



# Great Britain 2025 Offshore Double Handed World Championships



## Cowes, Isle of Wight

September 22 – October 1

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Ocean Racing Club with the support of Cap-Regatta, LGL and Jeanneau

### Preamble

The 2025 Offshore Double Handed World Championship will be raced on Sun Fast 300D boats, with a two person mixed crew and without on-water assistance.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule and for which the international jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule means that a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty may be applied by the international jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The RYA prescriptions that apply are stated in English in NoR Addendum C

1.3 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replaces RRS Part 2 from 20.00 until 08.00 BST

1.4 The Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2025 -2026.

1.4.1 All boats shall comply with OSR Category 3 with life raft.

1.4.2 At least one crewmember will require World Sailing Offshore Personal Survival Course “World Sailing Approved”

1.4.3 According to OSR 6.05.3. the two crewmembers shall be familiar with First Aid procedures, hypothermia, drowning, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, and relevant communications systems

1.4.4 At least one crew member shall have an appropriate radio operation license recognised by a national authority

### 1.5 World Sailing Appendix WP

[www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforWaypointsMay2021-%5B27276%5D.pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforWaypointsMay2021-%5B27276%5D.pdf) will apply

### 1.6 Rules changed

1.6.1 RRS 28.1 The penalty for an infringement will be DP - This change RRS A.5.2

1.6.2 RRS 41 is changed in NOR 3

1.6.3 RRS 44.1, RRS 60 are modified as described in NOR 11 “Penalty System”.

1.6.4 RRS 52 is changed as follows: the boats are allowed to use an energy source other than manual force for the operation of an automatic pilot

1.6.5 When rule 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by VHF.

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 12:00 BST on the 1st September 2025 on the Official Notice Board (ONB).

## 3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board (ONB) is located on the entry portal [www.sailracehq.com](http://www.sailracehq.com)

3.2 [DP] Official communication with competitors will be through the online ONB, and there will be additional courtesy information via e-mails and/or WhatsApp. Each boat shall have at least one device connected to the internet with WhatsApp installed, excluding satellite communication device.

3.3 Boats will be supplied with a satellite tracker. Nothing shall be done to inhibit these transmissions.

3.4 [DP] VHF: Boats are obliged to watch for the information of the Race Committee. Boats shall keep watch on the VHF channels specified in the Sailing Instructions at all times while afloat.

3.5 [DP] RRS 41(c) is changed as follows:

3.5.1 A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational,

weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

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

## 4 [NP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is only open to mixed two person crews of 1 Woman and 1 Man. Please refer to the World Sailing Transgender Policy <https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/22105105/World-Sailing-Transgender-Policy.pdf>

4.2 At least the person in charge shall be a national of the country they represent and member of their MNA. Registration shall be endorsed by the MNA

4.3 World Sailing Eligibility shall apply. Each athlete shall be registered with World Sailing on the website: <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/profiles/> . [World Sailing IDs all crews will be required to complete the online entry.]

4.4 Each competitor shall present during registration: - a supporting document to justify membership to a World Sailing MNA. - a supporting document to justify a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 or equivalent. - Entrants are also recommended to take out insurance against the loss of the damage deposit

4.5 Competitors under 18 years of age shall upload a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form when making the online registration. The forms are available for download during the online registration process on the regatta website

4.6 The 2025 ODHWC will be sailed with the boats supplied by the OA (Sun Fast 30 OD Class).

4.7 The quota of the regatta is 28. The minimum quota is 10. If 10 or less boats have entered by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025, the regatta will be cancelled and deposits refunded.

4.8 World Sailing will appoint a Selection Panel. This Selection Panel will issue invitations taking into account the objectives of maximising geographical distribution

4.8.1 Initially, one boat shall be allocated per MNA that requests an entry before 2 June.

4.8.2 If more than + requests for entry are received by 2 Jun, the Selection Panel will confirm which Nations are successful. Unsuccessful Nations shall be entered to a waiting list, ordered by the Selection Panel  
4.8.3 If less than 22 entries, the Selection Panel will allocate a second spot to all or part of MNAs already registered.

### 4.9 Entry procedure

4.9.1 Entry applications are only available to MNAs in good standing with World Sailing and shall be sent to [racing@rorc.org](mailto:racing@rorc.org).

4.9.2 MNAs shall send their application according to the following schedule:

Expression of Interest-Deposit £1000/boat	Before 23:59 BST on 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Confirmation from the WS Selection Panel	Before 23:59 BST on 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Acceptance of invitations by MNAs	Before 23:59 BST on 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Payment confirmation	Before 23:59 BST on 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Deadline for all information to be received	Before 23:59 BST on 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025

4.9.3 To remain eligible, a representative of the MNA must complete the online registration for all their national team by 23:59 BST on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

4.9.4 The Expression of Interest shall allow for each MNA the quota (2 Maximum) desired for the regatta. The deposit shall be reimbursed by the OA to teams not selected, or if the regatta is cancelled

4.9.5 No later than 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025, the OA shall confirm to each MNA the quota places available for that MNA. The OA shall also include an invoice and wire transfer instructions. Any MNA that has not paid the amount on the invoice shall lose the quota places attributed to that MNA.

