



Offshore Racing

OFFSHORE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

RACE NO 10: Osmotech UK Cowes-Alderney

With the assistance of the Alderney Sailing Club

Friday 7th June 2024

HW Portsmouth 12:45/00:59 (Sat) BST

TROPHIES

Class	
1	Alacrity Cup
2	JOG Wine Cooler
3	Alderney Trophy

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules defined in the racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 A Special Regulations Checklist must have been completed online before a yacht may start.

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is the Group's website (www.jog.org.uk).

3. Changes to Sailing instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will, whenever possible, be posted on the website by 1700hrs before the race start and announced by VHF radio. Social Media, including the group WhatsApp, may also be utilised.

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Limited signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagstaff behind the race officer's box.

5. Class Flags

- 5.1 Each yacht shall carry her class numeral pennant on her backstay as shown on the list of entries.

6. The Course

- 6.1 If the **Green Flag** is displayed
 - Start line (West to East)
 - Snowden buoy (leave to starboard)
 - Between the Forts
 - Bembridge Ledge buoy (leave to starboard)
 - Finishing line. Distance approx. 82 miles
- 6.2 If the **Red Flag** is displayed
 - The course for all classes will be announced on VHF Ch37(M).

7. Areas that are Obstructions



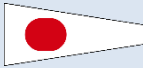
- 7.1 Boats shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 6 of 2023. The Moving Prohibited Zone in the Precautionary Area shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.
- 7.2 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes harbour fairway nor in the area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay on Admiralty Chart 2040. Gas and water pipes, telephone and electricity cables carrying 133,000 volts lie on the seabed.
- 7.3 Boats shall keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic.
- 7.4 Whilst racing, boats shall always pass to the north of Cowes breakwater.

8. Identity Gate.

- 8.1 Before she starts each yacht (subject to draft) must pass between the beach and one of the Mooring Buoys approximately on the Starting Line in an East to West direction, **showing her sail numbers**.

9. The Start

- 9.1 All times are BST and races will be started as follows:

	Pennant	Warning Signal		Preparatory		1 Minute		Start
Class 3		18:50	Sound signal only	18:55	Sound signal	18:59	Sound signal	19:00
Class 2		19:05	Sound signal only	19:10	Sound signal	19:14	Sound signal	19:15
Class 1		19:20	Sound signal only	19:25	Sound signal	19:29	Sound signal	19:30

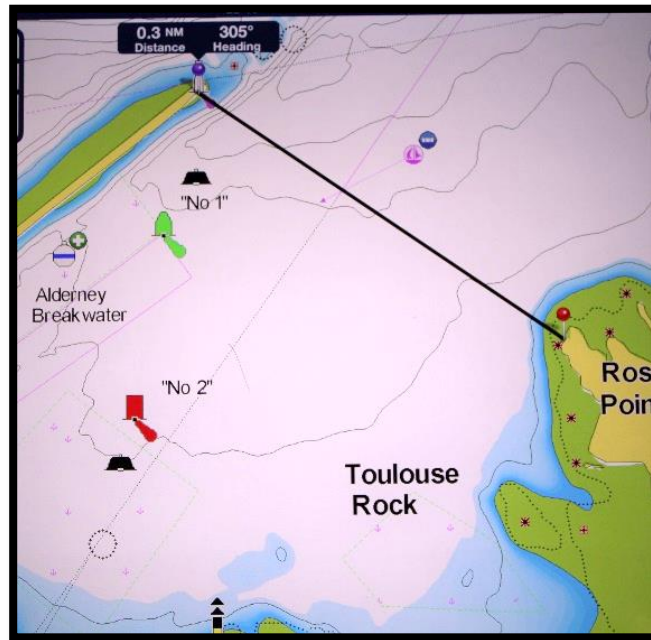
Radio announcements may also be made.

This changes RRS 26.

