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2023 ROLEX FASTNET RACE
NOTICE OF RACE
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ROLEX SWAN CUP

NEVER STRAIGHT

It is said the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. But at sea, charting any course comes with a slew of uncontrollable factors. The winds, the currents, the swell… Only the strongest will, the keenest experience and a sharp intuition can overcome such overwhelming powers. Only by keeping the highest expectations and harnessing the deepest resources can one chart a course between where one is and where one aims to be. There is very little chance it will ever be a straight line. **Yet more often than not, it will be the right one.**

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INTRODUCTION BY JAMES NEVILLE - COMMODORE RORC

Dear *Competitor*

On behalf of the Royal Ocean Racing Club I am delighted to invite eligible boats to race in the 50th edition of the Rolex Fastnet Race starting on Saturday the 22nd July 2023.

The Rolex Fastnet rightly has a reputation as the pre-eminent offshore race in the world, with a heritage stretching back to 1925. That first race led directly to the formation of our Club and it has taken place biennially since 1931. I am personally looking forward to, once again, skippering one of the 400 plus IRC boats or so setting off from the familiar Yacht Squadron start line, voyaging into the Celtic Sea and around the iconic Fastnet Rock.

For the second time, we will be finishing in the historic French town of Cherbourg, where we expect a warm, Normandy welcome. Hopefully, this time, without any COVID restrictions, you will be able enjoy the free berthing, wonderful local cuisine and superb entertainment that our French colleagues will be providing for the teams.

Completion of a Rolex Fastnet Race qualifies you for membership of the RORC which is available to competent offshore yachtsmen and yachtswomen who have completed 500 offshore racing miles. RORC members are able to wear all Seahorse insignia. You will receive a monthly subscription to Seahorse magazine and many other membership benefits including:

- **Use of our London Clubhouse and Cowes Clubhouse.**
- **Discounted RORC race entry and IRC certificates and other exclusive member's offers.**
- **Annual programme of social events including Cowes Week events and our Annual Dinner and Prize Giving.**
- **Introductory letters to overseas yacht clubs and much more...**

For more information, or to apply for membership, please contact the RORC Membership Secretary in London.I do hope you choose to join us on the start line in August

Best wishes,

James Neville

James Neville *Commodore – RORC*

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PREPARE NOW FOR THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

"Over 98 years the race has evolved to become by far the most successful of the World's classic 600 mile offshore races and is now the biggest offshore race in the World, with us expecting at least 500 boats this year"
Jeremy Wilton, CEO RORC

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CHERBOURG-EN-COTENTIN

DU 17 AU 21 JUILLET

ACCUEIL DES ÉQUIPAGES

RECEPTION OF THE CREWS FROM JULY, 17TH

Port de Cherbourg - Cherbourg's port

Demande d'accueil au port par mail :
accueilfastnet@cherbourg.fr avant le 30 avril 2023.

Pre-Depart berthing enquiries :
accueilfastnet@cherbourg.fr before April,30th

20 JUILLET

SOIRÉE DE PRÉSENTATION DES ÉQUIPAGES

EVENING CREW PRESENTATION, JULY 20TH

Village de course - Race village

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DEFINITIONS

CLASS
The term Class includes IRC, Class40, Figaro 3, IMOCA, Ocean 50, Sun Fast 30 OD, Ultim 32/23 and MOCRA (multihull) rating system.

CLOSING DATE
Is the date after which a late entry fee may be charged.

COMPETITOR
A *competitor* is any sailor competing in the race.

DOCUMENTS PAGE
Can be found at: www.rolexfastnetrace.com

HIGH POINTS SYSTEM
The boats are ranked in order of points scored. Highest points score wins.

EMERGENCY CONTACT
Is the person to be informed in case of emergency. The nominated *Emergency Contact* must be available to contact for the duration of the race and cannot be a *competitor* in the race.

RATING DEADLINE
Is the latest date that a Rating or *class* Certificate shall be issued to a boat.

SAILRACEHQ – WWW.SAILRACEHQ.COM
The RORC online system for boat entry and crew management.

TERMINOLOGY

A term used in the sense stated in the definitions is printed in italics (for example *Class*).

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) in association with the Yacht Club de Cherbourg and the Royal Yacht Squadron.

1. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	
Weds 11 January	1200 (UTC)	Application for Entry Opens	www.rolexfastnetrace.com
Fri 27 January	**1700 (UTC)**	**Successful IRC Applications Announced**	
Fri 14 April	1700 (BST)	Offshore Classes & Multihull Entries Close Fri 30 June – Closing Date (late entry fee applies from this date)	
Thurs 13 July	**1700 (BST)**	**Rating Deadline for IRC & MOCRA**	**No more ratings after this time**
Mon 17 July	1000 (BST)	Registrations open RORC Race Office, Cowes	82 High St, Cowes, Isle of Wight
Mon 17 July	1000 (CEST)	Registrations open in Cherbourg, Race Village	La Plage Verte, Cherbourg, FR
Weds 19 July	1000 (BST)	Registrations open at HYS, Port Hamble	Hamble, Hampshire, UK
Thurs 20 July	1800 (CEST)	Crew presentation & show, Race Village	La Plage Verte, Cherbourg, FR
Thurs 20 July	2000 (BST)	Crew Party & Live Music	Cowes
Fri 21 July	1500 (BST)	Press Conference & Skipper Interviews	RORC Clubhouse Cowes, UK
Fri 21 July	1700 (BST)	Skipper & Weather Briefing	RORC Cowes, broadcast in Cherbourg & online
Sat 22 July	1000 (CEST)	Race Village Opens – Cherbourg	La Plage Verte, Cherbourg, FR
Sat 22 July	**1300 (BST)**	**First Warning Signal – Race Start**	**Cowes**
Tues 25 July	1700 (CEST)	Line Honours (Monohull & Multihull), Ocean 50 & IMOCA Press Conference	Race Village, La Plage Verte, Cherbourg, FR
Tues 25 July	1800 (CEST)	Line Honours (Monohull & Multihull), Ocean 50 & IMOCA Presentation	Race Village, La Plage Verte, Cherbourg, FR
Tues 25 July	19:00 (CEST)	Crew Party with free Happy Hour & Live Music	Race Village, La Plage Verte, Cherbourg, FR
Fri 28 July	**1800 (CEST)**	**Main Prizegiving & Presentation**	**Race Village, La Plage Verte, Cherbourg, FR**
Fri 28 July	19:00 (CEST)	Crew Party with free Happy Hour & Live Music	Race Village, La Plage Verte, Cherbourg, FR
Sat 29 July	**1700 (CEST)**	**Race Village Closes**	**La Plage Verte, Cherbourg, FR**

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Andante and Marco Polo cross paths en route to the Needles

Credit: RORC Rick Tomlinson

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2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 COVID-19 Protocols
Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will state if they have the status of a rule.

2.2 English Law
This Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by the acceptance of a boat's entry in any race or event governed by this Notice of Race, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Any dispute which cannot be resolved under Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

2.3 Racing Rules of Sailing
The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/racing-rules-of-sailing/)

2.4 National Authority Prescriptions
The prescriptions of the RYA will apply (https://assets.rya.org.uk/assetbank-rya-assets/action/directLinkImage?assetId=47811)
No other National Authority prescriptions shall apply.

2.5 *Class* Rules
The rules and regulations of appropriate One Design and/or restricted *class* rules, IRC Rules Parts A, B & C, and MOCRA Rules.

2.6 2022-2023 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)
The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 2, with RORC Prescriptions (available from the documents section of the rorc.org website). When details of Special Regulations cannot be met the Organising Authority may accept an alternative.

2.7 World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 applies
The RRS definition of "Start" is changed as follows: Start: A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the prestart side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either;

(a) at or after her starting signal, or

(b) during the last 60 seconds before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and the starting penalty shall be 120 minutes added to her elapsed time. RRS 29.1 does not apply.

2.8 International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea
Except when changed in the Sailing Instructions, the rules of RRS part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), or by government right of way rules, at night*. A boat may take a time penalty as specified in the Sailing Instructions when she may have broken a rule while racing.

*For the purposes of the Rolex Fastnet Race 2023, 'night' is defined as the end of nautical twilight fixed at 22:40 (BST) and the beginning of nautical twilight fixed at 04:15 (BST) the next day, to prevent confusion with regional time differences.

