 44.
- 15.3. The Post Race Penalty, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information of the procedures, go to rya.org.uk/go/rules disputes). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. This changes RRS 63.1.



16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. Time limits are for each race are stated in the course descriptions in Addendum A.
- 16.2. With the exception of Race 2 (Guernsey to Dielette) and Race 4 (Cherbourg to St Vaast), the time limit for a race is extended by 1hr if the first boat finishes inside the time limit.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. Notices of hearings will be posted on the event WhatsApp group, including the date/time of the hearing and the place and/or method of hearing.
- 17.2. Hearings may be held in person or by Web Conference, email or a combination of any of these
- 17.3. Results of hearings will be posted on the event WhatsApp group
- 17.4. RRS 62.2(a) does not apply.
- 18. SCORING: See NoR 15.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. (DP) All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee before the warning signal on the first race of each day by passing the starboard side of the race committee boat.
- 19.2. All boats shall keep their AIS systems on and transmitting whilst at sea.
- 19.3. (DP) A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by either, radioing Kelvin Hull on board Yacht La Fleche or Tim Whitehead onboard Yacht New Moon 2, on VHF ch 72, or via mobile (phone or text) +44 7739505395. If it is not possible to contact either of the above, then information should be passed to another yacht to relay retirement.
- 19.4. Any boat other than the committees named in section 19.3 above that receives a retirement notification from another yacht shall relay that message in accordance with section 19.3 above
- 19.5. Breakdowns, troubles, injuries:
 - a) While it is hoped there are no problems, if a yacht does have a difficulty, then early communication with the committee vessel or closer vessel is important. Other yachts should go to the assistance of any vessel calling for help.
 - b) If a yacht does stop to give assistance, if possible, take note of the time and location when she ceases to race and similarly when she restarts the race so that fair redress can be considered.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1. Substitution of crew is not allowed without the approval of the Race Committee

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1. A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, notice of race or sailing instructions.

22. SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Does not apply.



24. SUPPORT TEAMS

Does not apply.

25. (DP)(NP)TRASH DISPOSAL

All vessels shall be responsible for the disposal of their own trash.

26. BERTHING

26.1. Berthing shall be in accordance with instructions issued by the OA and ports visited.

27. HAUL-OUT INSTRUCTIONS

27.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

28.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the warning signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

29. PRIZES

See NoR 24

30. RISK STATEMENT

See NoR 22

31. INSURANCE

See NoR 23



Addendum A - Race Details

Race 1 - Channel Race to St Peter Port

Distance: Approximately 80 miles Friday 28th June 2024 Start Time: 07:00 hrs BST

Tides

HW Dover 04:22 BST
 HW Dartmouth 11:43 BST
 HW Torquay 11:55 BST

HW St Peter Port 12:09 BST

Warning signal (Numeral Pennant 1)

• 06:55 hours

The Start

The Starting Line will be between the mast on the committee boat (may be La Fleche) displaying an **Orange** flag and an adjacent RTYC green mark flying a **Green** flag.

The Course

From the Starting Line, leaving to Port, passing within 200 meters, the SW corner of the TSS (49° 46′.30N 002° 50′.30W), taking your time when it bears 070 degrees, then to the Finishing Line. Yachts may choose to go to the North or South of Guernsey and must either pass to the NE of Platte Fougiere light or to the SW of Les Hanois lighthouse and must cross the finishing line in the appropriate direction they have travelled All boats racing are required to comply with rule 10 of the IRPCAS, Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS), boats that break this rule may be penalised if protested and unable to prove their Track.

The Finish

The Finishing Line will be a transit of the lighthouse at the entrance of the Victoria Marina (49° 27.32N 02° 32.03′W) with the northern side of the Castle Breakwater below the Breakwater lighthouse. This Victoria Marina light should bear 275 degrees magnetic (if in poor visibility then the Victoria Breakwater lighthouse should bear 270 degrees magnetic). Yachts must cross this line within 400 metres of the lighthouse.

