

ROYAL OCEAN RACING CLUB



MYTH OF MALHAM RACE

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

Friday 27th May 2011

First Warning Signal 0750
HW Portsmouth 0747 3.70m

Race Office

RORC Office, 82 High Street, Cowes, I.O.W
Telephone: +44 (0) 1983 295 144 or +44 (0) 7747 444 075

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All times BST except when stated otherwise.
Positions are approximate in WGS84 Datum

**YACHTS RETIRING FROM THE RACE MUST IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY
RACE HQ +44 (0) 7747 444 075 or PORTLAND COASTGUARD +44 (0) 1305 760 439**

Failure to comply may lead to exclusion from future RORC racing

**THE ATTENTION OF EVERY PERSON IS DRAWN TO SPECIAL REGULATION 1.02
AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SUITABLE AND ADEQUATE PERSONAL
INSURANCE**

Sailing Instructions

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4)

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009 – 2012.
- 1.2 RRS part 2 will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) between 2102 and 0453 (see Racing Under IRPCAS, paper circulated with the Sailing Instructions)
- 1.3 RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing, available on <http://www.sailing.org/28524.php> and on the Official Notice Board
- 1.4 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with Category 2 liferafts
- 1.5 IRC Rules Parts A, B, & C (printed in the IRC Yearbook 2011)
- 1.6 MOCRA Multihull Rules
- 1.7 Class40 Rules
- 1.8 The Notice of Race
- 1.9 The Sailing Instructions

When there is conflict succeeding items in the list above shall take precedence.

2. Equipment and Measurement Checks

A yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules and Sailing Instructions.

3. Pollution

Dumping rubbish is prohibited under MARPOL legislation, the Merchant Shipping Regulations 1998 (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage).

4. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the window of the RORC Office Cowes. Notices may be displayed on the RORC website.

5. Race Office

RORC, 82 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7AJ. Tel +44 (0) 1983 295 144 or +44 (0) 7747 444 075, Fax: +44(0) 0207 493 5252.

6. Number of Persons Aboard

Each yacht shall **inform the identity gate boat** of the number of persons aboard. This information should **not** be transmitted to "Ocean One" on VHF Ch 72.

If there are fewer crew than on the Crewlist supplied to the RORC it is imperative that the gate boat be informed of the name(s) of the absent crew. A yacht shall not sail with a crew member whose next of kin details have not been lodged with the RORC before the start of the race on the official Crewlist.

7. Identity Gate

An identity gate will be established between Snowden Buoy (orange buoy with "X" top mark about 1 cable SSE of Prince Consort Buoy) and a gate boat displaying a blue flag with a white seahorse and crown and white border over a yellow flag lying to the south of Snowden Buoy.

The gate will be available from one hour before the first start until about 10 minutes after the last start or later at the discretion of the committee. Each yacht shall pass once through the gate in an westerly direction (and should have her engine running) displaying her sail numbers and letters secured to the lifelines on the port side, **in addition two fire extinguishers (in accordance with Special Regulation 4.05.04 Fire Extinguishers, at least two, of a minimum of 2kgs each of dry powder or equivalent)** and receive visual acknowledgement before starting.

PLEASE NOTE: For the assistance of the checking team, please display sail numbers at or forward of the main mast.

Warning: Yachts which do not pass through the gate correctly are liable to disqualification.

After the start when sail numbers are not displayed elsewhere (sails down) they shall be displayed secured to the lifelines on the port quarter.

8. Class Flags

Class	Rating	Class Flag
IRC CK	0.850 and greater	Pennant 9
IRC Z	1.275 and greater	Pennant 0
IRC 1	1.101 – 1.274	Pennant 1
IRC 2	1.051 – 1.100	Pennant 2
IRC 3	1.007 – 1.050	Pennant 3
IRC 4	0.850 – 1.006	Pennant 4
Multihull	1.170 and greater	Pennant 8
Class40	Level racing	Class Insignia

9. Starting Line

The starting line is formed by bringing the Royal Yacht Squadron flagstaff into line with the white line on the orange diamond on the Castle. (As an aid to competitors vertical light beams are installed at the RYS to identify the starting line transit. The intensity of the light beam increases as you approach the line but the lights are momentarily obscured by the forward mast when you are on the line. The lights are navigational aids only and do not constitute the starting line, nor will a start be postponed because of any failure of the equipment.)