4.9.6 Quotas that become available after 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025, shall be allocated according to the decision of the Selection Panel

4.10 On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement6/> . To help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2025 Offshore Double Handed World Championships, entries shall be open to competitors of all nationalities, but not to competitors holding only Russian or Belarusian nationality. World Sailing may amend this rule following any further decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.

4.11 Substitution of crew [DP] Substitution of competitors by a MNA is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee and race management and shall comply with any restrictions in the Notice of Race

## 5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is £3400 (not including 20% VAT if applicable).

5.2 £1700 plus VAT if charged, will be returned to teams who have not qualified for the final or the repechage race.

5.3 The entry fee includes:

- Charter of Sunfast 30OD including life raft, according to the schedule, from 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025
- Berthing fees from 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025
- Access to one training session on 22<sup>nd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- Access to the boats for one qualification race and the Final race (if qualified)
- Welcome party.
- Prizegiving
- Tracking

5.4 The entry fee shall be paid via the online payment system (direct debit or credit card) upon entering, even if the entry is cancelled later. The fee is non-refundable, except for the regatta being cancelled by the Organizing Authority or if the entry is rejected.

5.5 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5,000,000 per incident. A £5,000 damages deposit (by bank card) will be requested at the registration in Cowes. This will be refunded to competitors upon final hand back and inspection of the boat. The cost of any damages or loss will be agreed and deducted before reimbursement. Each person in charge is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the technical committee. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each person in charge for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the person in charge will be required to restore the deposit to the original value within six hours to continue in the regatta

5.6 Additional charter days (20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025), for training purposes, is possible. In these cases, a dedicated contract will be drafted directly with CapRegatta and fees will be directly paid to them. For the selected teams, rate have been negotiated with CapRegatta at a preferred rate of £750 (plus 20%VAT if applicable) per day.

## 6 [DP] [SP] ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display regatta advertising and bow numbers chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. In accordance with advertising code

6.2 Race flags: Each team entering the regatta will receive a race flag upon arrival in Cowes that shall be displayed on the Starboard external shroud. The flag(s) should be displayed at height of not less than 1,5m above the deck.

6.2.1 Each boat shall display the line of flags of the OA and its sponsors, supplied in Cowes, on the forestay of the boat. Flags and pennants shall be displayed:

- in Cowes
- during any stopover from arrival and up to leaving the port,
- after crossing the finishing line until the end of prize giving,
- it shall remain on board the boat for the whole duration of the regatta.

6.3 The regatta logo as supplied by OA,

6.4 The person in charge may be charged for the replacement of stickers or other objects.

6.5 All race flags and pennants shall be returned at the end of the regatta at boat checkout, or as soon as possible for boats that do not cross the finish line. A financial penalty of £100 per flag or pennant shall be deducted from the damage deposit (See NOR 5.4).

## 7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The Schedule will be planned as follows. A detailed schedule for the training and inspections will be published on the ONB

Date	Event	Location
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Boat Allocation-Registration, Training for Q1, safety checks Welcome party	Cowes IW
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Boat allocation, Safety briefing, start of qualification race 1	Cowes IW
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Finish overnight race, boat equalization, training for Q2	Cowes IW
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Safety briefing, start of qualification race 2	Cowes IW
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Finish overnight race. Re-draw of boats for repechage race. Boat equalisation.	Cowes IW
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Repechage race	Cowes IW
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Re draw of boats for final race, equalisation.	Cowes IW
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Final Race start	Cowes IW
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Racing Continues	Cowes IW
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Race finishes and prize giving	Cowes IW

## 8. FORMAT

8.1 The regatta shall consist of up to two (2) qualification races, a repechage race, if needed and conditions allow, and a final race.

### 8.2 Qualification format

8.2.1 If there are less than 14 entries, the fleet shall race 1 qualification race and a final race. A boat's overall rank in the regatta shall be their rank in the final race.

8.2.2 If more than 13 entries, the fleet will be split into two (2) "groups" of, as far as possible, equal size. This initial assignment will be done by a selection panel appointed by World Sailing.

8.2.2.1 The top 5 ranked boats from each qualifying race will progress to the final race. Boats ranked 6 - 12 overall in each qualifying race will progress to the repechage race.

8.2.2.2 The top ranked boats from the repechage race shall progress in order to the final race until the final race quota of fourteen (14) is full.

8.2.3 The overall ranking for the regatta shall be determined from the table below.

Overall Ranking	Result	Overall Ranking	Result
1	Final Race Rank 1	15	Repechage Race Rank 5
2	Final Race Rank 2	16	Repechage Race Rank 6
3	Final Race Rank 3	17	Repechage Race Rank 7
4	Final Race Rank 4	18	Repechage Race Rank 8
5	Final Race Rank 5	19	Repechage Race Rank 9
6	Final Race Rank 6	20	Repechage Race Rank 10
7	Final Race Rank 7	21	Repechage Race Rank 11

8	Final Race Rank 8	22	Repechage Race Rank 12
9	Final Race Rank 9	23	Repechage Race Rank 13
10	Final Race Rank 10	24	Repechage Race Rank 14
11	Final Race Rank 11	25	Qualification/Elimination Race 1 Rank 13
12	Final Race Rank 12	25	Qualification/Elimination Race 2 Rank 13
13	Final Race Rank 13	27	Qualification/Elimination Race 1 Rank 14
14	Final Race Rank 14	27	Qualification/Elimination Race 2 Rank 14

8.3 The Race Committee may change the format, the length of the course, terminate any stage or the regatta when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of races under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages including the repechage race may be shortened or cancelled in favour of later stages.