Time Limit

The Time Limit shall be 23:00 hours BST Friday 28th June 2024.

Self-Timing Declarations

Finish times shall be submitted as detailed in section 14.2 above as soon after finishing as possible.

Retirement

Any Yacht retiring from the race must inform the race organiser on board La Fleche or one of the competing yachts by VHF Channel 72 or to any other yacht in the race to relay to the race organiser or RTYC 01803-292006.

Trophies

The following trophies to be awarded at the annual RTYC club Prize giving:

- IRC
- RYA YTC





Race 2 - St. Peter Port to Dielette

Distance: Approximately 28.8 miles Sunday 30th June 2024 Start Time: 07:30 BST

Tides

HW Dover 06:32 / 18:53 BST
 HW St. Peter Port 01:30 / 14:08 BST
 HW Dielette 14:20 BST

Warning signal (Numeral Pennant 1)

• 07:25 hours

Start Line

Guernsey Yacht Club line with outer distance mark as committee boat. (GYC line is south of harbour entrance identified by a Day-Glo mark high up on the wall of the castle fortifications and an orange buoy approximately 100m offshore) Starting from North to South.

Course

From the starting line, leave Lower Heads (49° 25.85 N 2° 28.55 W) South cardinal mark to port and leave the island of Sark to port, including all drying rocks to the south / east of Sark. Leave Blanchard (49° 25.36 N 2° 17.41 W) East cardinal mark to port and take time within 100m when Blanchard bears 334°. (The race officer may elect to leave Blanchard to starboard by instruction on the day, depending on wind and tide. The bearing will then be 154°.)

Finish Line.

The finish line will be the transit when Roche de Sillerie (49° 32.57 N 1° 53.99 W) West cardinal mark. bears 150° and yachts must pass within 50 metres leaving it to starboard.

Time Limit

The Time Limit shall be 14:00 hours BST Sunday 30th June 2024.

There will be no extension to the time limit because of the tidal entry time limitations.

Navigational Information

Yachts must be aware that there are numerous drying rocks to the west, south and east of Sark in an area with strong tidal flows.

Yachts must be aware that there are limitations on access into Dielette Marina.

The tide gate over the sill drops when the tide reaches chart datum + 5m. The depth gauge will then show 1.5m. This is approximately HW +/- 3. Depending on yacht keel depths our access will be approximately HW +/- 2 from 12:20 to 16:20 BST. The finish is approximately 1.6 nm from the harbour entrance and yachts should allow approximately 30 minutes for this passage. The foreshore in front of the harbour dries and it is important to make a timely passage to the marina.

Self-Timing and Declarations

Finish times shall be submitted as detailed in section 14.2 above as soon after finishing as possible.





Race 3 – Dielette to Cherbourg

Distance: Approximately 25 miles Monday 1st July 2024 Start Time: 14:00 BST

Tides

HW Dover 07:45 / 20:03 BST

HW Dielette 15:30 BSTHW Cherbourg 16:50 BST

Warning signal (Numeral Pennant 1)

• 13:55 hours

NOTE: Allow 30 minutes from Marina to start line.

Start Line.

Between committee vessel and Le Platé Cardinal Buoy (49° 33.59 N 1° 51.98 W). Cross south to north.

Course

From the start line leaving

- West cardinal mark La Foraine (49°42.904 N 1°58.310 W) to starboard
- North cardinal mark La Plate (49°43.976 N 1°55.747 W) to starboard
- North cardinal mark Basse Brefort (49° 43.94 N 1° 51.18 W) to starboard
 Take your time when Basse Brefort bears 180° and within 100m. (This mark may be used if a shortened course is required.)
- North cardinal mark Raz de Bannes (49° 41.33 N 1° 44.54 W) to starboard, then to finish.

Finish Line.

Yachts must pass through the western entrance into Cherbourg Grande Rade Outer Harbour. The finish line will be the transit when the western pier starboard light bears 258°, which is along the length of the pier wall.