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2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.9 Traffic Separation Schemes
RRS Appendix TS (Traffic Separation Schemes Version 2, Jan 2021), Section B applies to all TSS Zones on the course.

2.10 Notice of Race
This Notice of Race and any amendments to the Notice of Race. Where there is a conflict between any translated Notice of Race and the Notice of Race, the version written in English shall prevail.

2.11 Sailing Instructions
Sailing Instructions will be issued to boats that have met all the entry requirements.
Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

3 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 The Person in Charge
Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge..."

4.2 The RORC
The RORC, its sponsors and other organising clubs, accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

4.3 Misconduct
The Person in Charge and crew will be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the Person in Charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.

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4 RESPONSIBILITY

4.4 Starting and Continuing to Race
The Race Committee will make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 3 and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

4.5 Race Declaration(s)
No boat will be accepted as an entry unless the Person in Charge has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in NoR 9.3 below. The RORC reserves the right to require a signed declaration, in the terms set out in NoR 9.3 below, from each crew member.

4.6 Safety and Lifesaving Equipment
Crew members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment: "Each *competitor* is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions." A combined Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:

- **Between the hours of sunset and sunrise**
- **When alone on deck**
- **When reefed**
- **When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above**
- **When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile**

See also Special Regulation 5.02.

4.7 RORC Safety Sticker
Each boat shall display the RORC safety sticker in a prominent place on board. The sticker will be provided in the skipper packs.

5 ELIGIBILITY - THE BOAT

5.1 Suitability
The race is open to seaworthy boats which comply with the rules and regulations described in the Notice of Race and which are manned by an adequate number of experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The minimum crew on any boat shall be two. However, no person may race contrary to the terms of a ban imposed by the RORC, a National Authority or World Sailing.

5.2 Boat Size
There is no maximum size for boats in the Rolex Fastnet Race. The minimum size for monohulls is determined by their rating and their SSS/STIX & AVS numbers. The minimum size for multihulls is 9.15 metres/30ft (LOA) with a minimum MOCRA rating of 1.100. The Organising Authority may make exceptions on application.

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5 ELIGIBILITY - THE BOAT

5.3 Divisions

5.3.1 IRC – Boats rating 0.850 and greater. IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply, except as varied below or in the Sailing Instructions.

5.3.2 Two-Handed *Class*
A Two-Handed Class within IRC will be available in the Rolex Fastnet Race. Boats will be eligible for both Two-Handed and IRC rating band class & overall trophies. Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for two-handed sailing.

5.3.3 Multihulls – Boats rating 1.100 and greater Offshore multihulls with endorsed MOCRA (Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association) rating certificates may enter a multihull division of the race. For more information on MOCRA and to apply for a rating visit the MOCRA website (http://www.mocra-sailing.org.uk). The minimum crew for any multihulls shall be two.
Open multihulls may race without any rating.

5.3.4 Level Racing
When at least six boats from a class, which races "level" and is recognised by the RORC, take part in the race, a class result may be provided. With prior permission from the RORC, certain classes may be allowed to race under class rules within RORC racing (e.g. Ultim, Class40, IMOCA, Figaro).

5.4 IRC Rule 22.4.2 – Crew Numbers
IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the number shown on the certificate unless amended by 2.11. (above) There is no weight limit." This provision overrides IRC Rule 22.4.1.

5.5 Automatic and Wind-vane devices for Steering
Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted (this changes RRS 52 and amends IRC Rule 15).

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5 ELIGIBILITY - THE BOAT

5.6 IRC Rating bands and *Class* flags

CLASS	TCC RANGE	*CLASS* FLAG
IRC Super Zero	1.550 and greater	Pennant 9
IRC Zero	1.175 – 1.549	Pennant 0
IRC One	1.060 – 1.174	Pennant 1
IRC Two	1.020 – 1.059	Pennant 2
IRC Three	0.980 – 1.019	Pennant 3
IRC Four	0.850 – 0.979	Pennant 4

The RORC reserves the right to amend the *class* splits in the light of 2023 data no later than 48hrs prior to the start of the race. Boats with canting keels will race in the class appropriate to their TCC.