#### 9 [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection at any time when not training or racing.

9.2 Some parts of the boat and equipment will be sealed before the start in Cowes. The efficiency and quality of the seals shall be checked and endorsed by the person in charge. The number and definition of the seals will be specified in the Sailing Instructions and it is the responsibility of the competitors that the seals remain intact.

9.3 Boats will be allocated by the race committee (RC). The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round.

9.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the supplied boats and equipment variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

#### 10 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

10.1 Mandatory equipment:

- All teams shall supply and carry a watertight handheld VHF radio capable of communicating on the VHF international channels - 16, 69, 12, 67, 72 and 06.

- Each crew member shall supply and carry at all times afloat an AIS personal crew overboard beacon

- Each crew member shall supply a personal watertight flashlight and carry it from 20.00 et 08.00 hrs local time

- Each crew member shall supply and carry at all time afloat a personal knife

- Each crew shall bring their own computer with navigation charts, able to be connected to the boat's GPS. Full connection details will be available on the ONB.

- According to NOR 3.2, every crew shall supply a phone with a SIM card which operates in the UK, with data. Information on purchasing a SIM card will be available on the ONB.

10.2 A list of supplied equipment is described in Addendum B

10.3 List of personal equipment permitted to bring:

- Life jackets shall be worn at all times afloat. CapRegatta will provide lifejackets and tethers. Competitors are allowed to bring their own lifejackets and tethers as long as they comply with OSR 5.01.

- Taking on board the following equipment is permitted:

- Ipad/tablet or similar

- basic hand tools

- adhesive tape

- line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)

- marking pens

- hand held compasses, watches, timers and small personal video devices such as GoPro

- Velcro tape

- bosun's chair

- Handheld GPS

## 11 VENUE

NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the regatta venue

## 12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident outside the Zone of a mark other than a starting mark while racing.

12.2 An International Jury will be appointed as provided in RRS 70.5. The right of appeal from an International Jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSEL

Support person vessels will not be permitted

## 14 [DP] BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

## 15 [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the technical Committee. While hauled out for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Appendages, including rudders shall not be removed from the boat during the series unless damaged



## 16 [DP] CLEANING OF HULLS BELOW WATERLINE

The supplied boats will be cleaned before the event and must not be cleaned below the waterline after that point.

## 17 DATA PROTECTION

The processing of personal data of the competitors and registered support persons or another person legally bound to this Notice of Race in connection with the regatta shall be carried out, on the one hand, for the performance of the contractual relationship on the basis of this Notice of Race between the competitor as well as the registered support person and/or another person legally bound to this Notice of Race and the organizing authority as data controller) pursuant to Art. 6 (1) S. 1 (b) GDPR. On the other hand, the processing of personal data of the competitor as well as the support person and/or another person legally bound to this Notice of Race is carried out in order to maintain the legitimate interests of the organizing authority.

## 18 MEDIA RIGHTS

18.1 By participating in the regatta, competitors and support team automatically grant to the OA, World Sailing and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

18.2 Competitors may be required to be available for interviews during the regatta.

18.3 The attention of all competitors and support team personnel is drawn to the privacy notices published on World Sailing's website: <https://www.sailing.org/privacy-policy/>

## 19 [DP] [NP] RISK STATEMENT

19.1 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. Competitors and support persons participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By taking part, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

19.2 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 regatta;

19.3 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

19.4 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

19.5 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, complies with the rules, is equipped to sail in the regatta and they are fit to participate;

19.6 The provision of a boat, equipment, race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

19.7 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

19.8 It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this regatta drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or regatta and to attend any safety briefing held for the regatta.

## 20 CODE OF CONDUCT

20.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or equipment supplier representative.

20.2 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the OA with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

20.3 World Sailing may reduce or remove a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

## 21 COMPETITORS 'DRONES

21.1 [DP] Competitors or their representatives or support persons shall not fly drones over the shore facilities or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the Organizing Authority.

21.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority restricts drones to no more than 300 metres from their own vessel.

21.3 No drones may be flown from 30 minutes before the start until two hours after the start.

21.4 At any time, the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the Organizing Authority, Race Committee or International Jury at reasonable request.

## 22 PRIZES & TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to the first three.

## 23 FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 Competitors should confirm if a visa is necessary for travel to the UK. Please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor>

23.2 Please allow for processing time. To obtain a letter from the organizer or assistance with this process, please email: [racing@rorc.org](mailto:racing@rorc.org)

23.3 For accommodation: Please see information in the event road map.

23.4 For questions to the OA, please contact: [racing@rorc.org](mailto:racing@rorc.org)