

RORC 2025



NOTICE OF RACE

INTRODUCTION

This Notice of Race (NoR) consists of two main sections. Part 1 applies to all RORC organised races and includes Rules that affect every race unless modified by Part 2, which details Rules that apply to specific races. When a Rule is modified in Part 2, it takes precedence over the Rule in Part 1. Specific races which have a separate NoR (see 1.1 Programme) are exempt from this document. Races organised in association with the RORC will have their own NoR and details of races that are not part of the RORC Season's Points Championship are included in this NoR for information only.

DEFINITIONS

Class	<i>Class includes IRC, ORC and MOCRA rating systems, or appropriate One-Design Classes.</i>
Closing Date	is the date after which a late entry/late payment fee is charged and cancellation fees apply.
Competitor	a person who races or intends to race in an event.
High Points Scoring System	the boats are ranked in order of points scored. Highest Points score wins.
Inshore Regatta	Inshore Regattas in 2025 run by the RORC will have separate NoRs detailed at www.rorc.org
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 <i>Competitor</i> in the race.
Entry System	www.sailracehq.com
Offshore Race	Offshore Races are OSR Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 plus Category 2 liferaft. For races identified as part of the RORC Season's Points Championship. See NoR 1.1.
Race Documents	Race documents are available at www.sailracehq.com
Rating Deadline	is the latest date by which a valid Rating or Class Certificate shall be issued to the boat.
Sailing School Yacht	must be entered by a bona fide sailing school, affiliated to a National Authority and having on board a crew consisting of at least 50% paying students (not instructors).
Service Yacht	is one which is crewed by regular and reserve personnel of the Armed Services, affiliated to or approved for this purpose by the Association of Services Yacht Clubs, but may include one non-serving owner or owner's representative.



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The rules of Part 1 shall apply to all races in this Notice of Race except where otherwise stated in Part 2 or Sailing Instructions.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC).

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1.1 PROGRAMME

The programme shows races that are organised by the RORC or in association with the RORC, or races supported by the RORC. Only races with bonus points will count towards the RORC Season's Points Championship.

Date	Race	Destination/Location	Distance	Bonus Points†	Page
19 October 2024	Rolex Middle Sea Race*	Valletta, Malta – Valletta	606	20	-
12 January 2025	RORC Transatlantic Race	Lanzarote – Grenada	2,995	25	29
8 February	Aramex Dubai to Muscat Offshore Race*	Dubai – Muscat	360	-	-
18-21 February	Nelson's Cup Series (including Antigua 360)	Antigua	-	-	30
24 February	RORC Caribbean 600	Antigua – Antigua	600	20	31
18 April	RORC Easter Challenge	Cowes	-	-	60
3 May	Cervantes Trophy Race	Cowes – Le Havre	110–160	0	32
17 May	De Guingand Bowl Race (IRC 2H Nationals Race 2)	Cowes – round marks – Solent	110–160	0	34
24 May	Myth of Malham Race (IRC 2H Nationals Race 2)	Cowes – Eddystone – Solent	235	10	36
30 May	North Sea Race (Vuurschepen Race)	Harwich – Scheveningen	180	10	38
11 June	Dún Laoghaire to Dingle*	Dún Laoghaire – Dingle	320	10	40
13-15 June	IRC National Championship*	Cowes	-	-	61
18 June	Transatlantic Race 2025 (W-E)	Newport RI – Cowes (via gate off the Lizard)	3,000	25	41
26 June	East Coast Race*	Harwich – Ostend	120	0	42
27 June	Morgan Cup Race	Cowes – Guernsey	110–160	0	44
6 July	La Trinité-Cowes Race*	La Trinité – Cowes	350	10	46
11 July	Cowes-Dinard-St Malo Race (IRC 2H European Championship Race 1)	Cowes – St Malo	151	0	48
17 July	Admiral's Cup	Cowes	-	-	50
19 July	Channel Race	Cowes – round marks – Solent	110–160	0	52
26 July	Rolex Fastnet Race (IRC 2H European Championship Race 2)	Cowes – Fastnet Rock – Cherbourg	695	25	54
5 September	Cherbourg Race (with JOG)	Cowes – Cherbourg	75	0	55
20 September	Salcombe Gin RORC Centenary Race	Cowes	55-70	-	57
22 September- 1 October	Offshore Double Handed World Championship	Cowes	-	-	58
5-11 October	IRC European Championship*	Bonifacio, Corsica	-	-	-
14-22 November	Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta*	Malaysia	-	-	-
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18 October 2025	Rolex Middle Sea Race* **	Valletta, Malta – Valletta	606	20	59
11 January 2026	RORC Transatlantic Race	Lanzarote – Grenada	2,995	25	-

† A maximum of 35 bonus points to be awarded in a season. * Organised under the auspices of/or in association with the Royal Ocean Racing Club.

** The 2025 Rolex Middle Sea Race scores as the first race of the 2026 Season's Points Championship. Races in **Bold** are governed by this Notice of Race and form the Cowes Offshore Series.



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1.2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.2.1 ENGLISH LAW

This Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by entering a boat into 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.

1.2.2 RACING RULES OF SAILING

The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/racingrules/>

1.2.3 NATIONAL AUTHORITY PRESCRIPTIONS

The prescriptions of RYA will apply. [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/NationalPrescriptionsGBR-\[26794\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/NationalPrescriptionsGBR-[26794].pdf)
No other National Authority prescriptions will apply.

1.2.4 CLASS RULES

The Rules and Regulations of appropriate One-Design and/or *Class* rules, IRC Rules Parts A, B & C, ORC and MOCRA Rules.

1.2.5 2025 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS (OSR)

The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, any amendments thereto for 2025, and RORC Prescriptions. Where details of Offshore Special Regulations cannot be met the Committee may accept an alternative. See 1.5.7

1.2.6 INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA

Except when changed in Sailing Instructions, the Rules of RRS Part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way Rules of IRPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea), or by government right-of-way rules, between the times of local sunset and sunrise. A boat may take a time penalty as specified in the Sailing Instructions when she may have broken this rule while racing.

1.2.7 NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race and any amendments thereto will be published on the Sailracehq website (www.sailracehq.com).

1.2.8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions may be emailed to *Competitors* after the *Closing Date* for each race. They will also be displayed on the race notice board on Sailracehq.com

Note: Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (this changes RRS63.5 (c))

1.3 ADVERTISING

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

1.4 RESPONSIBILITY

1.4.1 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 yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each *competitor* agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

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c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.

d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

e) the provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

f) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.

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.

1.4.2 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.

1.4.3 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 1.14. The RORC reserves the right to require a signed declaration, in the terms set out in NoR 1.14, from each crew member.

1.4.4 SAFETY AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

For all *Offshore Races*; *Competitors'* attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment: "Each *Competitor* is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions."

However, in *Offshore Races* a combined Lifejacket and Safety 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 Safety Harness and Tethers.

1.5 ELIGIBILITY - THE BOAT

1.5.1 YB TRACKER

From 1 May 2025 boats shall provide and carry their own YB tracker in all *Offshore Races* where RORC is the Organising Authority. See www.sailracehq.com for further details and purchase options.

1.5.2 BOAT SIZE

The minimum size for monohulls is determined by their rating. See NoR 1.5.4 Classes. The minimum LH (LOA) for multihulls is 9.15 metres/30ft.

1.5.3 SUITABILITY

The minimum crew on any monohull shall be three apart from as allowed under NoR 1.5.5.1.3 Two-Handed *Class*.

1.5.4 EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS

RRS 76.1 is changed to apply to each race rather than the first race of the series.

1.5.5 CLASSES

1.5.5.1 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.

1.5.5.1.1 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 yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate. There is no weight limit."

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NOTE: The above provision overrides IRC Rule 22.4.2 in respect of One-Design classes. However, a *Class* may wish for its own purposes to apply its own crew limits of less than the RORC scale shown here. It is recommended that the Person in Charge consult their *Class* Association and the RORC.

1.5.5.1.2 Automatic and Wind-vane devices for Steering

Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted (this changes RRS 52).

1.5.5.1.3 Two-Handed Class

A Two-Handed *Class* within IRC will be available in *Offshore Races*. Boats will be eligible for both Two-Handed and IRC Rating band *class* trophies. All entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately organised for two-handed sailing. For Season's Points, within the Two-Handed *Class* there will also be a trophy for mixed crews (a male and a female).

1.5.5.2 ORC (North Sea Race Only) - Boats rating 0.9000 and greater

In the North Sea Race boats may enter in ORC Club (ORCi certificates are acceptable).

1.5.5.3 Multihulls - Boats rating 1.100 and greater

Offshore multihulls with Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association (MOCRA) rating certificates may enter a multihull division in *Offshore Races*. The minimum crew for multihulls is two.

Open multihulls may race without any rating.

1.5.5.4 Level Racing

When at least six boats from a *class*, which in itself races "level" and is recognised by the RORC, take part in a 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. IMOCA 60, Class40).

1.5.6 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

Note: Boats with Canting Keels will race in the *class* appropriate to their TCC. The RORC reserves the right to amend the *class* bands in the light of 2025 data.

When racing, the appropriate *Class* flag or flags shall be prominently displayed from a backstay, or at the stern on a boat with no backstay. Boats shall provide their own *Class* flag.

Class	TCC Range	Class Flag
IRC Zero	1.280 and above	Pennant 0
IRC One	1.090 - 1.279	Pennant 1
IRC Two	1.046 - 1.089	Pennant 2
IRC Three	1.010 - 1.045	Pennant 3
IRC Four	0.850 - 1.009	Pennant 4
ORC (North Sea Race Only)	0.900 and greater	Pennant 5
Multihull (MOCRA)	1.100 and greater	Pennant 8

1.5.6 RATINGS, RATING AND CLASS CERTIFICATES

Boats shall hold valid Rating/*Class* certificate(s) on the *Rating Deadline*. Boats racing under IRC are not required to submit a copy of their certificate to the RORC. Boats holding other Rating/*Class* certificates 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 RORC. 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.



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1.5.7 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS (OSR) AND RORC PRESCRIPTIONS

The OSR Category which applies to each race depends on the nature of the race and is specified in Part 2 for each race and can be found here: <https://sailracehq.com/racedocuments> along with the RORC prescriptions.

Weekend *Offshore Races* are Category 3 with Category 2 compliant liferafts.

1.5.7.1 OSR Compliance

Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge. However, the RORC will endeavor to help *Competitors* to understand the OSR and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any boat at any time. For *Offshore Races* the Person in Charge shall, before the *Closing Date* of their first *Offshore Race* of the season, complete an Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Checklist (available on the RORC online *entry system*) to the appropriate Category.

Only one checklist appropriate to the race category is required from the Person in Charge unless changes are made to the equipment onboard or the boat changes ownership.

1.5.7.2 Automatic Identification System (AIS)

Boats shall carry an AIS Transponder in all *Offshore Races*. See OSR 3.29.13

Competitors shall ensure that the racing name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number.

Competitors shall ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on and capable of transmitting and receiving at all times during *Offshore Races*.

1.6 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

In accordance with OSR 3.04 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 boats 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 race.

In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept other indicators as to the suitability of the boats for a given category of race.