5.7 Ratings, Rating and *Class* Certificates Deadline

Boats shall hold valid rating/*class* certificate(s) by the *Rating Deadline*. Boats holding rating/*class* certificates other than IRC shall submit a copy of their certificate(s) to the RORC by the *Rating Deadline*. Changes to ratings and *class* certificates will only be accepted after the Rating Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Race Committee and may be subject to protest. Every boat racing shall have on board a current valid signed copy of the rating and/or *class* certificate for the *class* or classes in which she is racing. Please allow sufficient time for your rating/*class* certificate to be processed and issued by the relevant authority.

5.8 2022-2023 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) and RORC Prescriptions

The race is Category 2 with RORC Prescriptions. The complete 2022-2023 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations with RORC Prescriptions will be available on the race *documents page* from January 2023.

5.9 OSR Compliance

Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge of the boat. However, the RORC will endeavour to help *competitors* to understand the OSR and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any *competitors* boat at any time. The Person in Charge shall, prior to race day, complete an online OSR Checklist (through the online entry system SailRaceHQ.com) and submit the form to the RORC Race Office.

5.10 Automatic Identification System (AIS)

Boats shall carry an AIS Transponder capable of transmitting and receiving throughout the race.*Competitors* shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) throughout the race. *Competitors* shall ensure that the racing name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number.

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"It is a very famous race because it has many boats. It is also very nice to have big multihulls, big monohulls, all the new IMOCAs, etc all on the same start line."

Franck Cammas, Co-Skipper with Charles Caudrelier Yacht Edmond de Rothschild

NEW ROLEX FASTNET RACE RECORD

1D | 9H | 14M | 54S | 695NM

Credit: ROLEX Carlo Borlenghi

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ROLEX FASTNET RACE RECORD-IMOCA

2D | 16H | 51M | 24S | 695NM

"It is great that a race as big as the Fastnet can benefit from that positive side of the French loving offshore racing. I'm sure the race village in Cherbourg will be amazing and I know the Brits like coming to France. I am excited to see what it is going to be like"

Sam Davies - Initiatives - Coeur

Credit: RORC Rick Tomlinson

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6 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

In accordance with OSR 3.04.2 the RORC uses minimum stability/buoyancy indices. For boats competing under IRC either SSS or STIX and AVS indices are used depending on the series date of the boat (as per 6.1 below) and the category of the race. Monohull boats not racing under IRC shall satisfy the RORC that they meet the requirements of other stability indices for the category of the race. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept other indicators as to the suitability of the boat for the race.

6.1 SSS or STIX and AVS

Boats with series date of 1995 and later will be categorised under STIX and AVS only.
Boats with series date before 1995 may be categorised under either STIX and AVS or SSS.

6.2 Minimum Permitted Values

OSR CATEGORY	CATEGORY 2
STIX minimum	32
AVS minimum	130-0.002*m[1]
SSS minimum	28

[1] Where m is the boats Minimum Sailing Weight in kg.
More information about Safety and Stability Indices can be found at www.ircrating.org

7 ELIGIBILITY - *COMPETITORS*

7.1 Offshore Crewlist

An Offshore Crewlist complete with full *Emergency Contact* details and Immigration Information shall be supplied to the RORC by means of the *SailRaceHQ* entry system. The Person in Charge shall invite the crew through *SailRaceHQ*. Those not already registered will be able to create an account, complete their details, including *Emergency Contact* and Immigration Information, and accept the invite. The RORC will hold full details of each crew member and *Emergency Contact* for the race.

7.2 Experience Qualification

The Rolex Fastnet Race is not a race for novices. Every crew member must have experience of sailing a boat offshore and be prepared to encounter heavy weather. *Competitors* may be required to provide evidence of offshore experience. The minimum experience requirement is 300 nautical miles of RORC offshore racing on the boat entered into the race, completed by a minimum of 50% of the crew (but no fewer than 2) including the Person in Charge, and within 12 months of the start of the Rolex Fastnet Race. To fulfil this requirement the *Competitor* shall enter and complete an appropriate number of RORC races before the start of the race. When it is not reasonably possible to access RORC races, or in exceptional circumstances, an alternative method for qualification may be agreed by the RORC.
Proposals should be lodged with the RORC as soon as possible after entry.