- 9.2 **The Starting Line** is between the Gurnard buoy and a flagstaff behind the race officers' box which is about 50m to the eastward of the New Holmwood Hotel, Egypt Point, Cowes. A JOG burgee may be flown.
- 9.3 In the event of the race being postponed or abandoned, appropriate flags will be flown and announcements made by VHF radio.
- 9.4 Recalls (individual and general) will be indicated by appropriate sound signals and announced by VHF radio only. This changes Race Signals.
- 9.5 Sail numbers of individually recalled boats **may** be broadcast on VHF as soon as practical. Failure to hail, display or broadcast sail numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for the other races.

10 The Finish

- 10.5 The **Finishing Line** is between a blockhouse on Roselle Point and the East end of the Admiralty Breakwater (see sketch chart, noting that the Breakwater Light characteristic is Long Flash 10secs).



- 10.2 **Leading yachts** are requested to **text** the Race Officer when about **30** minutes from the finish or call JOG One on VHF Ch72. Finish declarations are mandatory. Each skipper should ensure, prior to racing, that their email address and mobile tel no are correct in the race entry in MyJog. A skipper can nominate an alternative email and mobile number. JOG will text and email a link to the online declaration form prior to the race start, using these contact details. You should input your (UK) finishing time (normally BST) along with names of the boat ahead and astern where possible. This time must be recorded accurately as it may be used for the results. Only in the event that you experience any difficulties should you text the required information to +447576 882150. The online finish declaration should be made as soon as, safely, possible.
JOG plan to have a finishing team recording your time. However, it is essential that you record and notify your own, accurate, finishing time in order to guarantee a correct placing.
11. **Protest and Requests for Redress**
 - 11.1 **Protests, Scoring Enquiries and Requests for Redress shall be lodged online within the appropriate time limit, a link is available on the Official Notice Board within the online Protest Board.**
 - 11.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within 120 minutes of the yacht finishing the race.
12. **Scoring**
 - 12.1 See Notice of Race Instruction 23.
 - 12.2 Results will contribute to the Category 3 series 2024.
13. **Retirements and Withdrawals**
 - 13.1 Retirements and Withdrawals must be advised on VHF Channel M1 (37a) (at the start and finish) call sign JOG One. Remember that we are only allowed to operate on low power so you may not be able to hear our response to your transmission. Please transmit your message even if there is apparently no reply. The Race Officers should also be contacted by Mobile **07576 882150**.
 - 13.2 Retiring yachts must complete their online declaration form, indicating their reason for retirement, **and** notify the Race Officers as soon as possible. Failure to "report in" may lead to an unnecessary call to the SAR Services.
14. **Radio Communication**
 - 14.1 All communications at the start and finish will be on VHF Channel M1 (37a) call sign **JOG One**.
15. **Disclaimer of Liability**
 - 15.1 Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. Insurance

16.1 See Notice of Race Sec 28.

Sailing Instructions End

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

- 1 **Berthing** at Alderney. Pick up one of the yellow visitor's moorings and report to the Harbour Master at the Harbour Office (Tel: 01481 822620) if no launch attends. Fly Flag "Q". For a water taxi, call "Alderney Harbour taxi" (**not** Mainbrayce) on Ch 37, mobile 07781 415420. Service will operate on Saturday 8th June until midnight and a very limited service until 0100 Sunday.
- 2 **Competitors** are invited to use the facilities of the Alderney Sailing Club as visiting yachtsmen.
- 3 **Osmotech**, our sponsors, invite all competitors to a drinks party on Saturday evening scheduled at the Alderney Sailing Club at 1700. This will be confirmed on the group WhatsApp
- 4 **Remember** to take all your yacht's papers, ensure that all your crew have valid Passports as these may be checked by UK & Channel Island officials. Also, don't forget to file your UK departure/return forms. Details are on the JOG website.
- 5 JOG WhatsApp Group
JOG WhatsApp is for assistance only and any communications do not form part of the sailing instructions. Broadcast group only – please note this group will be used to send course updates, information about social events and updates from the race committee.

To join the group, please follow this link or scan the QR code:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IAgC1K8W91N9tip1A6MP00>

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