1.6.1 SSS OR STIX AND AVS

1.6.1.1 Category 2 Races:

Boats with series date of 1995 and later will be categorised under STIX & AVS only.

Boats with series date before 1995 may be categorised under either STIX & AVS or SSS.

1.6.1.2 Category 3 Races:

Boats with series date of 2000 and later will be categorised under STIX & AVS only.

Boats with series date before 2000 may be categorised under either STIX & AVS or SSS.

1.6.2 MINIMUM PERMITTED VALUES

OSR Category	Category 2	Category 3
STIX minimum	32	23
AVS minimum	$130-0.002*m^1$	$130-0.005*m^1$
SSS minimum	28	15

¹ Where m is the boat's Minimum Sailing Weight



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1.7 ELIGIBILITY – COMPETITORS

1.7.1 SHORESIDE CONTACT

Each boat shall nominate a Shoreside Contact. This person must be available on the phone number(s) supplied to the RORC throughout the duration of racing and shall not be a *Competitor*.

1.7.2 OFFSHORE CREWLIST

For *Offshore Races*, an Offshore Crewlist complete with full *Emergency Contact* details shall be supplied to the RORC through RORC online *entry system*. A boat shall not sail with a crew member who has not accepted their invitation to race and who has not completed their personal details and *emergency contact* details on the RORC online *entry system*.

1.7.3 TRAINING REQUIREMENT

There are basic training requirements for all Categories of Race. See section 6 of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for full details.

1.8 RACE ENTRY

1.8.1 ENTERING A RACE

Each boat shall enter using the RORC online *entry system*. Submission of an entry will not guarantee a place in a race; all other entry requirements must be completed to the satisfaction of the RORC.

1.8.2 PAYMENT

Payment of the race entry fee shall be received by the RORC (allowing time for funds to clear where a bank transfer is used) on or before the *Closing Date*.

Credit/debit cards are accepted through the online *entry system* or by phone.

NB: No *competitor* is considered an official entrant into a race until all outstanding entry fees have been finalised with the RORC.

1.8.2.1 Late Payment

When Entry Fees are received after the *Closing Date*, a Late Entry Fee may be charged. See NoR 1.8.5

1.8.3 CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Cancellations before the *Closing Date* will be eligible for a full refund of the race entry fee.

Cancellations after the *Closing Date* and before the start of the race will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the standard race entry fee.

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.

Refunds will be sent to the credit card used for payment. For payments made by other means, refunds will be made against a written claim that must be received no later than fourteen days after the race date.

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1.8.4 STANDARD ENTRY FEES - SHOWN IN STERLING

LH (LOA) (m)		Offshore Weekend Races	
		Non-Members	Members (Discount)
Below 9.0		110	77 (33)
9.00	9.99	125	88 (38)
10.00	10.99	142	100 (42)
11.00	11.99	167	117 (50)
12.00	12.99	190	120 (70)
13.00	13.99	239	167 (72)
14.00	14.99	279	195 (84)
15.00	15.99	371	260 (111)
16.00	16.99	482	338 (144)
17.00	17.99	624	437 (187)
18.00	18.99	835	585 (250)
19.00	19.99	876	613 (263)
20.00	20.99	919	643 (276)
21.00	21.99	966	676 (290)
22.00	22.99	1005	703 (302)
23.00	23.99	1046	732 (314)
24.00	24.99	1087	761 (326)
25.00	25.99	1137	796 (341)
26.00	26.99	1176	823 (353)
27.00	27.99	1219	853 (366)
28.00	28.99	1259	881 (378)
29.00	29.99	1309	916 (393)
30.00+		1359	951 (408)

Note: A discount of 30% of the Non-Member race entry fee is applied for RORC Members who are owners or skippers. The discount is capped at the value of an ordinary UK member subscription (£416) and this is applied to each race entry fee. Further discounts for domestic races are available for U30 and female RORC members - details at www.sailracehq.com

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1.8.5 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.

1.9 COURSES

Courses will be outlined in Part 2 and detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

The Race Committee may set different courses for different Classes. Under these circumstances the results in IRC Overall will be calculated on Corrected Time for the longest course using a boats average speed. This changes RRS A3.

1.10 PENALTIES

1.10.1 TAKING A PENALTY (RRS 44)

Unless changed by the Sailing Instructions, the Two-Turns Penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2, described in RRS 44.1, shall apply.

1.10.2 PENALTIES FOR INFRINGEMENTS OF OTHER RULES

Penalties for infringements of other rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions and may be less than disqualification.

1.11 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.

1.11.1 RRS 41 – OUTSIDE HELP

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 any 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 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.**

1.12 SCORING

1.12.1 The scoring system for RORC Season's Points Championship will be the *High Points System* as detailed on page 20.

The points are calculated using the following formula $S=121-100 \sqrt{\frac{P}{(n+2)}}$ where S is points scored, p is position in class (or fleet) and n is number of starters in class (or fleet).

The score will be rounded to one decimal place.



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1.12.1.1 Example RORC High Points Table

Place	Starters																								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	63.3	71.0	76.3	80.2	83.2	85.6	87.7	89.4	90.8	92.1	93.3	94.3	95.2	96.0	96.7	97.4	98.1	98.6	99.2	99.7	100.1	100.6	101.0	101.4	101.8
2		50.3	57.8	63.3	67.5	71.0	73.9	76.3	78.4	80.2	81.8	83.2	84.5	85.6	86.7	87.7	88.6	89.4	90.1	90.8	91.5	92.1	92.7	93.3	93.8
3			43.5	50.3	55.5	59.8	63.3	66.2	68.8	71.0	73.0	74.7	76.3	77.7	79.0	80.2	81.3	82.3	83.2	84.1	84.9	85.6	86.4	87.0	87.7
4				39.4	45.4	50.3	54.3	57.8	60.7	63.3	65.5	67.5	69.4	71.0	72.5	73.9	75.1	76.3	77.4	78.4	79.3	80.2	81.0	81.9	82.5
5					36.5	41.9	46.5	50.3	53.6	56.5	59.0	61.2	63.3	65.1	66.8	68.3	69.7	71.0	72.2	73.3	74.4	75.4	76.3	77.1	78.0
6						34.4	39.4	43.5	47.1	50.3	53.1	55.5	57.8	59.8	61.6	63.3	64.8	66.2	67.5	68.8	69.9	71.0	72.0	73.0	73.9
7							32.8	37.3	41.2	44.6	47.6	50.3	52.7	54.9	56.8	58.6	60.3	61.8	63.3	64.6	65.8	67.0	68.1	69.1	70.1
8								31.6	35.7	39.4	42.6	45.4	48.0	50.3	52.4	54.3	56.1	57.8	59.3	60.7	62.0	63.3	64.4	65.5	66.6
9									30.5	34.4	37.8	40.8	43.5	46.0	48.2	50.3	52.2	53.9	55.5	57.0	58.4	59.8	61.0	62.2	63.3
10										29.7	33.3	36.5	39.4	41.9	44.3	46.5	48.5	50.3	52.0	53.6	55.1	56.5	57.8	59.0	60.1
11											29.0	32.4	35.4	39.1	40.6	42.8	44.9	46.8	48.6	50.3	51.8	53.3	54.7	56.0	57.2
12												28.4	31.6	34.4	37.0	39.4	41.5	43.5	45.4	47.1	48.8	50.3	51.7	53.1	54.3
13													27.9	30.9	33.6	36.0	38.3	40.4	42.3	44.1	45.8	47.4	48.9	50.3	51.6
14														27.5	30.3	32.8	35.2	37.3	39.4	41.2	43.0	44.6	46.2	47.6	49.0
15															27.1	29.7	32.1	34.4	36.5	38.4	40.2	41.9	43.5	45.0	46.5
16																26.7	29.2	31.6	33.7	35.7	37.6	39.4	41.0	42.6	44.0
17																	26.4	28.8	31.0	33.1	35.0	36.8	38.5	40.1	41.7
18																		26.1	28.4	30.5	32.5	34.4	36.1	37.8	39.4
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PART 1 - GENERAL RULES

1.12.2 NUMBER OF RACES

A minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a series.

1.12.3 Races outside the RORC Season's Points Championship (inshore and special events) will be scored as per their separate Notice of Races.

1.12.4 A number of races in the RORC Season's Points Championship hold separate Notices of Race which may specify different class bands and different scoring systems. Upon their completion, these races will be rescored in line with the classes and the *High Points System* as specified in NOR 1.12.1.

RRS Appendix A is amended as follows

A2.1 is amended to read that; Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, the boat with the highest points total will win.

A5 is amended as follows

SCORES DETERMINED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE

A5.2 A boat that did not compete shall not score any points.

A boat that did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall score ten points.

A9 is amended as follows

GUIDANCE ON REDRESS

If the protest committee decides to give redress by adjusting a boat's score for a race, it is advised to consider scoring her points equal to the average, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all the races before the race in question; A4 will not be used. Each boat starting and finishing and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress shall be scored points as follows.

1.12.5 BONUS POINTS

Bonus points are available for certain races, these are detailed in 1.1 Programme.



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1.13 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. Trophies will only be awarded to boats which have completed the relevant races. When no boat qualifies to win a particular trophy the Race Committee may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.

The RORC holds the winners of trophies and their cases (where appropriate), responsible for all damage or loss and strongly recommends that winners take out adequate insurance. Winners are responsible for having the trophy suitably engraved and are also liable for all return carriage costs. If a trophy is returned without engraving or without its case (where appropriate), the RORC reserves the right to charge the cost of the engraving and/or replacing the case (where appropriate) to the winner. Trophies shall be returned to the RORC when requested by the Race Office.

1.13.1 SEASON'S POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

The Annual Challenge Trophies and Special Awards will be presented at the Annual Dinner.

1.13.1.1 SEASON'S POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS TROPHIES

A boat's score will be her best five *Offshore Races* plus her bonus points (maximum 35)

Trophy	Presented for	2024 Winner
Europeans Cup	IRC Zero	<i>Teasing Machine</i> , Eric De Turkheim
Trenchemer Cup	IRC One	<i>Bulldog</i> , Derek Shakespeare
Emily Verger Plate	IRC Two	<i>Scarlet Oyster</i> , Ross Applebey
Grenade Goblet	IRC Three	<i>Cora</i> , Tim Goodhew
Cowland Trophy	IRC Four	<i>Sunstone</i> , Will & Jenny Taylor-Jones
Psipsina Trophy	Two-Handed Class	<i>Bellino</i> , Rob Craigie/Deb Fish
Boyd Trophy	Mixed Two-Handed Division	<i>Bellino</i> , Rob Craigie/Deb Fish
RORC Prize	Multihull	<i>Minor Swing</i> , Didier Bouillard
The Concise Trophy	Class 40	<i>Swift</i> , Greg Leonard

J/109 RORC Trophy

For the J/109 with the highest score from her best five points races including the Rolex Fastnet Race.

