



Rolex Fastnet Race 2023

Amendment Number One to the Sailing Instructions

Insert:

- 11.1 Before starting every **IRC rated** boat shall pass through an identity gate and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. Each boat shall have her trysail and storm jib rigged (**in accordance with World Sailing's Offshore Special Regulation 4.26**), have her engine running and display her sail numbers and letters secured to her port lifelines (where the sail numbers and letters are not permanently displayed on the hull). **IMOCA 60s, Class40s and multihulls are not required** to go through an identity gate.
- 11.2 All competitors should be aware of the potential for vessels that are 'restricted in their ability to manoeuvre' to be operating in the area of the identity gates. Boats attempting to pass through the gates should avoid impeding the passage of such vessels.
- 11.3 There will be three identity gates; **every IRC Rated** boat shall pass through only **ONE** of the gates as detailed below before starting. The gates will be available from 1100 until the last start, or longer at the discretion of the Race Committee.

North Gate - An identity gate will be established between Reach (green buoy with triangular top mark) in approximate position 50°49'.05N 001°17'.65W and a gate boat displaying a blue flag with a white Seahorse and Crown and white border over a yellow flag, positioned to the east of Reach.
A boat using the North Gate shall pass once through the gate from north to south.

Middle Gate - An identity gate will be established between **Norris (Red Cardinal Mark)** in approximate position 50°47'.27N 001°15'.90W and a gate boat displaying a blue flag with a white Seahorse and Crown and white border over a yellow flag, positioned to the south of Norris.
A boat using the Middle Gate shall pass once through the gate from east to west.

South Gate - An identity gate will be established between Cowes Corinthian (yellow buoy with "X" top mark) in approximate position 50°45'.97N 001°15'.51W and a gate boat displaying a blue flag with a white seahorse and crown and white border over a yellow flag, positioned to the **southwest** of Cowes Corinthian.
A boat using the South Gate shall pass once through the gate from east to west.

Warning: For Boats not passing through a gate correctly the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty as detailed in SI 24.2.

Insert: 13.2 Proposed Start Times

Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Preparatory Signal	1 Minute Signal	Start
Multihull	Pennant 8	1250	1256	1259	1300
IMOCA 60	Pennant 7	1305	1311	1314	1315
Class 40	Pennant 6	1320	1326	1329	1330
IRC Z/SZ	Pennant 0	1335	1341	1344	1345
IRC 1	Pennant 1	1350	1356	1359	1400
IRC 2	Pennant 2	1405	1411	1414	1415
IRC 3	Pennant 3	1420	1426	1429	1430
IRC 4	Pennant 4	1435	1441	1444	1445

The start time amendment is aimed at reducing the compression of the fleets in Hurst Narrows and the Needles Channel in light of the Weather forecast.

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