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## Offshore Racing

### OFFSHORE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2021



### RACE NO 2: NJO Sails Sovereign Race 1 Eastbourne

**Friday 2nd April 2021**  
HW Portsmouth 15:46 BST

#### TROPHIES

Class	
1	Maid of Malham Trophy
2	Myth of Malham Trophy
3	Minx of Malham Trophy

#### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

##### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules defined in the racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 A Special Regulations Checklist must be completed online before a yacht may start.

##### 2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is the Group's website ([www.jog.org.uk](http://www.jog.org.uk)).

##### 3. Changes to Sailing instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will, whenever possible, be posted on the website by 1700hrs before the race start and communicated by Social Media. Announcements will be made by VHF radio.

##### 4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Limited signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagstaff behind the race officer's box.

##### 5. Class Flags

- 5.1 Each yacht shall carry her class numeral pennant on her backstay as shown on the list of entries.

## 6. The Course

6.1 If the **Green Flag** is displayed:

Start Line (West to East)

Snowden buoy (leave to starboard)

Between Horse Sand and No Man's Land Fort

Owers buoy approx. pstn: 50.38.59N 00.41.09W (leave to port)

Finishing Line (South to North).

Distance about 63 miles.

6.2 If the **Red Flag** is displayed

The course for all classes will be announced on VHF Channel M1 (37a).

## 7. Areas that are Obstructions

7.1 Boats shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016. The Moving Prohibited Zone in the Precautionary Area shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.

7.2 Boats shall not pass North of Horse Sand or South of No Man's Land Forts.

7.3 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes harbour fairway and in the area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay on Admiralty Chart 2040. Gas and water pipes, telephone and electricity cables carrying 133,000 volts lie on the sea bed.

7.4 Boats shall keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic.


7.5 Whilst racing boats shall always pass to the north of the Cowes breakwater.

## 8. Identity Gate.

8.1 Before she starts each yacht (subject to draft) must pass between the beach and one of the Mooring Buoys approximately on the Starting Line in an East to West direction, **showing her sail numbers and flare pack (please make sure all flares are in date.)**

## 9. The Start

9.1 All times are BST and races will be started as follows:

9.1	Pennant	Warning Signal		Preparatory		1 Minute		Start
Class 3		09:20	Sound signal only	09:25	Sound signal	09:29	Sound signal	09:30
Class 2		09:35	Sound signal only	09:40	Sound signal	09:44	Sound signal	09:45
Class 1		09:50	Sound signal only	09:55	Sound signal	09:59	Sound signal	10:00

Radio announcements may also be made.

This changes RRS 26.

9.2 **The Starting Line** is between the Gurnard buoy and a flagstaff behind the race officers' box which is about 50m to the eastward of the New Holmwood Hotel, Egypt Point, Cowes. A JOG burgee may be flown.

9.3 In the event of the race being postponed or abandoned, appropriate flags will be flown and announcements made by VHF radio.