Only awarded in Fastnet year

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1.13.1.2 SEASON'S POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES - IRC

A boat's score will be her score for all the *Offshore Races* plus her bonus points (maximum 35)

Trophy	Presented for	2024 Winner
Jazz Trophy	IRC Overall	<i>Bellino</i> , Rob Craigie/Deb Fish
Cowes Offshore Series for the Assuage Trophies		New for 2025
	For the yacht in each class with the best combined score from her best five races starting from Cowes (excluding the Rolex Fastnet Race)	
Keith Ludlow Trophy	Navigator of the IRC Overall Yacht	<i>Bellino</i> , Rob Craigie/Deb Fish
Serendip Trophy	Best Series Produced Yacht	<i>Bellino</i> , Rob Craigie/Deb Fish
	The Serendip Trophy will be presented to the best Cruiser-Racer series produced yacht as decided by the Committee.	
Dillon Perpetual Ladies' Trophy	Top Mixed Crew Containing 30% with a minimum of two Female Sailors	<i>Phosphorous II</i> , Mark Emerson
Haylock Cup	Best British Service Yacht	<i>Fujitsu British Soldier</i> , ASA
Stradivarius Trophy	Best Overseas Yacht	<i>Princesse Gotionude II</i> , Nicolas Dezeustre
Alan Paul Trophy	Consistent high performance	<i>Diablo</i> , Nick Martin
	Awarded to the yacht with the highest score using the formula: total points +1.25*R*(R+1) where R = races completed. Class Season's Points winners are excluded.	



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1.13.1.3 SPECIAL AWARDS

Trophy	Presented for	2024 Winner
Somerset Memorial Trophy	Yacht of the Year	<i>Scarlet Oyster</i> , Ross Applebey
	Awarded for outstanding racing achievement by a yacht owned or sailed by a RORC member as voted for by the RORC Main Committee.	
Duncan Munro Kerr Youth Challenge Trophy		Maja Micińska (<i>Ocean Breeze</i>)
	For a youth crew member who has completed the most RORC miles in the current season on a yacht which on Season's Points finishes in the top three of her IRC class. The crew member must be between 15 and 25 (inclusive) on 1st January 2024. In the event of equal mileage the younger crew member wins.	
Peter Harrison Youth Trophy		<i>Bulldog</i> , Derek Shakespeare
	For yachts racing under IRC with a minimum of 33% (rounded up) of the crew under the age of 25 on the 1st January 2024. Highest points score from any 3 Offshore Races in which the crew were youth as above. Two-Handed yachts are only eligible if both crew members are youth as above.	
The Gordon Applebey Trophy	Awarded to the fully crewed Corinthian yacht* with the highest combined score in IRC in her best five races *minimum 3 crew with no more than 25% of her crew classed as group 3 under World Sailing Categorisation.	<i>Scarlet Oyster</i> , Ross Applebey
Dennis P Miller Memorial Trophy	British Yacht Overseas	<i>Zephyr</i> , Simon Toms
Seamanship Trophy	Outstanding Act of Seamanship	Not awarded
Freddie Morgan Trophy	Classic Yacht in IRC	<i>Quailo III</i> , Andrew Tseng
The Beken Trophy	Concours d'Elegance in RORC Races	<i>Quailo III</i> , Andrew Tseng
Meritorious Award	Outstanding Keelboat Performance by a RORC Member	Maggie Adamson & Cal Finlayson

PART 1 - GENERAL RULES

1.13.2 RACE PRIZES AND TROPHIES

1.13.2.1 Trophies

The trophies to be awarded for a race are listed in Part 2.

1.13.2.2 Prizes

RORC medallions will be presented as prizes for each *Class* as follows:

Number of starters	6 - 8	9 - 15	16 - 24	25 or more
Prizes	2	3	4	5

1.13.2.2.1 Low Number of Starters

When there are fewer than 6 starters in a *Class* it may be combined with another *Class*.

1.13.2.2.2 High Number of Starters

When there are more than 30 starters in a *Class* it may be sub-divided for prizes.

1.14 RACE ENTRY DECLARATION

The Person in Charge for each race shall agree to the terms of the declaration below using the online entry system.

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, the Rolex SA, the Rolex UK, 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 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 RORC NoR 1.4 Responsibility. 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 floatation devices adequate for the conditions). See also RORC Prescription to the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 5.01

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions and this Notice of Race including RORC Prescriptions, 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 contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing, 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.

1.15 INSURANCE

Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured with valid third-party liability insurance before racing.

1.16 AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

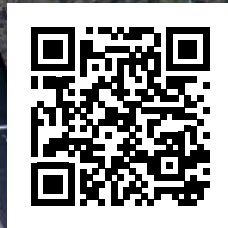
This Notice of Race may be amended at any time, any amendments will be published on the online *entry system race documents page*.

SailRaceHQ Crew Match

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FIND CREW

Looking for crew that are available or want to post your availability here for a boat to find you.



FIND BOATS

If you are looking for a boat to race on or want to post about your boat looking for crew.



PART 2 - THE RACES

INTRODUCTION

Part 2 of this Notice of Race gives details of the rules which apply to specific races and may change the rules of Part 1. The rules of Parts 1 and 2 may be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

Note: The paragraph numbering in Part 2 has been done to achieve consistency through Part 2 so the numbering in an individual Race may not be sequential.



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

RORC TRANSATLANTIC RACE – 12 JANUARY



Now in its second decade, the 11th edition of the RORC Transatlantic Race continues in its early January time slot, ensuring competitors can enjoy the seasonal festivities at home, before escaping for some winter sunshine.

The 2,995-mile race starts in Arrecife, Lanzarote where the Calero family roll out the red carpet for competitors, offering free pre-race berthing at their world class Marina Lanzarote, as well as hosting their legendary welcome party and crew dinner in the preceding days. After crossing the start line, against the backdrop of the island's distinctive volcanic landscape, competitors are obliged to pass between Lanzarote and Fuerteventura

and leave Tenerife to port before they are free to set off on their Atlantic passage (this mark of the course was abandoned in 2024 due to severe weather). Once past Tenerife they must be mindful to avoid the islands' long wind shadows as they dive south to find favourable trade winds. Once into the strong northeasterlies, crews enjoy the sleighride they offer to whisk them towards Grenada, where the team at the Camper & Nicholson's Port Louis Marina greet finishers with gift baskets of local specialities.

Like the RORC Caribbean 600, the race is one of only a handful in the RORC calendar with a Superyacht class, defined as having an LH of 24m+, in addition to the regular

IRC fleet, multihulls, Class40s and redoubtable doublehanded entrants. Race supporters include the Yacht Club de France and the International Maxi Association, the latter presenting the IMA Trophy for monohull line honours, won in 2024 by *Leopard 3*. Historically, maxi yachts have done well in the race, with four winning IRC Overall, although race winners have ranged from 33ft upwards.

In 2024, a giant depression out to the northwest forced a course change resulting in competitors diving as far south as the Cape Verdes. The winner of IRC Overall was Chris Sheehan's PAC52 *Warrior Won*, the first American to lift the RORC Transatlantic Trophy.

For information only

See event Notice of Race at rorctransatlantic.rorc.org

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: Royal Ocean Racing Club

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Category 1 and RORC Prescriptions

COURSE: Lanzarote, Canary Islands – Grenada, Caribbean (leaving Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria and Tenerife to port)

DISTANCE: 2,995 miles

CLASSES:

IRC (>0.995)

IRC Two-Handed

Superyacht (>30.5m LOA)

Classic Yachts

Class40

MOCRA Multihull over 9.15m (>1.200)



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME NELSON'S CUP/ANTIGUA 360 – 18, 19, 21 FEBRUARY



Perhaps it is just a good excuse to escape the northern hemisphere winter, but historically competitors in the RORC Caribbean 600 have always come to Antigua a few days early to get some practice time in prior to the main event. In 2023 the RORC decided to formalise this into a race series, comprising two days of inshores followed by the Antigua 360. The former features a mix of windward-leeward and round the cans courses, while the latter circumnavigates the Caribbean island in an anticlockwise direction.

For 2025, following a skippers' briefing and welcome drinks reception at Antigua Yacht Club on the Monday night, inshore races will take place off Falmouth/English harbour on Tuesday and Wednesday, each followed by a daily prize-giving. A layday on the Thursday will be followed by the Antigua 360 on the Friday, with a start off Fort Charlotte. This will provide a dry run for the start of the Caribbean 600. Competitors can then enjoy the weekend off prior to the start of the main event on the following Monday.

The Series will be open to yachts racing under IRC, CSA and MOCRA and other classes. New for 2025 will be the advent of a Maxi class which will only sail inshores, with a third day of this laid on for them on the Thursday. At the time of writing two maxis had entered, both former Wallycento 100-footers: *V*, campaigned by Karel Komárek from the Czech Republic and *Galateia*, owned by Americans Chris Flowers and David M Leutschen.

For information only

See event Notice of Race at caribbean600.rorc.org

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with the Antigua Yacht Club

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: 2024-2025 World Sailing Inshore Regulations; Appendix B inshore racing will apply

All boats are required to have a working VHF

SCHEDULE: Incorporating two days of inshore racing (Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 February) and the Antigua 360 (Friday 21 February)

CLASSES:

IRC

CSA

MOCRA (Antigua 360 only)



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

RORC CARIBBEAN 600 – 24 FEBRUARY



Since it was first held in 2009, the RORC Caribbean 600 has rapidly risen to join the ranks of the world's 'classic 600 mile offshore races' alongside the Rolex Fastnet Race, Middle Sea and Sydney Hobart, etc.

There's little not to like about the Caribbean 600. Taking place in the middle of the northern hemisphere winter, it provides some welcome winter sun, while Antigua offers good logistics, having its own international airport and a strong marine industry.

The Caribbean 600 race track is fabulously complex, offering many changes of course and sails: Starting from beneath the Pillars of Hercules, outside English Harbour, the fleet meanders around 11 Caribbean islands spanning St Maarten and St Barth in the north, to Guadeloupe, Les Saintes and La Désirade in the south before returning to finish in Antigua. Typically it takes place in stiff easterly trade winds and a sizeable Atlantic swell, made more complex as it funnels between the islands. Most notorious is the wind shadow in the lee of Guadeloupe where races so often have been won or lost.

In recent years the event has been bulked out and is now the concluding part of the Nelson's Cup Series.

The race is open to superyachts and has attracted several of the world's most impressive large private yachts as well as some of the world's fastest sailing yachts, both mono and multihull. The race also has a class for Class40, plus CSA for local boats.

The present race records stand at 29 hours 38 minutes 44 seconds for a multihull, established in 2022 by Jason Carroll's foiling MOD70 trimaran *Argo*, while the monohull record of 37 hours 41 minutes 45 seconds was set in 2018 by George David's *Rambler 88* – due to return in 2025 in fresh livery as Bryon Ehrhart's *Lucky*.



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For information only

See event **Notice of Race** at caribbean600.rorc.org

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with the Antigua Yacht Club

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Category 3 plus Category 2 Liferaft, EPIRB, AIS Transponder and RORC Prescriptions

COURSE: Antigua – Antigua via Barbuda, St Kitts and Nevis, Saba, St Barth, St Maarten, Tintamarre, Guadeloupe, La Désirade and Redonda

DISTANCE: 600 miles

CLASSES:

IRC (>0.970)

IRC Two-Handed

Class40

MOCRA Multihull over 9.15m (>1.100)

CSA (>0.870)



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

CERVANTES TROPHY RACE – 3 MAY

Returning to its rightful place in the calendar during the early May bank holiday, the Cervantes Trophy has long been the domestic offshore season opener.