Outer limit: (which is not on the starting line) Williams Shipping buoy.

Inner limit: (which is not on the starting line) red/orange inflatable buoy up to 200m from the RYS flagstaff.

10. Late at the Start

If a yacht which has not previously come to the starting area is not off her moorings at her preparatory signal, or comes to the starting area under power or being towed, she shall stop her engine (or drop the tow) and complete a two turns penalty under sail (including two tacks and two gybes) before starting. No penalty will be imposed for an infringement of RRS 42. This changes RRS 42 and 45.

11. Port of Southampton Precautionary Area – (Thorn Channel)

Competitors are reminded to maintain a constant watch for shipping movements, particularly in the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel). Your attention is drawn to the ABP Notice to Mariners No.3 2011 which covers the movement of shipping and the accompanying sound signals that may be heard. See <http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/files/2011%20no%2003.pdf>

12. Starting Times and Signals

The race will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal being made 10 minutes before the starting signal.

Proposed Starting Times

IRC 4 Warning Flag Numeral 4	IRC 3 Warning Flag Numeral 3	IRC 2 Warning Flag Numeral 2	IRC Z, 1, Class 40 & Multihull Warning Flag Numeral 0	Event	Signals
0750	0810	0830	0850	Warning	Warning flag displayed 1 sound
0756	0816	0836	0856	Preparatory	Preparatory flag displayed 1 sound
0759	0819	0839	0859	1 minute until start	Preparatory flag removed 1 long sound
0800	0820	0840	0900	Start	Warning flag removed 1 sound

13. The Course

Mark	Approximate Position	Note
Eddystone Lt House	50°10'.84N 04°15'.94W	Round to Port
North Head Lt Buoy and Finish	50°42'.69N 01°35'.52W	
Distance: approx. 230 miles		

14. Communications

The Race Committee may broadcast information on VHF Ch72, Call sign "Ocean One".

Yachts are reminded of their legal obligation to keep a continuous watch on VHF Ch16.

14.1 Reporting during the Race:

The following yachts shall try to deliver progress reports **by text message** to the Race Committee by mobile/satellite telephone +44 7747 444 075 at each rounding mark and when 5 miles from the finish.

Class	Yacht Name	Sail No.
Class 40	MAXVMG	GBR97
Class 40	EÄrwen	FRA88
IRC Zero	Venomous	US60006
IRC 1	Tonnerre de Breskens 3	NED46
IRC 1	Brevity	GBR4241L
IRC 2	Quokka 8	GBR2215L
IRC 2	Arabella	GBR111N
IRC 3	Chouette	GBR7414R
IRC 3	Flying Fish of Cowes	GBR9043T
IRC 4	Seize the Day	GBR2557L
IRC 4	Emarleen	GBR1206L
Multihull	Dazzler	GBR666M

Progress reports should include:
Name of yacht and Sail Number
Date/time/mark being rounded (BST)
Course and Speed over the Ground
Wind Direction and Speed
Names of any yachts nearby
ETA of finish (when 5 miles out)

14.2 Reporting In Severe Weather

In the event of severe weather a yacht shall endeavour to report to the Race Office her whereabouts and status at reasonable intervals (if possible 12-hourly), and pass information on other yachts if known.
Inter-yacht communication calls should when possible be on VHF Ch16 as a calling Channel and VHF Ch72 as a working Channel.
Yachts with communications in addition to VHF should act as a link, taking other yachts' reports on VHF and passing them to the Race Office.

14.3 Reporting in a Slow Race

When during an offshore race such time has elapsed that a yacht can at best achieve an average speed at the finish of less than 4 knots, she shall make every effort to inform the Race Office at the finish of her position and progress, and shall continue to do so at reasonable intervals until she reports finishing or retiring.

14.4 AIS Transponders

The Race Committee requests that competitors with AIS Units have them turned on for the duration of the race.

15. The Finish

All yachts are requested to call "Ocean One" on VHF Ch72 from 5 miles off and also call to assist with identification when on the immediate approach to the finish line, especially at night.

The finishing line runs due north magnetic from North Head buoy for approximately 100 metres. A committee vessel (which may be "Zulu" a white Nicholson 47 Sloop), displaying a RORC blue flag with white seahorse, crown and border, (blue light at night) may be on station at the end of the line.