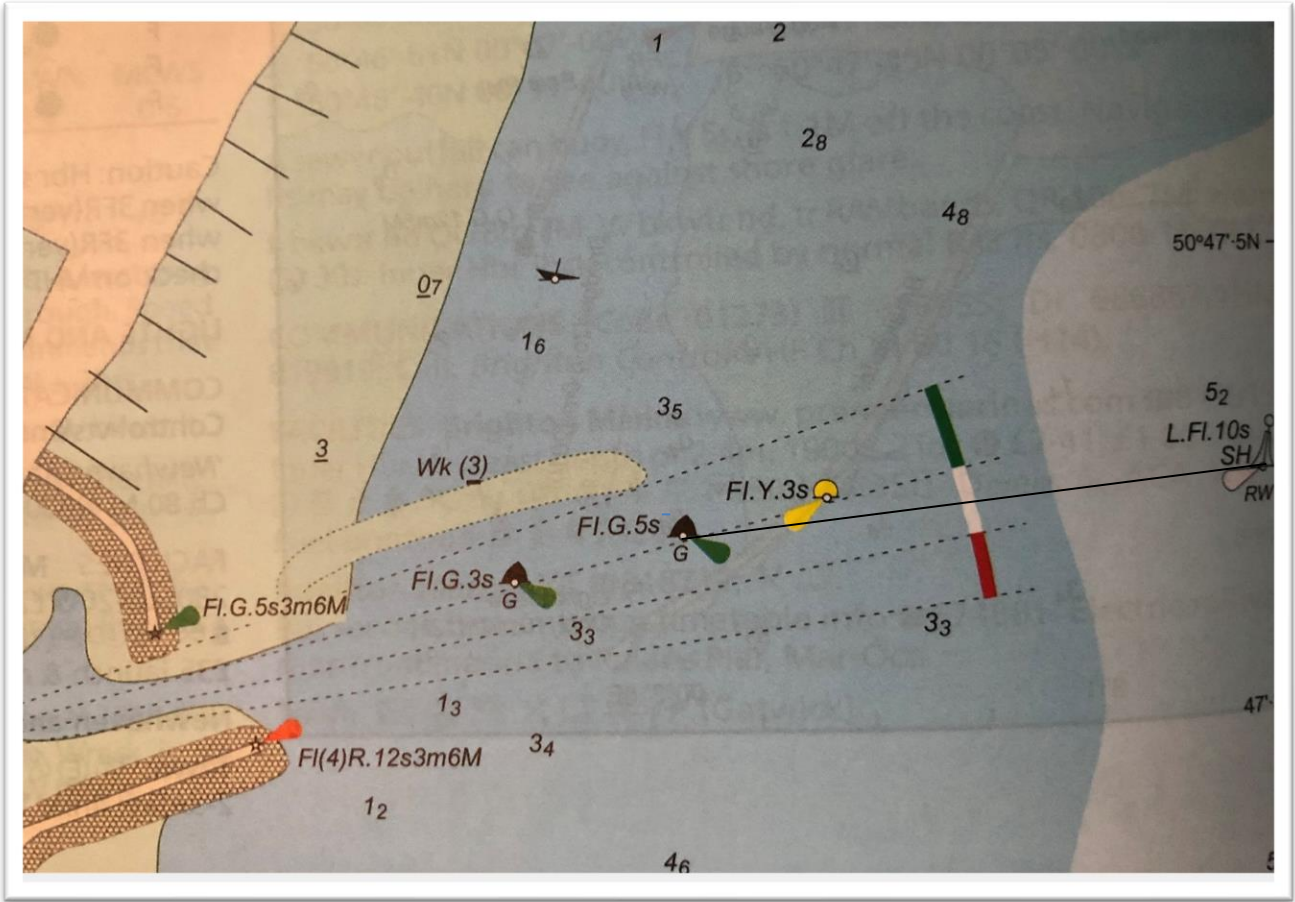
9.4 Recalls (individual and general) will be indicated by appropriate sound signals and announced by VHF radio only. This changes Race Signals.

9.5 Sail numbers of individually recalled boats **may** be broadcast on VHF as soon as practical. Failure to hail, display or broadcast sail numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

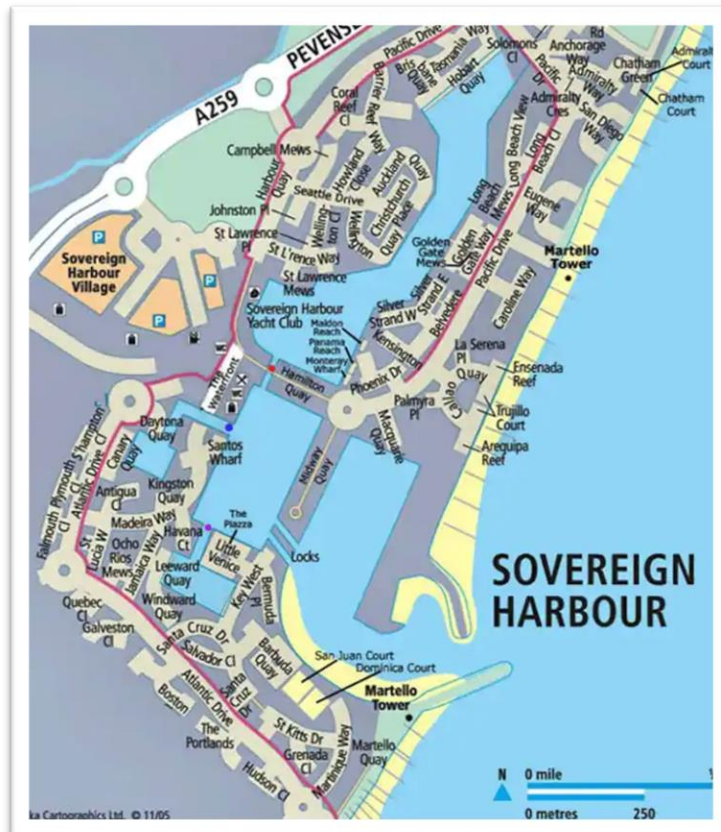
9.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for the other races.