As usual, from the Solent the destination to the southeast is Le Havre, the Normandy city whose post-WWII reconstruction is a masterpiece of modern, cubist architecture, sometimes described as 'the city of concrete'. Its colourful facades bely the fact that Le Havre dates back 500+ years as, based on the banks of the Seine, it boasts a natural harbour and, as a result, is France's second biggest

seaport when it comes to trade, after Marseille.

One of the more direct races in the calendar, the fleet will start from the Squadron line, the course to Le Havre taking in marks set dependent upon conditions, before crossing the Channel. Once arrived, finishers can enjoy the hospitality of the oldest yacht club in France, the Société des Régates du Havre (founded in 1838) and which remains highly active today. Within French sailing circles, the city is best known for hosting the start of the biennial Transat Jacques Vabre.

Competitors will be fighting for the Cervantes Trophy, donated to the RORC in 1972 by Bob Watson and named after his series of *Cervantes* yachts, the most successful of which was *Cervantes IV*, a part of the successful 1971 British Admiral's Cup Team alongside Prime Minister Ted Heath's *Morning Cloud II*.

In 2024 the race saw perfect conditions with the fleet enjoying a fast downwind sail in 14 knots. Lifting the Cervantes Trophy was Trevor Middleton, whose Sun Fast 3600 *Black Sheep* also picked up the Noryema VII Cup for winning IRC Two.



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

CERVANTES TROPHY RACE – 3 MAY

2.1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with the Société des Régates du Havre and the Royal Yacht Squadron.

2.2 RACE DATE

Start: Saturday 3 May 2025.

First Warning Signal: 0950 from the RYS Cowes, to the East. HW: Cowes 1652 4.0m

2.3 CLASSES

IRC, IRC Two-Handed, Class40, MOCRA Multihull.

2.4 ENTRY

Entry opens at 1200 on Tuesday 7 January 2025

2.5 CLOSING DATE/RATING DEADLINE

Thursday 24 April 2025

2.6 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Category 3 plus Category 2 liferaft with RORC Prescriptions. See NoR 1.5.7

2.7 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

See NoR 1.6 Stability and Safety Indices

2.11 COURSE

Cowes - Le Havre via marks.

Approximately 110-160 nautical miles.

2.12 BERTHING

Berthing will be available in the Le Havre marina for the Saturday and Sunday for boats competing in the race.

2.13 SCORING

Bonus Points 0. NoR 1.12

2.14 RACE PRIZES AND TROPHIES

2.14.1 TROPHIES

Trophy	Awarded for
Cervantes Trophy	BCT IRC
Trophee SRH	IRC Zero
Thalassa Cup	IRC One
Noryema VII Cup	IRC Two
Vashti Goblet	IRC Three
Kinross Trophy	IRC Four
SRH Cup	Two-Handed Class

2.14.2 PRIZES

IRC Zero, Class40, Multihull. RORC Medallions.

2.15 PRIZE-GIVING

Sunday 4 May 2025 at 1200 (local time) at the Société des Régates du Havre.

All crews welcome.



NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

Race Office

Finish: RORC Representative: c/o Société des Régates du Havre, Port de Yachts, Quai Eric Tabarly, 76600 Le Havre.

Telephone: +33 2 35 42 41 21

RORC Cowes Clubhouse

Dinner reservations can be made with the Cowes Clubhouse for the evening of Friday 2 May 2025. Please contact the Cowes Clubhouse directly for further information.

Telephone : +44 1983 293581

Email: eventscowes@rorc.org

Web: www.royaloceanracingclub.touchreservation.net/reservation



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME DE GUINGAND BOWL RACE - 17 MAY



Photo: RORC/Rick Tomlinson/rick-tomlinson.com

A staple of the season, the De Guingand Bowl's 'go-nowhere' format enables the race committee to set a course in the days preceding the event, taking into consideration the forecast and conditions to create a uniquely challenging 24-36 hour race, starting and finishing in the Solent.

The race is named after the great EP 'Buster' De Guingand, the

highly influential former RORC Vice Commodore who helped mastermind the evolution of the IOR rule in 1969. He donated the De Guingand Bowl which is awarded in this race for IRC Overall.

In 2024 this was won by Derek Shakespeare's J/122 *Bulldog*. *Bulldog's* young crew mastered the light airs at the start of the race and held on until the wind filled in; they

also won the St Barbara Trophy for first in IRC One (named after the Royal Artillery Yacht Club's series of yachts). Monohull line honours were claimed by Eric de Turckheim's *Teasing Machine*.

Other trophies include the Stewart Cup for IRC Two, the Auclair Trophy for IRC Three and the David Maufe Salver for IRC Four.

PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

DE GUINGAND BOWL RACE - 17 MAY

2.1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with the Royal Yacht Squadron.

2.2 RACE DATE

Start: Saturday 17 May 2025.

First Warning Signal: 0850, from the RYS Cowes to the East. HW: Cowes 1619 3.9m

2.3 CLASSES

IRC, IRC Two-Handed, Class40, MOCRA Multihull.

2.4 ENTRY

Entry opens at 1200 on Tuesday 7th January 2025

2.5 CLOSING DATE/RATING DEADLINE

Thursday 8th May 2025

2.6 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Category 3 plus Category 2 liferaft with RORC Prescriptions. See NoR 1.5.7

2.7 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

See NoR 1.6 Stability and Safety Indices

2.11 COURSE

Suitable course(s) will be designed to last between 24 and 30 hours. The race area will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

2.13 SCORING

Bonus Points 0. NoR 1.12

2.14 RACE PRIZES AND TROPHIES

2.14.1 Trophies

Trophy	Awarded for
De Guingand Bowl	BCT IRC
St Barbara Trophy	IRC One
Stewart Cup	IRC Two
Auclair Memorial Trophy	IRC Three
David Maufe Salver	IRC Four

2.14.2 Prizes

IRC Zero, Two-Handed Class, Class40, Multihull. RORC Medallions.

2.15 PRIZE-GIVING

Trophies and RORC Medallions will be presented at 1830hrs on Saturday 20 September at the Cowes Clubhouse, The Parade, Cowes, PO31 7QU. All crews welcome.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

Race Office

The Race Office will be the RORC Cowes Race Office, The Parade, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7QU

RORC Cowes Clubhouse

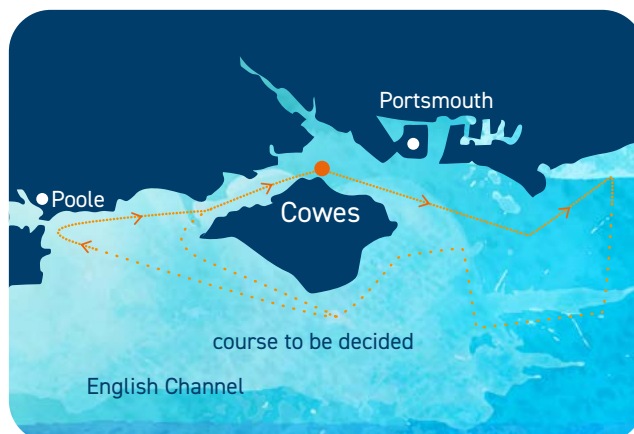
Dinner reservations can be made with the Cowes Clubhouse for the evening of Friday 16 May 2025.

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PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

MYTH OF MALHAM RACE – 24 MAY

Of the early season offshore events in the domestic calendar, and despite being one of the longer races, the Myth of Malham always seems to have the largest participation. This is especially the case in Rolex Fastnet Race years.

Naturally this is due to its course: From a Squadron line start, it takes the fleet west down the Solent, then out into the Channel, passing the Dorset and Devonshire coasts to the turning mark – the Eddystone Lighthouse, located 12 miles off Plymouth.

Once around, competitors then backtrack up the Channel to the Solent. Thus, this is an excellent way to walk the first 100 miles of the Rolex

Fastnet course prior to the start of the main event itself in July. During the race crews have the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with course's great complexities, especially the navigation, tackling the multitude of complex tidal gates, staying right in or going out, while passing the south coast's notorious headlands.

This year the race is back in its late May position, after the De Guingand Bowl and coinciding with the Spring bank holiday.

The Myth of Malham is named after one of the most famous and, for the time, radical boats in RORC history. Conceived in detail by Commodore John Illingworth

and designed by Laurent Giles, *Myth of Malham's* illustrious career included her being a rare consecutive two-time Fastnet Race winner (1947 and 1949). Ten years later she remained competitive enough to be part of Britain's winning Admiral's Cup team.

In 2023 the race was a battle between the then Commodore and Vice-Commodore's yachts – *Ino Noir* versus *Teasing Machine*.

Last year the race was a doublehanded fest, won by Commodore Deb Fish and Rob Craigie on *Bellino*, just ahead of Tim Goodhew and Kelvin Matthews on *Cora*.



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PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

MYTH OF MALHAM RACE – 24 MAY

2.1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with the Royal Yacht Squadron.

2.2 RACE DATE

Start: Saturday 24 May 2025.

First Warning Signal: 1020, RYS Cowes, to the West.

HW: Cowes 0921 3.9m

2.3 CLASSES

IRC, IRC Two-Handed, Class40, Multihull.

2.4 ENTRY

Entry opens at 1200 on Tuesday 7 January 2025

2.5 CLOSING DATE/RATING DEADLINE

Thursday 15 May 2025

2.6 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Category 3 plus Category 2 liferaft with RORC Prescriptions. See NoR 1.5.7

2.7 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

See NoR 1.6 Stability and Safety Indices

2.11 COURSE

Solent to Eddystone Lighthouse then return to Solent.

Approximately 235 nautical miles.

2.13 SCORING

Bonus Points 10. NoR 1.12

2.14 RACE PRIZES AND TROPHIES

2.14.1 Trophies

Trophy	Awarded for
Myth of Malham Cup	BCT IRC
Loujaine Cup	IRC One
Jamarella Trophy	IRC Two
Maid of Malham Cup	IRC Three
Ernest Moore Plate	IRC Four
Ville D'Hieres Trophy	Two-Handed Class

2.14.2 Prizes

IRC Zero, Class40, Multihull; RORC Medallions.

2.15 PRIZE-GIVING

Trophies and RORC Medallions will be presented at

1830hrs on Saturday 20 September at the Cowes

Clubhouse, The Parade, Cowes, PO31 7QU.

All crews welcome.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

RORC Cowes Clubhouse

Dinner reservations can be made with the Cowes Clubhouse for the evening of Friday 23 May 2025, and breakfast orders for the morning of the start on Saturday 24 May. Please contact the Cowes Clubhouse directly for further information.

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PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

NORTH SEA RACE – 30 MAY



Now over 80 years old, the North Sea Race is a classic, originating from the Royal Maas Yacht Club's Maas Race. Today it is jointly organised between the RORC, Royal Harwich and EAORA, forming part of the East Anglia Offshore Racing Association's programme.