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8 TRAINING

8.1 Offshore Crew Training

At least 30% of the boat's crew (but no less than 2), including the Person in Charge, must have completed training to Section 6 of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and gained a certificate from a World Sailing approved Offshore Personal Survival Training Course. Training must have taken place within five years of the start of the race. Please note that STCW sea survival certificates are no longer accepted by RORC.

8.2 First Aid Training

At least one member of the boat's crew shall hold an in-date certificate of a First Aid Training Course. The course shall comply with OSR 6.05.2 and have been completed within three years of the start of the race. The qualifications of Doctors, Paramedics or similarly trained medical professionals will be accepted, provided they are familiar with the topics in OSR Appendix H.
It is recommended that crews should practice safety routines at reasonable intervals including the drill for man-overboard.

9 RACE ENTRY

9.1 Entering the Race

Entry opens at 1200 (UTC) on Wednesday 11th January 2023.

A boat shall apply to enter the race using the RORC *SailRaceHQ* online entry system. Submission of an Entry and payment of the fee will not guarantee a place in the race; all other entry requirements must be completed to the satisfaction of the RORC.

9.2 Race Entry Declaration

The Person in Charge for each race shall agree to the terms of the declaration below using RORC *SailRaceHQ*, the online entry system. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept a signed printed declaration.

Race Entry Form Declaration to be signed by every Person in Charge:
To the best of my knowledge the information I have given is accurate. I understand that yacht racing can be dangerous. I agree that the RORC, organising clubs, other sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any

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9 RACE ENTRY

9.2 Race Entry Declaration cont vessel or property. I have paid particular attention to and agree to be bound by Special Regulation 1.02 and I have read and understand and where appropriate agree to be bound by NoR. Before racing I will affect adequate and suitable insurance. Before racing I will ensure that my crew is aware of:
the undertaking in this Declaration, the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance, their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions). See also RORC Prescription to the Special Regulations 5.01.5.

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, this Notice of Race, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and other applicable rules. The boat will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine or propeller, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races on my boat contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing, or a National Authority or the RORC.

I understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained on the Club's computer to be used for all aspects of race organisation.

9.3 Payment
50% of the entry fee is due within 10 days of entry confirmation, with the remaining part due before the *Closing Date.* The 50% paid upon entry is non-refundable unless regional restrictions mean the cancelling of the event or makes participation from certain areas impossible. Payment shall be made through the online entry system.

9.4 Cancellations and Refunds
Cancellations before the *Closing Date* will be eligible for a refund of the race entry fee not including the non-refundable payment.

Cancellations, after the *Closing Date* but before the start, will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the race entry fee not including the non-refundable payment. This will be refunded to the credit card used for payment. For payments made by other means, refunds will be made against a written claim received no later than 29th July 2023.

If the Person in Charge fails to notify the RORC of cancellation, as described above, they shall pay the full fee without refund unless good reason can be shown.

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9.5 Standard Entry Fees – shown in £ Sterling

LOA (M)	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Below 9.00	395	564
9.00 - 9.99	448	641
10.00 - 10.99	505	721
11.00 - 11.99	589	842
12.00 - 12.99	664	949
13.00 - 13.99	834	1192
14.00 - 14.99	1008	1385
15.00 - 15.99	1436	1813
16.00 - 16.99	1980	2357
17.00 - 17.99	2651	3028
18.00 - 18.99	3236	3613
19.00 - 19.99	3555	3932

LOA (M)	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
20.00 - 20.99	3887	4264
21.00 - 21.99	4205	4582
22.00 - 22.99	4474	4851
23.00 - 23.99	4674	5051
24.00 - 24.99	4873	5250
25.00 - 25.99	5101	5478
26.00 - 26.99	5303	5680
27.00 - 27.99	5497	5874
28.00 - 28.99	5689	6066
29.00 - 29.99	5923	6300
>30.00	210 per m*	210 per m

*Discount of 30% of the race entry fee is applied for owners or skippers who are RORC members. This discount is capped at the value of an ordinary UK member subscription (£377) and is eligible for only one boat per member.

9.6 Late Entry Fees

Entries after the *Closing Date*, and at least 48 hours before the start, may be accepted on payment of an additional sum of half the standard entry fee.

