



Royal Torbay Yacht Club

OFFSHORE WEEK 2024

**Friday 28th June to Sunday 7th July
2024**

Briefing notes

Introduction

The aim of our Offshore Week is a fun holiday with some competitive racing for those who wish to participate, or simply cruise in company. Our planned route will take us outside British territorial waters therefore we must follow the customs procedures which are outlined below.

The racing instructions are contained in a separate document available via the club web site. My aim is that all boats sail the same course racing competitively or not. This way boats can travel in company; it will help keep boats out of hazardous areas as well as helping to meet tidal gates and cill opening times. This is particularly important around the Normandy peninsula. You will also be able to listen to the start sequence on VHF channel 72 or 77 if that channel is congested.

There will be 3 lay days during the week giving time to relax and enjoy foreign ports.

Have a great holiday week.



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Customs Procedures

Now that Britain has left the EU there are separate customs processes that must be followed to allow us to sail outside of our territorial waters. Below are links to the processes documents and an outline of what to do.

I would draw your attention to the following. We will enter France via Dielette. This port does not have a Customs office. Each boat will need to complete a Customs form before arriving. There is nothing else to do on arrival/departure in Dielette.

When we arrive in Cherbourg, since it is a customs port, we will go to the customs building and get our passports stamped to show we have entered Schengen area.

We will then sail to St-Vass and there is nothing to do, in regards to customs.

When we leave France via Cherbourg, we will go to the Customs building to have our passports stamped out.

In a nutshell:

- Check out of UK
- Check into and out of Guernsey
- Check into Dielette – using the temporary procedure Fill in the form and email to Kelvin.hull@btinternet.com forms must be received by Wednesday 26th June at the latest.
- Check into Cherbourg – passport stamped in
- Nothing to do in St Vass
- Check out of Cherbourg – passport stamped out
- Check into and out of Guernsey (again)
- Check back into UK

The requirements for each procedure uses in the main the same info, just each time it is on a different form.

Now don't blame me for this bureaucracy, I just unravel what to do and we just follow the procedure. It's not difficult, just a lot of it. This has to be done or there could be **serious** consequences, it so don't complain; just do it...

Leaving and returning to UK

<https://www.spcr.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

Click the link above and follow the instructions. Easiest is to create an account and fill in the form online. That way the system remembers you, your boat and your crew details making it easier to fill out the form for the return journey.

- Do this by Thursday 27th June.
- Upon return, Fly the Q flag on entering UK territorial waters. Phone the National Yachtline on 0300 123 2012 when you arrive. They will tell you what to do.



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Entering and leaving the Channel Islands - Guernsey

[Declaring passengers and goods - private vessels - States of Guernsey \(gov.gg\)](#)

Click the link above and follow the instructions.

Essentially this means:

- fly a yellow 'Q' flag before you enter Guernsey waters.
- Upon arrival in St Peter Port you will be handed declaration form GC27. Fill it in and post it in the customs box and then take down your Q flag.
- One form per boat

Entering France via Dielette



Formulaire Entrée
et Sortie - Dielette n

- Dielette asked for the attached form to be completed before departure. We will gather all forms and send them all together.
- Please email the forms duly completed to Kelvin.hull@btinternet.com
- Do this by Wednesday 19th June at the latest.

On arrival in Cherbourg

- No form to fill
- Each person needs to go to the Customs office to stamp their passport

On departing Cherbourg for Guernsey

- No form to fill
- Each person needs to go to the Customs office to stamp their passport

It is the skippers responsibility inform customs if you have non UK nationals on board.



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Mooring

For those arriving in Torquay prior to Friday 28th, there will be moorings available on the Town Dock visitors pontoon. Individual skippers will have to settle their account with Torquay harbor.

For the ports we visit as part of Offshore Week we have negotiated group discount moorings. For those taking up this offer, your weeks moorings are sorted.

Guernsey – It is intended that boats moore on the outer harbor. Upon arrival, the harbor staff will meet you, tell them you are with Royal Torbay Yacht Club race and they will direct you to our reserved moorings. This is walk ashore, has water, but no electricity. If any boats decide to go into the inner basin, then you must note the cill opening and closing times which may mean that you will have to leave early and join the main fleet on the outer pontoons.

Dilette, has a drying cill so boats must pay attention to opening and closing times.

Cherbourg – We have moorings reserved for us in Port Chantereyne marina.

Saint Vaast la Hougue, has a drying cill so boats must pay attention to opening and closing times.

Things to bring with you:

- Per boat
 - Ships registration document
 - Proof of VAT – must be the original
 - VHF radio license
 - VHF radio operators' certificate
 - ICC (International Certificate of Competence)
 - Q flag
 - French courtesy flag
 - Don't take out of date flairs to France or you risk a fine. If they are out of date leave them behind. If you do take them across the channel, they can be taken for free to:
 - A B Marine (White Rock, St Peter Port)
 - Boatworks+ (Model Yacht Pond, St Peter Port)
 - Marine & General Chandlery (St Sampson's Harbour)
 - Sunsport Marine (St Sampson's Harbour)
 - The Police Station (reception desk Guernsey)
 - Where they will be safely disposed of.
- Per individual
 - Passport
 - UK Global health Insurance card
 - Personal travel insurance
 - Sun Cream



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Communications

- Documents - Via the club web site
- <https://rtyc.org/event/offshore-week-2024/>
- On the water communications - VHF channel 72 or substitute channel 77 if congested.
- General information as the week progresses – WhatsApp chat
- Offshore Week coordinator Kelvin Hull mobile +44 7739 505395

Social

- There will be three lay days to relax and explore the ports.
- Thursday 27th June 8:00pm in Royal Torbay Yacht Club; Initial briefing where you can collect your Offshore Week flag. The club bar will be open and catering available
- Sunday 30th June 5:30pm Dielette Drinks reception on the key side, exact location to be announced later.
- Wednesday 3rd July 4:30 St Vaast “Pontoon” party. Details will be posted on the WhatsApp chat.
- Music quiz in Cherbourg Friday 5th July at 5:30. Location and details will be posted on the WhatsApp chat.
- Racing Results will be announced after each days racing and posted on the WhatsApp chat. Results will also be posted on RTYC Offshore Week web page.
- Formal prize giving will be held in Royal Torbay Yacht club In November.
- Other gatherings will be announced on the WhatsApp chat.

Sailing schedule

| 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 |

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