After a hiatus during WWII, the RORC restarted it in 1946. In those post-war years the course had to be approved by the Admiralty, ensuring competitors avoided potential hazards such as unexploded mines!

These days the hazards are little more mundane, if still challenging, including oil rigs, wind turbines, commercial traffic and numerous shoals. Competitors, once started from off Harwich, must navigate the Galloper wind farm and round Smith's Knoll Buoy before continuing to the finish off the Dutch seaside resort town

of Scheveningen, close to The Hague and renowned for its very long sandy beach.

The Yacht Club Scheveningen team provide a lively welcome and prize-giving where competitors can win a number of prestigious trophies, topped off by the Goeree Challenge Cup for IRC Overall. In 2024 it was won by Michel Dorsman's *X-362 Sport Extra Djinn* in a race beset by a delayed start, a cold easterly breeze and fog.

The race is ideally situated for those East Coast-based boats looking to build their qualifying miles for the Rolex Fastnet Race without having to visit the

south coast.

The race always attracts a strong contingent from the Netherlands, as it also forms part of the Dutch-run North Sea Regatta and, as such, is sandwiched between a feeder race to Harwich (the Vuurshepenrace) and an inshore regatta held off Scheveningen after the finish.



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

NORTH SEA RACE – 30 MAY

2.1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club, in association with the Royal Harwich Yacht Club, the East Anglian Offshore Racing Association, the Yacht Club Scheveningen and Foundation North Sea Regatta.

2.2 RACE DATE

Start: Friday 30 May 2025. First Warning Signal: 1020, near the entrance of Harwich Harbour. HW: Harwich 1020 4.0m

2.3 CLASSES

IRC, IRC Two-Handed, ORC, ORC Two-Handed, Class40, MOCRA Multihull

2.4 ENTRY

Entry opens at 1200 on Tuesday 7 January 2025
Even if a boat is entered into the Vuurschepen Race (North Sea Regatta) it must enter the North Sea Race through RORC's online *entry system* SailraceHQ.
See NoR 1.8.

2.4.1 Entry dispensation for boats competing in the Vuurschepen Race

Boats entered into the North Sea Race are not required to lodge a World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations checklist if they have competed in the Vuurschepen Race and have been inspected.

2.5 CLOSING DATE/RATING DEADLINE

Thursday 22 May 2025

2.6 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Category 3 plus Category 2 liferaft with RORC Prescriptions. See NoR 1.5.7

2.7 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

See NoR 1.6 Stability and Safety Indices.

2.11 COURSE

Harwich to Scheveningen. The full course including all other marks will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. Approximately 180 nautical miles.

2.13 SCORING

Bonus Points 10. NoR 1.12

2.14 RACE PRIZES AND TROPHIES

2.14.1 IRC Trophies

Trophy	Awarded for
Goeree Challenge Cup	BCT IRC
Wylie Trophy	IRC Zero
Lutine Trophy	IRC One
Joannes Pompejus Memorial Cup	IRC Two
Carter Ruck Trophy	IRC Three
Jan Moreton Salver	IRC Four
Golden Dragon Trophy	IRC Two-Handed Class
Smith's Knoll Trophy	First long course yacht at Smith's Knoll Buoy
City of the Hague Trophy	Best yacht from Yacht Club Scheveningen
C70 Trophy	The Netherlands vs Great Britain

2.14.2 ORC Trophies

Trophies will be allocated to ORC classes once the class splits for the race have been decided.

Trophy	
Veerhaven Trophy	
Zwerver Cup	
Lora Challenge Cup	

2.14.1 Prizes

Class40, Multihull. RORC Medallions.

2.15 PRIZE-GIVING

Sunday 1 June 2025, 1600 (local time) in Scheveningen. All crews welcome.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

Race Office

Start: Royal Harwich Yacht Club, Woolverstone, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP9 1AT

Telephone: +44 1473 780 319 / +44 7825 007 035

Finish: RORC Representative: c/o Yacht Club Scheveningen, Hellingweg98, 2583 WH, Scheveningen, The Netherlands.

Telephone: +31 6 53 24 44 95 / +44 7825 007 035

North Sea Regatta 2021: IRC and ORC Regatta
27 May: Vuurschepen Race, Scheveningen – Harwich
30 May: North Sea Race (RORC), Harwich – Scheveningen
7 -9 May: Inshore Races Scheveningen
Competitors in the Vuurschepen/Harwich Race and/or the North Sea Race and/or North Sea Regatta inshore races will be entitled to a discount of 25% of the regular mooring fees in the Yacht Club Scheveningen marina during their total stay in Scheveningen in connection with the regattas.

For further information about the North Sea Regatta contact: Foundation North Sea Regatta, Hellingweg98, 2583 WH, Scheveningen, The Netherlands
Telephone: +31 6 53 24 44 95
Email: info@nsr.nl
Website: www.nsr.nl



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

DUN LAOGHAIRE TO DINGLE RACE - 11 JUNE

Making a welcome return to the calendar this year is the biennial Dún Laoghaire to Dingle Race. Located on the outskirts of Dublin, Dún Laoghaire is Ireland's mecca for sailing and home to the race's organiser, the National Yacht Club. It is from here that the 320-mile race starts.

This 'perfect mini offshore' sends competitors down the eastern side of Ireland, along its southern coastline, past the Fastnet Rock and out into the Atlantic, up the west coast into Dingle, situated on the south side of the Dingle peninsula (the Emerald

Isle's westernmost point). En route the fleet has to navigate the tricky sandbanks along the east coast and pass the Tuskar Rock lighthouse, which stands sentinel over the wrecks of 178 vessels which have perished on the rocks it marks, making this one of the most dangerous features of the Irish coastline.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2023 with a record entry of 43 yachts, the last edition of the race was won by American Ron O'Hanley and his Cookson 50 *Privateer*. *Privateer* set a new course record, shaving five hours

off the time set in 2019 by Mick Cotter's *Windfall*. The strength of her victory in IRC Overall was founded upon her remarkable speed to the southeastern corner of the course, benefitting from a favourable and strong ebb tide which turned against those coming up behind, shutting the door on her competition.

The location and 300+ mile length of the Dún Laoghaire to Dingle makes it the perfect Rolex Fastnet Race qualifier for yachts located on England's northwest coast or in Ireland.



For information only

See event Notice of Race at www.d2drace.ie

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: National Yacht Club of Ireland

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Category 3 plus Category 2 Liferaft and AIS Transponder

COURSE: Dún Laoghaire, Ireland - Dingle

DISTANCE: 320 miles

RORC SEASON'S POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Dún Laoghaire to Dingle Race is part of the RORC Season's Points Championship - Bonus Points 10. See this NoR 1.1 & 1.12.

CLASSES:

IRC (>0.850)

IRC Two-Handed

Class40

MOCRA Multihull over 9.15m (>1.100)



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

TRANSATLANTIC RACE 2025 (W-E) - 18 JUNE



If there was an historic offshore equivalent to the America's Cup, it would be the New York Yacht Club's west-east Transatlantic Race. First run in 1866 (read more on p29) from New York to the Lizard and on to Cowes, today it takes place every four years from Newport, RI to Cowes, with times taken at the Lizard as this forms a record passage recognised by the World Sailing Speed Record Council. It is also now organised jointly between the NYYC and the RORC, in association with the Storm Trysail Club and the Royal Yacht Squadron.

The event is designed to feed into the Rolex Fastnet Race, as its

predecessors did as long ago as 1931 when the early Sparkman & Stephens-designed *Dorada* won both that year's Transatlantic Race and Fastnet Race outright (a feat the Askew brothers repeated in 2019 aboard *Wizard*).

Today the race is very much safer than it was in 1866, not least because it sets sail on 18 June, rather than mid-December and is sailed on board boats designed and engineered to go offshore. In addition, the course no longer shaves Newfoundland, avoiding a passage across the Grand Banks with its shallows, unlit fishing boats and thick fog. As for any *Titanic* sinking-sized icebergs drifting south

on the Labrador Current, as they do even in the summer months, the fleet is kept well away from these hazards, which are now monitored by satellite. However competitors still face the same challenges of handling the Gulf Stream crossing and the steady stream of eastbound depressions there, ready to pummel the fleet, as they have throughout the centuries.

While the 2,900-mile course across the North Atlantic, even in the height of summer, is not for the faint of heart, this is a golden opportunity to tick off a true bucket-list race, with one of the longest histories in our sport.

For information only

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: New York Yacht Club and the Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with the Royal Yacht Squadron and Storm Trysail Club

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Category 1 and RORC Prescriptions

COURSE: Newport, Rhode Island – Cowes

DISTANCE: 3,000 miles

CLASSES:

IRC Racing Division
IRC Racer Cruiser Division
IRC Non-Spinnaker
Classic Division
Super Yacht Division
MOCRA Multihull
Open Division



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

EAST COAST RACE - 26 JUNE



Given that the origins of yacht racing in England began on the Thames, perhaps it is understandable that once upon a time, before the Solent became the centre of the British sailing universe, the racing calendar included events of equal magnitude across the breadth of the country.

This was true in offshore racing too, where some of the earliest events in the RORC programme were the Maas and Haak Cup/Heligoland races, both introduced in 1934. These races started from the East Coast sailing mecca of Burnham-on-Crouch, bound for the Netherlands.

Over the years these events have evolved into the RORC's North Sea and East Coast Races, the latter organised in conjunction with Haven Ports Yacht Club in Levington and the East Anglian Offshore Racing Association (EAORA).

As usual the course will run from Harwich to Ostend, although this year it has grown to 120 miles. The longer course is so that, when combined with the 180-mile long North Sea Race, teams from the East Coast are able to accumulate the required 300 qualification miles for the Rolex Fastnet Race. On the East Coast Race, competitors can expect the usual North Sea challenges of

navigating through shallow and strongly tidal waters with numerous obstacles, such as sand banks and wind farms, to avoid before reaching the popular Flemish seaside city.

The prize-giving will take place at the Royal North Sea Yacht Club in Ostend. The trophies being raced for include the Bob Stewart Memorial Trophy for IRC Overall; the Blackwater Trophy for IRC Zero/One; WSV Breskens Trophy for IRC Two; Hugh Ellis Cup for IRC Three; North Sea Yacht Club Trophy for IRC Two-Handed and the Ailish Salver for First Yacht Home, plus RORC Medallions.

For information only

See event Notice of Race at www.eaora.org.uk

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: East Anglian Offshore Racing Association in association with the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club and the Royal Ocean Racing Club

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Category 3 plus Category 2 Lifaft, AIS Transponder and RORC Prescriptions

RORC SEASON'S POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP

The East Coast Race is part of the RORC Season's Points Championship – Bonus Points 0. See this NoR 1.1 & 1.12.