## 10 The Finish

- 10.1 **The Finishing Line** is between the fairway buoy and the outermost starboard (green) channel marker as shown on the chartlet in Appendix 1 (not to be used for navigation). Finish from South to North. Leading boats only are requested to text or attempt to call **JOG ONE** on VHF 30 minutes prior to their finish.
- 10.2 **In order to produce faster/real time race results we need your help. Please take your finish time carefully. Mandatory declarations online need to be completed within 30 minutes of finishing. If for some reason you are unable to complete the declaration online, please text the JOG Mobile as soon as possible with yacht name, sail number, finishing time, boat ahead & boat astern (text 00447576 882150).**  
**In order to guarantee a placing, we will need your own recorded time.**
- 11. Time Limit**
- 11.1 The time limit for all boats shall be 23.59 BST on Saturday, 3rd April 2021. This changes RRS 35.
- 12. Protest and Requests for Redress**
- 12.1 Boats shall notify the race committee by VHF or telephone at the end of the race that they intend to protest.
- 12.2 Protest forms are available from the Race Officer at the finish or the JOG Secretary at secretary@jog.org.uk.
- 12.3 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within 120 minutes of the yacht finishing the race.
- 13. Scoring**
- 13.1 See NoR Instruction 22.
- 13.2 Results will contribute to the Category 3 series 2021.
- 14. Retirements and Withdrawals**
- 14.1 Retirements and Withdrawals must be advised to the Race Officers preferably by text or call to mobile **07576 882150** or by VHF. Remember that we are only allowed to operate on low power so you may not be able to hear our response to your transmission. Please transmit your message even if there is apparently no reply.
- 14.2 Retiring yachts must complete their online declaration form, indicating their reason for retirement, **and** notify the Race Officers as soon as possible. Failure to “report in” may lead to an unnecessary call to the SAR Services.
- 15. Radio Communication**
- 15.1 All communications at the **Start** and **Finish** will be on VHF Channel M1 (37a) call sign **JOG One**.
- 16. Declaration**
- 16.1 Please refer to 10.2
- 17. Disclaimer of Liability**
- 17.1 Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, 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 regatta.
- 18. Insurance**
- 18.1 See Notice of Race Sec 26.



Sailing Instructions End





If you haven't been to Sovereign Harbour, you are in for a surprise. The picturesque basins are close to numerous bars and restaurants, excellent beachside walks and first class marina facilities. Bike hire, chandlery, Yacht Club and supermarket are all on campus. Entrance locks are easy to access at all hours.

#### **NOTES FOR COMPETITORS**

1. **REMEMBER** to ensure that your crew list is filled in online and is up to date at the point of sailing. Inaccurate information has an adverse effect on SAR and border control activities.
2. **ACCESS** to Sovereign Harbour is through twin locks operated 24/7. Call Sovereign Harbour Ch 17 before entering. The locks are capacious and have floating pontoons at deck level for easy step off with your own mooring lines.
2. **NJO Sails invite all competitors** to a drinks party that is scheduled to take place at 12.30 on Saturday 3rd April. Details will be advised to the WhatsApp Groups.
3. **AIS.** You are reminded that the use of AIS is now mandatory in all Category 3 races. Please refer to the Notice of Race for details.
4. The Committee encourage you to persuade your crew to become members of JOG <https://www.jog.org.uk/join/>

5. BOATS may be subject to safety inspection at Eastbourne and JOG members may be asked to do this on their own and other yachts. Everyone is asked to co-operate with this vital safety measure
6. JOG WhatsApp Group

JOG WhatsApp is for assistance only and any communications do not form part of the sailing instructions. Broadcast group only – please note this group will be used to send course updates, information about social events and updates from the committee boat/box.

**Scan the QR code with your Mobile to Join the WhatsApp Group**



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