Yacht Oromocto, IRC4

Credit: ROLEX Kurt Arrigo

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"It doesn't really matter what level in the fleet you're at. As long as you have a good crew, and the right support, then you can win your class. And if you can win the class you can win overall, although that depends on things like tidal gates, wind conditions, things that are much more in the hands of the gods, I think."

Tom Kneen, JPK 11.80 - Sunrise

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10 BERTHING

10.1 Pre Start Cowes
There is no free berthing available in Cowes prior to the start. Competitors will be responsible for any berthing costs. Competitors are strongly advised to make arrangements for berthing as soon as possible due to limited availability in the area.

10.2 Pre Start Cherbourg
Free berthing is available at Port Chantereyne, Cherbourg from Monday 17th July 2023.

10.3 Post Race Cherbourg

10.3.1 Non IRC & MOCRA Classes (IMOCA, Class40, Ocean 50 & Figaro's etc) - shall berth in Cherbourg for a minimum of 48hrs after finishing. The RORC will provide free berthing throughout this period. Its further noted, and to support the Association Arrivée Fastnet Cherbourg, that representatives from each boat will attend their appropriate prizegiving and place getters will be available for press conferences and media throughout this period.

10.3.2 IRC & MOCRA Classes - upon arrival, competitors will be directed to a berth in Cherbourg. The RORC will provide free berthing until Sunday 30th July at 1200. Berthing after 1200 on Sunday 30th July is subject to availability and boats are liable for any further berthing fees.
For boats finishing after 1200 on Sunday 30th July will be provided with free berthing for 24 hrs after arrival

11 COURSE

Cowes – Fastnet Rock – Cherbourg approximately 695 miles. *Details of the course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.*

12 TRACKING

It will be mandatory for boats to carry an Offshore Tracker unit for the Rolex Fastnet Race. The units are standalone and will be available from Monday 17th July until Friday 21st July at Cowes & Cherbourg and from Wednesday 19th until Friday 21st at HYS in Hamble. The entry fee includes tracking. Once issued to the boat the Tracker becomes the responsibility of the skipper/owner and loss of or failure to return the tracker will be charged at £800.

13 PENALTIES

13.1 Taking a Penalty (RRS 44)
When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply (see NoR 2.8), a scoring penalty applies. Except when a scoring penalty applies, a boat may take a Two Turns Penalty as permitted and described in RRS 44.2 for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2.

13.2 Penalties for Infringements of Other Rules
Penalties for infringements of other rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

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14 COMMUNICATION

A boat may, without infringing RRS 41, request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.

14.1 Weather and Tidal Information
Rule 41(c) is replaced by:
A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

15 SCORING

15.1 Scoring System
The scoring system shall be as detailed in RRS Appendix A.

15.2 RORC Season's Points Championship
The Rolex Fastnet Race is part of the Royal Ocean Racing Club's Season's Points Championship. Boats shall be re-scored in accordance with the scoring system and the classes set out in the RORC 2023 Notice of Race, taking into account their final place after penalties and/or redress have been applied, if any.

25 Bonus points will be awarded to all boats that complete the race.

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16 RACE TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the RORC Committee, whose decision is final. When no boat qualifies to win a particular trophy the Race Committee may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.

16.1 IRC TROPHIES

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR
Fastnet Challenge Cup	BEST CORRECTED TIME (BCT) IRC Overall
Kees Van Dam Memorial Trophy	2nd BCT IRC Overall
Erivale Trophy	1st Yacht Home (IRC Canting Keel)
Erroll Bruce Cup	1st Yacht Home (IRC Zero)
Jolie Brise Cup	1st Yacht Home (IRC One – Four)
Clarion Cup	1st British Yacht Home
Gesture Trophy	BCT IRC Super Zero
Hong Kong Cup	BCT IRC Zero
West Mersea Yacht Club Trophy	BCT IRC One
Foxhound Cup	BCT IRC Two
Favona Cup	BCT IRC Three
Iolaire Cup	BCT IRC Four
Brunskill Trophy	BCT Two-Handed Yacht Overall
Berrimilla Dog Bowl	BCT Two-Handed Yacht in IRC Four
Dorade Cup	BCT IRC Classic Yacht