COURSE: Harwich – Ostend

DISTANCE: 120 miles

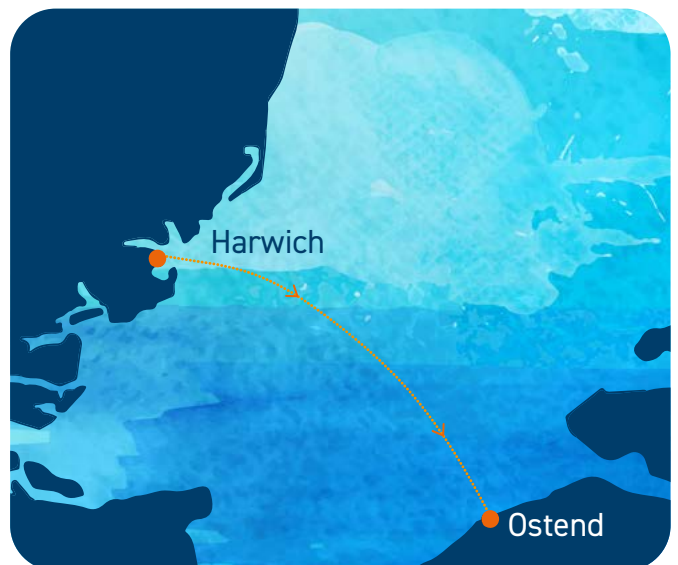
CLASSES:

IRC (>0.850)

IRC Two-Handed

Class40

MOCRA Multihull over 9.15m (>1.100)





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PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

MORGAN CUP RACE – 27 JUNE



In a break from its recent run of Dartmouth finishes, the Morgan Cup will once again, after eight years, be bound for Guernsey in the Channel Islands this season.

This is one of the more unusual RORC races. While organised and run by the Club, all the trophies, including the prestigious Morgan Cup trophy itself, donated in 1929 by a member of the JP Morgan banking dynasty, are held and awarded by the Royal Thames Yacht Club. This arrangement is long standing; the Club has assisted in its running since the 1930s and the race joined the RORC programme in the

1950s. Winners are traditionally invited to the Royal Thames Yacht Club's prestigious annual dinner and prize-giving to receive their silverware.

Guernsey is the second largest of the Channel Islands and is a popular destination. The intention is for the race to last a relatively speedy 18-24 hours. While the course remains fairly direct, competitors will be limited in how far west they can go as they will have to keep clear of the Casquets TSS northwest of Alderney, as well as negotiating the numerous rocks and powerful tides around the Channel Islands.

St Peter Port provides the perfect finish with the fleet likely to cross the line within sight of the imposing Castle Cornet, which has stood guard over the historic town for 900+ years. For those coming ashore, there is a deep water harbour and picturesque cobblestone town centre known for its restaurants and museums, making this an excellent place to relax before the passage home.

In 2024 the winner of the Morgan Cup in IRC Overall was Ross Applebey's *Scarlet Oyster* while Eric de Turckheim's *Teasing Machine* took line honours.

PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

MORGAN CUP RACE – 27 JUNE

2.1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with the Royal Thames Yacht Club, the Royal Yacht Squadron.

2.2 RACE DATE

Start: Friday 27 June 2025. First Warning Signal: 1300, from the RYS Cowes, to the West. HW: Cowes 1330 4.2m

2.3 CLASSES

IRC, IRC Two-Handed, Class40, MOCRA Multihull.

2.4 ENTRY

Entry opens at 1200 on Tuesday 7 2025

2.5 CLOSING DATE/RATING DEADLINE

Thursday 19 June 2025

2.6 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Category 3 plus Category 2 liferaft with RORC Prescriptions. See NoR 1.5.7

2.7 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

See NoR 1.6 Stability and Safety Indices.

2.11 COURSE

Suitable course(s) will be designed to last between 18 and 24 hours. The race area will be defined in the Sailing Instructions with the race finish in Guernsey.

2.13 SCORING

Bonus Points 0. See NoR 1.12

2.14 RACE PRIZES AND TROPHIES

2.14.1 Trophies

Trophy	Awarded for
Royal Thames Yacht Club Morgan Cup	BCT IRC
RTYC Knightsbridge Cup	IRC One
RTYC Queenborough Cup	IRC Two
RTYC Charles Ball Challenge Cup	IRC Three
RTYC Warsash Cup	IRC Four
RTYC Colin Campbell Challenge Cup	Two-Handed Class
RORC Salver	First Yacht Home

2.14.2 Prizes

RORC Medallions.

2.15 PRIZE-GIVING

The Morgan Cup trophies will be presented at the Royal Thames Yacht Club prize giving dinner (date TBC). RORC Medallions will be presented at 1830hrs on Saturday 20 September at the Cowes Clubhouse, The Parade, Cowes, PO31 7QU.

All crews welcome.



RORC Cowes Clubhouse

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PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

LA TRINITÉ TO COWES RACE – 6 JULY



After the 2024 edition remained an all-French event, starting in the French sailing mecca of La Trinité-sur-Mer and finishing in Cherbourg, for the RORC's centenary year the race, organised by the Société Nautique de La Trinité-sur-Mer in association with the Club, will again return to its original finish in Cowes.

Starting on 6 July it provides a formalised feeder race for teams based in southern Brittany wishing to compete in the famous Cowes-Dinard-St Malo, which sets sail from the Solent on 11 July. The timing is aimed to allow competitors to regroup and spend a little time enjoying Cowes before the start of the main event.

At 350 miles, the race is the longest in the UK domestic programme, after the Rolex Fastnet Race. Its course is challenging: Starting from the Baie de Quiberon, competitors round the Quiberon peninsula before turning their bows northwest, up Brittany's Atlantic coast.

They must then take on the famous tidal gates at the Pointe Penmarc'h and Raz de Sein before making the key tactical decision whether to proceed up the rock-strewn Chenal du Four between Ushant and the mainland, or sail around Ushant's seaward side, which is longer and will pit them against the full brunt of the Atlantic. From here, the fleet turns their bows towards

Hurst and the western entrance of the Solent, via the Casquets TSS and on to the finish, where they can recuperate in the Cowes Clubhouse.

For competitors entering from elsewhere in Europe, La Trinité-sur-Mer, with its famous bridge, is home to the Société Nautique which holds its popular Spi Ouest-France regatta held every Easter. Once upon a time the base for Éric Tabarly, many other top French sailors, such as Francis Joyon, Thomas Coville and the event's organiser and former Ultime skipper Yves le Blevec, today live nearby. The seaside town offers the fine dining and lively bars, as befits one of France's most famous yachting ports.

For information only

See event Notice of Race at www.snt-voile.org

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: Société Nautique de La Trinité-sur-Mer in association with the Royal Ocean Racing Club

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Category 3 plus Category 2 Liferaft, AIS Transponder and RORC Prescriptions

COURSE: La Trinité-sur-Mer – Cowes

DISTANCE: 350 miles

CLASSES:

IRC (>0.850)

IRC Two-Handed

Class40

MOCRA Multihull over 9.15m (>1.100)





PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

COWES DINARD ST MALO RACE – 11 JULY



Photo: RORC/Paul Wyeth/pwpictures.com

One of the most popular events in the RORC calendar, the Cowes-Dinard-St Malo really does have it all. The race is one of the most historic still being run today. It dates back to 1906, when King Edward VII was vigorously campaigning the gaff cutter HMY *Britannia*. In that year the British monarch donated the magnificent King Edward VII Challenge Cup to the Yacht Club Nautique de la Rance for what was known at the time as the Dinard Race.

After stopping for WWI, the modern-day race was founded in 1929 when the Yacht Club Nautique de la Rance invited the RORC to revive it. While the original

race concluded in Dinard, in later years, as the race grew in popularity, the finish and its race management, gravitated to nearby St Malo where there was greater space for the finishers in the marina. While it was suspended during WWII, soon after the fleet was memorably escorted towards the finish by a destroyer to avoid minefields.

The course starts, as ever, on the Squadron line, taking the fleet through the Solent and across the Channel, east of the Casquets TSS and past the Channel Islands of Alderney and Les Hanois before heading south. Competitors finish, memorably, under the imposing walled city of St Malo

where, once locked in and alongside, they can celebrate at the Société Nautique de la Baie de St Malo and enjoy the hospitality of St Malo itself, renowned for the wonderful bars and restaurants located within its historic battlements.

The King Edward VII Challenge Cup remains one of the most prized trophies during the season and for this reason this race frequently attracts a strong entry, usually swelled in a Fastnet year as it makes an excellent qualifying race, with 179 entrants in 2023. In 2024 it was won by Tom Kneen's Rolex Fastnet Race-winning JPK 1180 *Sunrise III*.

PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

COWES DINARD ST MALO RACE – 11 JULY

2.1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with UNCL, Yacht Club de Dinard, Société Nautique de la Baie de St. Malo, Junior Offshore Group (JOG) and the Royal Yacht Squadron.

2.2 RACE DATE

Start: Friday 11 July 2025. First Warning Signal: 1100, RYS Cowes, to the West. HW: Cowes 1233 4.1m

2.3 CLASSES

IRC, IRC Two-Handed, Class40, MOCRA Multihull.

2.4 ENTRY

Entry opens at 1200 on Tuesday 7 January 2025
In co-operation with JOG the following arrangement applies to the Cowes-Dinard-St Malo Race this year: Boats in the JOG Offshore Championship may gain JOG points by a request to RORC before the race and payment of an additional £10 to which RORC add an additional contribution for the benefit of JOG.

2.5 CLOSING DATE/RATING DEADLINE

Thursday 3 July 2025

2.6 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Category 3 plus Category 2 liferaft with RORC Prescriptions. See NoR 1.5.7

2.7 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

See NoR 1.6 Stability and Safety Indices

2.11 COURSE

Cowes – Casquets - Les Hanois – St Malo.
Approximately 151 nautical miles.

2.13 SCORING

Bonus Points 0. See NoR 1.12

2.14 RACE PRIZES AND TROPHIES

2.14.1 Trophies

Trophy	Awarded for
King Edward VII Cup	BCT IRC
Derek Boyer Trophy	2nd BCT IRC
Lloyds of London Salver	IRC Zero
Noryema Trophy	IRC One
Yeoman Bowl	IRC Two
Yacht Club de Dinard Trophy	IRC Three
IR Trophy	IRC Four
Slingshot Trophy	Two-Handed Class
Sandison Memorial Salver	1st Monohull home
John West Trophy*	Club Challenge for two yacht teams scored in IRC Overall
Newcome Hoare Trophy*	Best IRC yacht on corrected time with 25% of the crew under 25
Spica Trophy*	Best IRC 4 boat, 38ft and under, with a crew made up of at least 3 family and friends
Yacht Club de France Shield	Awarded at the discretion of the Yacht Club de France

The Dinard Trophy	1st Multihull home
Yachts and Yachting Cauldron	BCT MOCRA Rating Rule

* These trophies are subject to specific extra conditions which are set out in a Trophy Application Form. To be eligible entrants must complete the online form before the start of the race.

2.14.2 Prizes

Class40. RORC Medallions.

2.15 PRIZE-GIVING

Sunday 13 July 2025 at 1000 (local time), at the Société Nautique de la Baie de St. Malo.
All crews welcome.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

RORC Cowes Clubhouse

Dinner reservations can be made with the Cowes Clubhouse for the evening of Thursday 10 July 2025, and breakfast orders for the morning of the start on Friday 11 July. Please contact the Cowes Clubhouse directly for further information.