Time Limit

The Time Limit shall be 20:00 hours BST Monday 1st July 2024.

Self-Timing and Declarations

Finish times shall be submitted as detailed in section 14.2 above as soon after finishing as possible.

Navigational Notes:

- 1. There are many shallows and drying rocks around the Cherbourg Peninsula in an area of strong tidal flows. If yachts were to take a straight line between cardinal marks, there are hazards to avoid. Yachts must exercise caution, particularly around Cap de la Hague.
- **2.** When finishing in vicinity of Cherbourg western harbour entrance be aware of possible shipping and keep clear.

Information

Berthing will be at Port Chantereyne.



Race 4 – Cherbourg to St Vaast-La-Hougue

Distance: Approximately 25 miles Tuesday 2nd July 2024 Start Time: 13:00 BST

Tides

HW Dover 08:50 / 21:11 BST
 HW Cherbourg 05:18 / 17:55 BST
 HW St Vaast 06:18 / 18:55 BST

Warning signal (Numeral Pennant 1)

• 12:55 hours

Start Line

Between the committee boat and Roches NW cardinal mark (49° 40.65 N 1°35.29 W)

Course

From the start line leaving:

- La Pierre Noir Cardinal Buoy (49° 43.559 N 1°29.144 W) West cardinal mark to starboard
- Basse du Renier Cardinal Buoy (49° 44.861 N 1°22.148 W) North cardinal mark to starboard. (Basse du Renier is the seaward of 2 cardinal marks).
 - Take your time when Basse du Renier bears 180° and within 100m. (This mark may be used if a shortened course is required.)
- Les Equets (49° 43.645 N 1°18.412 W) North cardinal mark to starboard
- Then to finish.

Finish Line

The finish line will be the transit when La Gavendest (49° 34.40 N 1°13.898 W) South cardinal mark. bears 0° and yachts must pass within 50 metres leaving it to port.

Time Limit

The Time Limit shall be 19:00 hours BST Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

There will be no extension to the time limit because of the tidal entry time limitations.

Self-Timing and Declarations

Finish times shall be submitted as detailed in section 14.2 above as soon after finishing as possible.

Navigational Notes:

- 1. The coastline between Cherbourg and St Vaast La Hougue has shallow water well out to sea. Yachts should keep well to seaward of the coast, including navigational marks around the Pte de Barfleur and East coast of the Cotentin Peninsula.
- 2. The passage information suggests that in rough seas yachts should be well out to sea rounding the Pte de Barfleur to avoid the tidal race.
- **3.** Additionally, the following marks should be left well to starboard:
 - East cardinal beacon (49° 41.876 N 1°15.588 W)
 - Starboard buoy La Grotte (49° 41.065 N 1°14.854 W)
 - Le Moulard (49° 39.359 N 1°13.943 W)
 - Cardinal Beacon (49° 36.768 N 1°13.006 W)



Race 5 – St Vaast-La-Hougue to Cherbourg

Distance: Approximately 25 miles Thursday 4th July 2024 Start time 10:00 BST

Tides

HW Dover 10:46 BST
 HW St Vaast 08:30 BST

HW Cherbourg 07.27 & 19.48 BST

Warning signal (Numeral Pennant 1)

• 09:55 hours

Start Line

Between the committee boat and La Gavendest (49° 34.40 N 1°13.898 W)

Course

From the start line to:

- Les Equets (49° 43.645 N 1°18.412 W) North cardinal mark to port
- Basse du Renier Cardinal Buoy (49° 44.861 N 1°22.148 W) North cardinal mark to port. (Basse du Renier is the seaward of 2 cardinal marks.)
 - Take your time when Basse du Renier bears 180° and within 100m. (This mark may be used if a shortened course is required.)
- La Pierre Noir Cardinal Buoy (49° 43.559 N 1°29.144 W) West cardinal mark to port
- Then to finish

Finish Line

The finish line will be the transit when Roches NW mark (49° 40.65 N 1°35.29 W) bears 0° and yachts must pass within 50 metres leaving it to starboard.