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR
Alf Loomis Trophy	Navigator of the Yacht winning the Fastnet Challenge Cup
Joggernaut Trophy	BCT for an Irish Yacht under IRC
Arambalza Cup	Best Non British Yacht Overall
***Roger Justice Trophy**	Best Sailing School Yacht Overall
***Inter-Regimental Cup**	Best Service Yacht Overall
Whirlwind Trophy	Best Swan Yacht Overall
RORC Bowl	Best Swan in the Cowes Dinard St Malo and Fastnet Races
Spangle Trophy	Best Contessa 32 Overall
Hobo Trophy	Best IRC One-Design Yacht
***The Sparkman & Stephens Trophy**	Best Sparkman & Stephens designed Yacht in IRC Overall
***Bloodhound Cup**	Best Corporate Yacht
***Duncan Munro Kerr Memorial Trophy**	Best Yacht with skipper aged between 18 and not more than 30 on 22nd July 2023
***Maite de Arambalza Tophy**	Best Yacht with a Female Skipper
***Martin Illingworth Trophy**	Inter-Club for teams of 3 yachts nominated by an affiliated Club

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16.2 SPECIAL TROPHIES

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR
RORC IMOCA Trophy	1st IMOCA Home
Philip Whitehead Memorial Cup	1st Class40 Home
***Royal Thames Spirit Cup**	1st Royal Thames Yacht Club Yacht Home
Iolaire Block	Oldest Yacht to complete the Course
***Dennis Doyle Memorial Salver**	Skipper who has done the greatest number of Fastnet Races including the current one
***Coates Scholfield Trophy**	The Yacht whose crew have sailed the furthest to complete the race
Ken Newman Endurance Trophy	Yacht with the Greatest Elapsed Time
Galley Slaves Trophy	Galley Slave of the Yacht with the Greatest Elapsed Time

16.3 FASTNET ROUNDING TROPHIES

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR
Irish Lights Trophy	1st IRC Yacht on the water
***Culdrose Trophy**	Best IRC Services Yacht round on corrected time
Joe Powder Trophy	Best IRC Yacht round on corrected time

16.4 MULTIHULL TROPHIES

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR
Yachts and Yachting Catamaran Trophy	1st Multihull Home
Croda Wave Trophy	Best MOCRA Multihull Overall
MOCRA Crystal Trophy	Best MOCRA Rated Multihull under 50ft

* These trophies are subject to specific extra conditions which are set out in a Trophy Application Form. To be eligible entrants must complete the form and lodge it with the RORC before the *Closing Date*.

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17 PRIZEGIVING

The main prizegiving will be held at 1800 on Friday 28th July in Cherbourg and details of the prizegiving will be in the Sailing Instructions. An earlier prizegiving will be held for Line Honours (Monohull & Multihull), Ocean 50 & IMOCA classes on Tuesday 25th July in Cherbourg. RORC medallions will be presented at 1800 on Saturday 2nd September 2023 at the RORC Cowes clubhouse. All *competitors* are welcome.

18 INSURANCE

Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.

19 AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race may be changed. Changes will be posted on the Rolex Fastnet Race website.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

(Notices are for information only and do not rank as part of this Notice of Race).

Race Office (Cowes) 0900-1800 Monday 17th July until Friday 21st July
The Disrespect
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Tel: +44 (0) 1983 295 144
Email: racing@rorc.org
Website: www.rorc.org
RORC Rolex Fastnet Race Minisite: www.rolexfastnetrace.com

Race Office (Cherbourg)
Monday 17th July until Saturday 29th July
Association Arrivée Fastnet Cherbourg
Quai de Misaine, 50100, Cherbourg-en-Cotentin
Tel: 02.33.40.62.66
Email : arriveefastnetcherbourg@lecotentin.fr
Social Media : @RolexFastnetRaceCherbourg

Race Office (Hamble)
Wednesday 19th July until Friday 21st July
Hamble Yacht Services
Port Hamble, Satchell Lane
Hamble-le-Rice, Southampton, SO31 4NN
Website: www.hysgroup.co.uk

Rating Office
Seahorse Building
Bath Road, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 3SE
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Email: info@rorcrating.com
Website: www.rorcrating.com

MOCRA Ratings
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Rating Secretary
– Simon Forbes
simonforbes3@gmail.com

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