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Email : eventscowes@rorc.org

Web: www.royaloceandracingclub.touchreservation.net/reservation

Race Office

Finish: RORC representative, Société Nautique de la Baie de St. Malo, Quai de Bajoyer 5, 35400 St. Malo.

Telephone: + 33 2 9920 2295

Monohull Course Record: 2015

Leopard in 11 hours 57 minutes and 53 seconds.

Multihull Course Record: 2015

Concise 10 in 9 hours 12 minutes and 35 seconds.



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

THE ADMIRAL'S CUP - 17 JULY - 1 AUGUST

Back for the first time since 2003, and coinciding with the RORC's centenary, is the Admiral's Cup. Once upon a time considered the unofficial world championship of offshore racing, the appetite for events fielding three-boat national teams had since waned globally, but two decades on, in stronger economic times, with great stability in the IRC Rule and with the Rolex Fastnet Race once again concluding it, the revitalised Admiral's Cup seems to have caught the imagination of teams from far and wide.

The event is resonating with owners and crews alike. Some grew up reading about the international competition

for the famous gold trophy and are now older and able to compete for the Admiral's Cup themselves. The story is similar for the legion of pro sailors who cut their competitive teeth in this event, or aspired to. As a result, many new boats are being built for it, while others are training especially for the event, driving forward expectations that the level of competition may be close to what it was during the event's zenith in the 1980s and 90s.

Entry has been made simpler, with teams comprising two, rather than three, boats and representing a yacht club or their owners' nation, without the complication of having to involve

national authorities, team trials, etc.

The schedule kicks off with the 'short offshore' which will be the Channel Race (typically 110-160 miles overnight around marks), followed by three days of inshore racing, which will comprise a mix of windward-leewards and round the cans courses. There is then a day off before the start of the Rolex Fastnet Race. If four or more inshores are completed then one can be discarded. Neither offshore race can be discarded, with the 'short offshore' carrying a 2x points co-efficient and the Rolex Fastnet Race 3x.



For information only

See event Notice of Race at www.admiralscup.rorc.org

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: Royal Ocean Racing Club

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Category 4/Category 2

SCHEDULE: Channel Race; three days of inshores (windward-leewards/round the cans); Rolex Fastnet Race

CLASSES:

Yacht club/national teams comprising two boats:

Admiral's Cup 1:

TCC 1.280-1.464, LH 13.41-17.20m

Admiral's Cup 2:

TCC 1.100-1.276, LH 11.00-13.40





THE ADMIRAL'S CUP
PRESENTED IN 1957 BY
SER JAMES WYATT, CBE
CAPTAIN JOHN ILLINGWORTH, RN
PIETER GREEN
GEOFFREY PATTINSON
SEYMEN SLATER

PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

CHANNEL RACE – 19 JULY



The 'Junior Ocean Race' was first run in 1928 as the shorter sibling to the Fastnet Race, originally catering for smaller yachts at the time considered too small to complete in the main event. While shorter, it was not insubstantial, despite being a 'go-nowhere' race; in those years the fleet was sent to the Cherbourg breakwater and back to finish in Cowes! The first edition had 12 starters and was won by future RORC Commodore Robert Somerset on his 34ft cutter, *Penboch*.

Fast forward 97 years and the race is going strong, scheduled varyingly either before or after the Rolex Fastnet

Race in odd years. In the past the Channel Race enjoyed its greatest status as the opening offshore of the Admiral's Cup. In 2025 the Channel Race will once again be the first offshore race of the Admiral's Cup, restoring it to its former glory.

Being one of only two events in the RORC programme without a specific destination, the Channel Race is today a designed course, with a duration of around 24 hours and finishing in the Solent. Virtual marks are set in the days preceding the race based on conditions and the forecast, to create a tactically challenging, often

windward-leeward, course for the fleet.

In 2024 it was Mark Emerson's youth team on *Phosphorus II* which sailed away with the Channel Challenge Cup for IRC Overall. Other trophies up for grabs include the Stetson Plate for IRC One and Royal Albert Yacht Club Trophies for IRC Two, Three and Four. First boat home receives the Hugh Astor Trophy, donated by the one-time owner of *The Times*, who owned and raced the classic yacht *Nordwind*, which held the Fastnet Race course record for 24 years.

PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

CHANNEL RACE – 19 JULY

2.1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club.

2.2 RACE DATE

Start: Saturday 19 July 2025.

First Warning Signal: 1020, Committee Vessel, to the East. HW: Cowes 1913 4.0m

2.3 CLASSES

IRC, IRC Two-Handed, Class40, MOCRA Multihull.

2.4 ENTRY

Entry opens at 1200 on Tuesday 7 January 2025

2.5 CLOSING DATE/RATING DEADLINE

Thursday 10 July 2025

2.6 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Category 3 plus Category 2 liferaft with RORC Prescriptions. See NoR 1.5.7

2.7 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

See NoR 1.6 Stability and Safety Indices

2.11 COURSE

Suitable course(s) will be designed to last between 24 and 30 hours. The race area will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

2.13 SCORING

Bonus Points 0. NoR 1.12

2.14 RACE PRIZES AND TROPHIES

2.14.1 Trophies

Trophy	Awarded for
Channel Challenge Cup	BCT IRC
Stetson Plate	IRC One
Royal Albert Yacht Club Trophy	IRC Two
Royal Albert Yacht Club Trophy	IRC Three
Royal Albert Yacht Club Trophy	IRC Four
Assegai Bowl	Two-Handed Class
Hugh Astor Trophy	1st Yacht Home
Inter Service Trophy	Service Yacht with BCT

2.14.2 Prizes

IRC Zero, Class40, Multihull; RORC Medallions.

2.15 PRIZE-GIVING

Trophies and RORC Medallions will be presented at 1830hrs on Saturday 20 September at the Cowes Clubhouse, The Parade, Cowes, PO31 7QU.

All crews welcome.



NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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RORC Cowes Clubhouse

Dinner reservations can be made with the Cowes Clubhouse for the evening of Friday 18 July 2025.

Please contact the Cowes Clubhouse directly for further information.

Telephone : +44 1983 293581

Email : events@rorc.org

Web: www.royaloceanracingclub.touchreservation.net/reservation



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

ROLEX FASTNET RACE – 26 JULY



Highlight of the centenary year will be the Rolex Fastnet Race, the event which in 1925 resulted in the formation of this Club. Today it is by far the largest offshore race in the world. 2023's 50th edition saw a bumper entry of 430, the fleet having doubled in size since the late 1990s.

Most entries are in the huge IRC fleet, spanning giant maxis through to smaller grand prix racers and cruiser racers, one-designs down to family and sailing school teams on 30ft cruisers, for whom the race may be the pinnacle of their crews' sailing careers. In 2023 more than one quarter of the IRC fleet were doublehanders.

The race also attracts many top French

pro teams, from the giant Ultime trimarans to the IMOCA's, Ocean Fifty trimarans and Class40s.

A major new dimension to the race that hasn't been seen since 1997 is the return of the Admiral's Cup, with the Rolex Fastnet Race representing the grand finale of the RORC's revitalised new series.

As usual the Rolex Fastnet Race represents the complete test for competitors. Prevailing westerly winds usually make for a tactical beat out of the Solent and down to Land's End, with competitors requiring all their tactical skill and bravery to beat the tide when it turns foul. After going east or west of the TSS off Land's End, there is usually

a tight reach across to the Fastnet Rock before sheets can be cracked for the reach southeast back across the Celtic Sea to round Bishop Rock.

Finally there is the run to the finish in Cherbourg-en-Cotentin, with the last hurdle being the Alderney Race and its powerful tides, which can be a win or lose moment in the race for competitors.

At the finish, Port Chantereyne is capable of berthing the whole fleet, while the Club is working closely with L'Association Arrivée Fastnet Cherbourg and the town of Cherbourg-en-Cotentin, Communauté d'Agglomération du Cotentin and the Département de la Manche et Région Normandie to lay on a special welcome for competitors.

For information only

See event Notice of Race at www.rolexfastnetrace.com

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with the Yacht Club de Cherbourg and the Royal Yacht Squadron

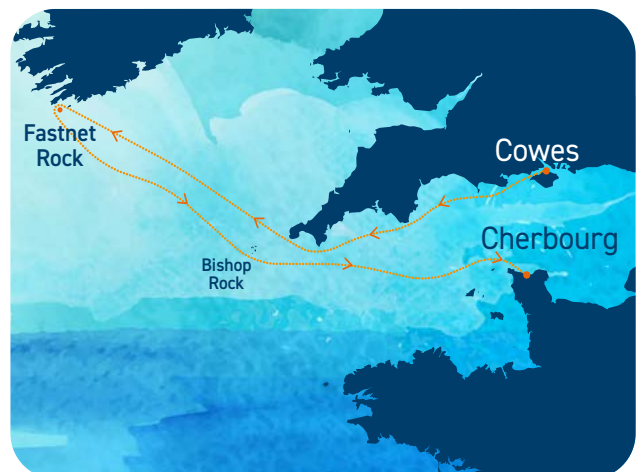
SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Category 2 plus AIS Transponder and RORC Prescriptions

COURSE: Cowes – Fastnet Rock – Cherbourg

DISTANCE: 695 miles

CLASSES:

IRC (>0.850)	Ultime
IRC Two-Handed	IMOCA
Class40	Ocean Fifty
MOCRA Multihull over 9.15m (>1.100)	



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

CHERBOURG RACE – 5 SEPTEMBER

While it has, of late, been replaced by the Castle Rock Race in odd 'Fastnet' years, for many it wouldn't be a RORC season without the final September sprint to Cherbourg, perhaps unsurprisingly given its nickname is 'the wine run'.

Cherbourg, tantalisingly close to the Isle of Wight, is a natural race finish to choose; many of the RORC's French fleet are from the area and relations have strengthened since the famous port at the top of the Cotentin peninsula started hosting the finish of the Rolex Fastnet Race.

The unassuming 75-mile course is a simple, but tactically challenging,

Channel crossing: competitors start from the Squadron line and exit the western Solent to head directly south towards the Cherbourg peninsula.

Aside from the usual features of a Channel crossing, competitors must be wary of the strong tides around the approaches to the finish; even once inside the breakwater of the Grande Rade, where positions have been known to change within sight of the finish line.

Once arrived, the Yacht Club de Cherbourg always provides a warm reception for the fleet and will be hosting the prize-giving within its

clubhouse alongside Cherbourg's massive Port Chantereyne marina.

As the last event in the season, for those within sight of, or guarding a position on, the RORC Season's Points podiums, this is an unmissable race that has caused many an upset.

In 2024 the race was the 'make or break' for IRC Three with the duo on *Cora* cementing their lead in the Season's Points Championship over *Yalla!*, when they won the Cherbourg Trophy for IRC Overall in addition to their class prize.



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PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

CHERBOURG RACE – 5 SEPTEMBER

2.1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with the Royal Yacht Squadron.

2.2 RACE DATE

Start: Friday 5 September 2025.
 First Warning Signal 17:50, RYS Cowes to the East.
 HW: Cowes 1029 3.9m

2.3 CLASSES

IRC, IRC Two-Handed, Class40, MOCRA Multihull.