Time Limit

The Time Limit shall be 16:00 hours BST Thursday 4th July 2024.

Self-Timing and Declarations

Finish times shall be submitted as detailed in section 14.2 above as soon after finishing as possible.

Navigational Note:

- 1. The coastline between St Vaast La Hougue and Cherbourg has shallow water well out to sea. Yachts should keep well to seaward of the coast, including navigational marks around the East coast of the Cotentin Peninsula and Pte de Barfleur.
- 2. The passage information suggests that in rough seas yachts should be well out to sea rounding the Pte de Barfleur to avoid the tidal race.
- **3.** The following marks should be left well to port:
 - Cardinal Beacon (49° 36.768 N 1°13.006 W)
 - Le Moulard (49° 39.359 N 1°13.943 W)
 - Starboard buoy La Grotte (49° 41.065 N 1°14.854 W)
 - East cardinal beacon (49° 41.876 N 1°15.588 W)



Race 6 – Cherbourg to St Peter Port

Distance: Approximately 41 miles Saturday 6th July 2024 Start Time: 10:00 BST

Tides

•	HW Dover	12:19 BST
•	HW Cherbourg	09:08 BST
•	HW St Peter Port	19:56 BST

Warning signal (Numeral Pennant 1)

• 09:55 hours

Start Line

Between committee vessel and the Raz de Bannes (49° 41.33 N 1° 44.54 W) North cardinal mark. Cross east to west.

Course

From the start line leaving

- North cardinal mark Basse Brefort (49° 43.94 N 1° 51.18 W) to port
- North cardinal mark La Plate (49°43.976 N 1°55.747 W) to port
- West cardinal mark La Foraine (49°42.904 N 1°58.310 W) to port

Finish Line

The Finishing Line will be a transit of the lighthouse at the entrance of the Victoria Marina (49° 27.32N 02° 32.03′W) with the northern side of the Castle Breakwater below the Breakwater lighthouse. This Victoria Marina light should bear 275 degrees magnetic (if in poor visibility then the Victoria Breakwater lighthouse should bear 270 degrees magnetic). Yachts must cross this line within 400 metres of the lighthouse.

Time Limit

The Time Limit shall be 20:00 hours BST Saturday 6th July 2024.

Self-Timing and Declarations

Finish times shall be submitted as detailed in section 14.2 above as soon after finishing as possible.





Race 7 - St Peter Port to (South Devon) Channel Light Buoy

Distance: Approximately 30 miles Sunday 7th July 2024 Start time 08:00 BST

Tides

HW Dover 00:44 / 13:00 BST

HW St Peter Port 08:27 BSTHW Torquay 20:27 BST

Warning signal (Numeral Pennant 1)

07:55 hours

Start Line

Guernsey Yacht Club line with outer distance mark as committee boat. (GYC line is identified by a Day-Glo mark high up on the wall of the castle fortifications and an orange buoy approximately 100m offshore). Starting from South to North.

Course

From the start line leaving Platte Fougiere (49° 30.830′N 02° 29.140′W) to Port, then leaving to Starboard and passing within 200 meters the SW corner of the TSS (49° 46′.30N 02° 50′.30W) taking your time when it bears 070 degrees then to the finish line.

Finish Line

The finish line will be the transit when Channel Light buoy (49° 54.45′N 02° 53.74′W) bears 90 degrees and yachts must pass within 200 metres leaving it to starboard.

Reminder: All boats racing are required to comply with rule 10 of the IRPCAS, Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS), boats that break this rule may be penalised if protested and unable to evidence their Track.

Time Limit

The Time Limit shall be 16:00 hours BST Sunday 7th July 2024.

Self-Timing and Declarations

Finish times shall be submitted as detailed in section 14.2 above as soon after finishing as possible.