Yachts are reminded to take their own finishing times (BST) together with the names of the yachts, if any, ahead and astern. Finishing times shall be delivered to the RORC as soon as possible.

16. Race Finish Declarations

After finishing, yachts shall complete a Declaration Form and submit it to the Race Committee **as soon as possible**. Every member of the crew shall sign the Declaration Form. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the yacht being excluded from the results. When a yacht retires from a race she shall write the reasons on her Declaration Form.

When after a race a yacht cannot promptly deliver to the Race Committee the written Declaration Form she shall without delay telephone the Race Committee, confirm that she has finished racing and give her time of finishing in BST.

In the event of a yacht not entering Cowes after finishing the Declaration Form may be scanned and emailed or faxed to the RORC:- racing@rorc.org.uk or +44 (0) 207 493 5252.

17. Retirements and Non Starters

Retirements and non-starters must promptly inform Race HQ on +44 (0) 7747 444 075 or Portland Coastguard +44 (0) 1305 760439.

18. Penalty system

The penalties are as follows:

- 18.1 If a yacht breaks a rule other than RRS Part 1 and 2 or RRS 29.1, the Race Committee may, if no significant advantage has been gained, apply a Scoring Penalty (as provided in RRS 44.3c) without a hearing. Depending on the severity of the breach or advantage gained it shall elect to apply a 10 percent (minimum 1 place), or a 50 percent (minimum 5 places) penalty. This changes RRS A5.
For an infringement of RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) the Race Committee may, without a hearing, apply a 50 percent (minimum 5 places) penalty. This changes RRS A5.
- 18.2 When the protest committee decides that a yacht that is party to a protest hearing has broken a rule and that no serious damage or injury was caused and no significant advantage has been gained, it shall apply a 50 percent Scoring Penalty (minimum 5 places). Should the protest committee decide that the breach was minor and unintentional it may at its discretion apply a Scoring Penalty of 10 percent (minimum 1 place).
- 18.3 For minor breaches of Class, Equipment or technical-related rules the Protest Committee may decide to warn the yacht. If a yacht has received a warning she shall not race again until she has corrected the breach.
This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 19. Time Limit**
There is no time limit for the race.
- 20. Protests and Requests for Redress**
- 20.1 Protests may be written on plain paper, but Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 20.2 The protest time limit is 3 hours after the protesting yacht finishes.
Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit for the last yacht to finish the race.
The notification of a Protest by the Race Committee against a competitor as required under RRS 61.1(b) shall consist of a notice on the Official Notice Board.

21. Scoring

The Scoring System for Offshore Races, defined in Notice of Race 1.12.2, will apply.

22. Use of Engine

- 22.1 When a yacht uses its engine to avoid collision or in a grave emergency, the facts shall be reported on her declaration.
- 22.2 Temporary discontinuance of racing (changes RRS 45 & 47): If a yacht moors in order to take shelter or in emergency, crew may temporarily leave a yacht to handle her moorings. If she uses her engine for propulsion she shall, on rejoining the race, return to the spot where she began to use her engine, turn off her engine and continue to race from that spot. She shall report the circumstances on her declaration. No penalty will be imposed for an infringement of RRS 42.

23. Trophies and Prizes

Myth of Malham Cup – IRC Overall
Loujaine Cup – IRC 1
Jamarella Trophy – IRC 2
Maid of Malham Cup – IRC 3
Ernest Moore Plate – IRC 4
Ville D'Hayeres Trophy – Two-Handed Class
RORC Prizes – IRC Zero, Class 40 & Multihull

Medallions:

RORC medallions will be presented as prizes for each class and division as follows:

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

Low Number of Starters: When there are fewer than 6 starters in a class it may be combined for prizes with the neighbouring least numerous class; or if both neighbouring classes are equal in number, the next class above.

24. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

(Notices are for information and do not rank as Sailing Instructions)

1. Prizegiving

Trophies and RORC medallions will be presented on Tuesday 21st June at the RORC Clubhouse, 20 St James's Place, London, SW1 at 1930. All skippers and crews are most welcome.

2. Race Report

Louay Habib has been contracted by the RORC to write the race reports for the 2011 RORC season. The RORC will supply Louay with mobile telephone numbers for competitors so you may receive a call from Louay about the race. We would really appreciate your help with this.

RORC May 2011.