2.4 ENTRY

Entry opens at 1200 on Tuesday 7 January 2025

2.5 CLOSING DATE/RATING DEADLINE

Thursday 28 August 2025

2.6 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Category 3 plus Category 2 liferaft with RORC Prescriptions. See NoR 1.5.7

2.7 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

See NoR 1.6 Stability and Safety Indices

2.11 COURSE

Cowes to Cherbourg.
 Approximately 75 nautical miles.

2.13 SCORING

Bonus Points 0. NoR 1.12

2.14 RACE PRIZES AND TROPHIES

2.14.1 Trophies

Trophy	Awarded for
Cherbourg Trophy	BCT IRC
Quailo Cup	IRC One
Trophée des Deux Manches	IRC Two
Yacht Club de France Trophy	IRC Three
Jolie Brise Trophy	IRC Four
RORC Trophy	Two-Handed Class

2.14.2 Prizes

IRC Zero, Class40, Multihull; RORC Medallions.

2.15 PRIZE-GIVING

Trophies and RORC Medallions will be presented at Yacht Club de Cherbourg at 13:00 (local time) Saturday 6 September 2025.

All crews welcome.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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RORC Cowes Clubhouse

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 Web: www.royaloceanracingclub.touchreservation.net/reservation



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

SALCOMBE GIN RORC CENTENARY RACE – 20 SEPTEMBER

While you will have read about all the big events taking place in 2025 to mark the Club's centenary - from the west to east Transatlantic Race to the Rolex Fastnet Race and rejuvenated Admiral's Cup, it was felt that there was a need for a more informal event, followed by some celebration ashore for club members. From this the idea for the RORC Centenary Race germinated.

The end result is an event that will take place on 20 September, after the Season's Points Championship events have been concluded and almost at

the end of the season - with only the Offshore Double Handed Worlds still to go.

Far from being a mere parade of sail, the RORC Centenary Race will be a good distance – around eight hours duration for the slower boats, six for the faster – and uniquely will follow a 'pursuit race' format. This will entail the slowest classes being sent off first, and the fastest last, with the objective of all the boats finishing at a similar time. The course will be set taking into account the tide, in such a way as to ensure fairness between the classes with their

separate departure times. The wind forecast will also be used to decide upon the best course, which could see the fleet sent out into Christchurch Bay or in the opposite direction, eastward, to Selsey Bill.

The fleet finishing en masse will enable crews to get their yachts squared away with the aim of being at the Cowes Clubhouse at the same time for celebratory drinks and BBQ. That evening the trophies and medals not awarded throughout the season will be handed out at the RORC Cowes Clubhouse from 1830.

2.1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with the Royal Yacht Squadron.

2.2 RACE DATE

Start: Saturday 20 September 2025. First Warning Signal described in Sailing Instructions. HW: Cowes 1108 4.2m

2.3 CLASSES

IRC, IRC Two-Handed, Class40, MOCRA Multihull.

2.4 ENTRY

Entry opens at 1200 on Tuesday 7 January 2025

2.5 CLOSING DATE/RATING DEADLINE

Thursday 11 September 2025

2.6 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Category 4.

2.7 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

See NoR 1.6 Stability and Safety Indices

2.11 COURSE

Suitable course(s) will be designed to last between 6 and 8 hours. The race area will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. Approximately 65 nautical miles.

2.14 RACE PRIZES AND TROPHIES

2.14.1 Prizes

IRC Zero, Class40, Multihull; RORC Medallions.

2.15 PRIZE-GIVING

Trophies will be presented at 1830hrs on Saturday 20 September at the Cowes Clubhouse, The Parade, Cowes, PO31 7QU.

All crews welcome.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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RORC Cowes Clubhouse

Celebratory drinks and BBQ from 1700 on 20 September. Please contact the Cowes Clubhouse directly for further information.

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Email : eventsCowes@rorc.org

Web: www.royaloceanracingclub.touchreservation.net/reservation



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

DOUBLE HANDED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP – 22 – 28 SEPTEMBER



Doublehanded offshore racing has been strongly on the ascent in the UK and abroad over the last two decades. In 2024, of the 333 boats that started RORC offshore races in IRC classes, 99 (29%) were doublehanded. Historically, races for this discipline have been taking place on both sides of the Channel for decades, from the Royal Western Yacht Club's TwoSTAR and Round Britain & Ireland Race to French events such as the Transat Jacques Vabre. But the discipline received a major boost internationally when, for a while, mixed doublehanded offshore racing looked set to become an Olympic sport for Paris 2024.

Although it is yet to make it into the Games, the idea is far from dead. To this end World Sailing has permitted three editions of the Offshore Double Handed World Championship to be held. In 2024 the inaugural edition took place in Lorient, France, where British duo Maggie Adamson and Cal Finlayson beat the two leading French teams to the top spot on the podium.

While the first event attracted 16 teams from four continents, the second, to be run by RORC and taking place from Cowes, is expected to grow to 25, with the Brits naturally keen to return and defend their title.

Once again, the event will be held in supplied Sun Fast 30s. The crew are to be mixed and representing countries, with the lead crew being a member of their country's Member National Authority (MNA). Typically there will be one entry per MNA, with some of the keener nations likely to invoke selection procedures.

The format of the event is likely to be similar to the first edition, with entries first divided into two groups, the first five from which shall qualify for the final, the winner of which will be crowned Offshore Double Handed World Champion.

For information only

See event Notice of Race at www.rorc.org

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: Royal Ocean Racing Club

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Category 3 plus Category 2 Liferaft, AIS Transponder and RORC Prescriptions

COURSE: TBC

CLASSES:

Supplied Sun Fast 30s



PART 2 - THE RACES - OFFSHORE PROGRAMME

ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE – 18 OCTOBER



Few races can match the Rolex Middle Sea Race. One of the 'classic 600-milers', it reliably delivers a thrilling ride as crews race against the most stunning backdrops in Europe.

Starting, as usual, from under the impressive fortifications of the Grand Harbour in Valletta to the tune of cannon fire, competitors stream north, along Sicily's east coast and past the smouldering Mount Etna. Hoping for favourable tide as they navigate the busy Strait of Messina, separating Sicily from the toe of Italy, competitors emerge and head to the northeastern corner of the course to round a second active volcano, Stromboli.

Turning west, the fleet will pass the northern edge of Sicily, passing the

capital Palermo, then on round the Egadi Islands, northwest of Marsala and sail down to the islands of Pantelleria, then Lampedusa - the most southerly mark of the course - before turning their noses for Malta and the South Comino Channel and on to the finish, just outside of Marsamxett Harbour.

However, as beautiful as the course is, competitors know to keep a wary eye outside the boat; conditions in the Mediterranean during the autumn are notoriously fickle. Indeed, a typical Rolex Middle Sea Race will see competitors face anything from severe gales to flat calms, quite often even within the same day.

In 2024 this was most certainly the case with the fleet encountering a

violent depression soon after the start. Crews reported squalls, water spouts, thunder and lightning with a brutal mixed sea state. As a result 35 retired, most within the first 24 hours. Taking monohull line honours was the 100ft maxi *Scallywag*, skippered by David Witt, but a most impressive performance was put in by the young German crew on the TP52 *Red Bandit*, who claimed IRC Overall.

ENTRY

Please enter through the Royal Malta Yacht Club
Tel: +356 21 33 31 09
Email: info@rmypc.org



Photo: ROLEX / Kurt Arrighi

For information only

See event Notice of Race at www.rolexmiddlesearace.com

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: Royal Malta Yacht Club under the auspices of the Royal Ocean Racing Club

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Category 2

COURSE: Valletta, Malta – Valletta, anticlockwise around Sicily, leaving Stromboli, Pantelleria and Lampedusa to port

DISTANCE: 606 miles

CLASSES:

IRC

IRC Two-Handed

ORC

Offshore One-Design Classes

MOCRA Multihull



PART 2 - THE RACES - INSHORE PROGRAMME

RORC EASTER CHALLENGE – 18 – 20 APRIL

For information only. See event Notice of Race at www.rorc.org

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club with the support of North U Regatta Services.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Appendix B Inshore Racing with VHF

SCHEDULE: Up to three races a day



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Aside from traditionally being the event that kicks off the domestic season, the Easter Challenge is designed very specifically as a training regatta.

It is an odd feature of the human condition that generally we are much happier spending money on new 'go-faster' gizmos for our yachts than we are putting in time and effort to improve ourselves. But as any Olympic sailor or top grand prix racing team will attest, coaching is an essential tool to improve performance. And at the Easter Challenge, the RORC provides expert coaching FOR FREE.

Naturally the start of the season is the best time to carry this out as often teams will have new people to embed into their crew or new sails or other gear to test. Coach boats will be out on the water and, uniquely, with RRS41 relaxed for the event, coaches can come on board to offer advice, or equally a trimmer can step off into a coach RIB to check sails, rig set-up, etc DURING racing. Teams are encouraged to contact the Race Office beforehand if they require specific coaching advice.

Outside of these one-on-ones, another highlight of the coaching are the standing

room only post-race debriefs held at the Cowes Clubhouse. Here the North Sails team and other coaches will present aerial footage taken during racing and dissect episodes from the race course that went well, or went less well...

The aim is to hold three races each day, with some practice starts available to all and to help limber up on the opening day. The prize-giving is also traditionally very popular as, taking place on Easter Sunday, large quantities of Easter eggs are handed out generously among the prizes.

PART 2 - THE RACES - INSHORE PROGRAMME

IRC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – 13 – 15 JUNE

For information only. See event Notice of Race at www.rorc.org

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Organised by the Royal Thames Yacht Club and Royal Ocean Racing Club.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Appendix B Inshore Racing with VHF

SCHEDULE: Up to four races a day

CLASSES

Endorsed IRC Certificates. The class bands used in this regatta may differ from the season's offshore class bands,



After its brief holiday away, forming part of International Paint Poole Regatta in 2024, the UK IRC National Championship will return to Cowes and the Solent for 2025. However this year, once again, it will be no ordinary edition. Over and above it taking place in a special year to mark the RORC's centenary, it will also form a key part of the Royal Thames Yacht Club's giant 250th Anniversary Regatta.

As usual the event, being an official IRC championship, will be open solely to yachts with an IRC Endorsed certificate.

Typically the fleet is divided into several classes, dependent upon entry numbers. In 2024, for example, the fleet ranged from Karl Kwok's TP52 Admiral's Cup contender *Beau Geste* (with a TCC of 1.418) down to Andy Rushworth's Limbo 6.6 Mini Tonner *Marmite* (with a TCC of 0.815).

From these classes an overall winner, the UK IRC National Champion, is decided by a formula that combines results with numbers of competitors in each class. Frequently this leads to an ultra-close result, no more so than

when Niklas Zennström's Carkeek 40+ *Rån* won overall by just 0.005 in 2023.

With PRO Stuart Childerley calling the shots, the intention is to hold three races per day. These will comprise a mixture of windward-leewards and round the cans courses in the Solent. For the 250th Anniversary Regatta this is set to be a busy place with four race areas and a variety of championships taking place simultaneously and an anticipated 200+ boats out on the water. Expect great celebrations back ashore in Cowes too.



Photo: Ian Roman/International Paints Poole Regatta



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