

Royal Ocean Racing Club

Rolex Fastnet Race Saturday 3rd August 2019



Sailing Instructions

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

**ANY YACHT RETIRING FROM THE RACE SHALL NOTIFY THE RORC
IMMEDIATELY AT RACE HEADQUARTERS IN PLYMOUTH STATING
YACHT'S NAME, SAIL NUMBER, POSITION AND DESTINATION**



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2019 ROLEX FASTNET RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2019

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL 1220

HW PORTSMOUTH 1357 4.9M

CONTACT DETAILS

	Race Committee	Coastguard	Race Office Address
<u>Start</u>	<p>Callsign "Ocean One"</p> <p>VHF Channels:</p> <p>Ch.28 - Broadcasts by Race Committee</p> <p>Ch.72 - Calling Channel for Competitors (see also SI 12.3)</p> <p>SMS: +44 (0) 7797 805 885</p> <p>Tel: +44 (0) 1983 295 144</p> <p>Email: racing@rorc.org</p>	<p>"Solent Coastguard"</p> <p>VHF Channel 16</p> <p>MMSI 002320012</p> <p>+44 (0) 2392 552100</p> <p>(for notification of retirements or in emergencies)</p>	<p>The Disrespect</p> <p>82, High Street</p> <p>Cowes</p> <p>Isle of Wight</p> <p>PO31 7AJ</p>
<u>Finish</u>	<p>Callsign "Ocean One"</p> <p>VHF Channels:</p> <p>Ch.28 - Broadcasts by Race Committee</p> <p>Ch.28 - Calling Channel for Competitors (see also SI 12.3)</p> <p>SMS: +44 (0) 7797 805 885</p> <p>Mobile: +44 (0) 7825 007 035</p> <p>Tel: +44 (0) 1983 295 144</p> <p>Email: racing@rorc.org</p>	<p>As above</p>	<p>Rolex Fastnet Race HQ</p> <p>Plymouth Yacht Haven</p> <p>Plymouth</p> <p>Devon</p> <p>PL9 9XH</p>

BOATS RETIRING FROM THE RACE MUST IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE RACE COMMITTEE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL LEAD TO EXCLUSION FROM FUTURE RORC RACING

THE ATTENTION OF EVERY COMPETITOR 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).
- 1.2 RRS part 2 rules will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) between local sunset and sunrise; or government right-of-way rules if applicable. A scoring penalty (RRS 44.3) will apply for infringements under the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS. See SI 27.1
- 1.3 RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing, available at:
[https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA Prescriptions 2017.pdf](https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA%20Prescriptions%202017.pdf) and on the Official Notice Board
- 1.4 World Sailing's Offshore Special Regulations Category 2 with RORC Prescriptions
- 1.5 IRC Rules A, B and C, MOCRA Rules, IMOCA 60 Rules and Class40 Rules as appropriate.
- 1.6 The Notice of Race
- 1.7 The Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions will take precedence over the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 2.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Rules and Sailing Instructions.

3 OTHER CONDITIONS

- 3.1 Use of drones or other small unmanned aircraft is strictly forbidden by all competitors, including any supporting vessels, between 11:00 BST and 15:00 BST on Saturday 3rd August 2019 within the boundaries formed by the following lines of longitude - 001° 04'.00W to the east and 002° 00'.00W to the west. Notwithstanding these requirements, all competitors must adhere to the regulations relating to flying of drones or other small unmanned aircraft outlined by the CAA regulations available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/765>

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 All notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the window of the RORC Office, Cowes before the start and in Race HQ, Plymouth at the finish. Notices may also be displayed on the RORC & event website at <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents>

5 NOTICE TO MARINERS

- 5.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of Notice to Mariners and should be particularly aware of:
- 5.2 **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.14 of 2019 which covers the movement of shipping and the accompanying sound signals that may be heard. See: [http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs/2019 No 14 - Port of Southampton – Precautionary Area \(Thorn Channel\).pdf](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs/2019%20No%2014%20-%20Port%20of%20Southampton%20-%20Precautionary%20Area%20(Thorn%20Channel).pdf)
- 5.3 Competitors should also be aware of the IFA2 Cable Laying operations in the vicinity of Chilling. See: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/local-notices/Intm/2019/1941-ifa2-hvac-cable-laying-works>

6 EVENT BACKSTAY FLAGS AND BATTLE FLAGS

- 6.1 All competitors will be provided with an official Rolex backstay flag that shall be flown at least 1.5m above the deck.
- 6.2 One-Design competitors (IMOCA & Class40) and all vessels above 15m LOA shall also fly a Rolex flag from the starboard shrouds at the start and while approaching and rounding Fastnet Rock.
- 6.3 Race sponsor's battle flags will be provided and shall be flown from the forestay while berthed in Plymouth.

7 AIS

- 7.1 All boats shall have their AIS transponder switched on, transmitting (at least every minute) and receiving from 1100 on Saturday 3rd August and throughout the race.
- 7.2 A boat's AIS must transmit; the boat's MMSI number and current racing name.
- 7.3 Nothing shall be done to inhibit AIS transmissions.

- 7.4 Boats unable to meet these requirements shall submit comprehensive details of the reason on their Declaration Form and may be subject to protest. **The penalty for breaking this rule is at the discretion of the International Jury and may include disqualification.**

8 YB TRACKERS

- 8.1 It is mandatory for all boats to carry a YB Tracker unit for the race. The tracking can be viewed on the Rolex Fastnet Race website: www.rolexfastnetrace.com
- 8.2 Nothing shall be done to inhibit YB Tracker transmissions.
- 8.3 Trackers are required to be returned within three hours of finishing or as soon as possible after retiring.
- 8.4 Competitors not returning a tracker will be liable for the full cost – approximately £750.00

9 CLASS FLAGS

Class	TCC Range	Class Flag
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	1.004 – 1.050	Pennant 3
IRC 4	0.850 – 1.003	Pennant 4
Class40		Class Insignia
IMOCA 60		Class Insignia
Multihull		Pennant 8

10 NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD

- 10.1 After leaving the dock to race but not before 0800BST and before passing through an identity gate each boat shall send an SMS (text) message to: +44 (0) 7797 805 885. **The SMS (text) message shall contain the boat name, sail number and the number of persons on board.**
- 10.2 If the number of persons on board is less than that declared on RORC Entry System (Sailgate) then the full name(s) of the persons not on board shall also be included in the SMS message.
- 10.3 A boat shall not sail with a crew member whose Emergency Contact details have not been lodged on Sailgate before the start of the race. **The penalty for breaking this rule is at the discretion of the International Jury and may include disqualification.**
- 10.4 **Warning:** Boats which do not correctly SMS (text) crew numbers and any person(s) not on board are liable to disqualification.

11 IDENTITY GATES

- 11.1 Before starting every boat shall pass through an identity gate and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. Each boat shall have her trysail and storm jib rigged (**in accordance with World Sailing's Offshore Special Regulation 4.26**), have her engine running and display her sail numbers and letters secured to her port lifelines (where the sail numbers and letters are not permanently displayed on the hull). IMOCA 60s, Class40s and other boats not required to carry a trysail by their class rules shall have their mainsail reefed to the maximum point as required by class rules.
- 11.2 All competitors should be aware of the potential for vessels that are 'restricted in their ability to manoeuvre' to be operating in the area of the identity gates. Boats attempting to pass through the gates should avoid impeding the passage of such vessels.
- 11.3 There will be three identity gates; every boat shall pass through only **ONE** of the gates as detailed below before starting. The gates will be available from 1030 until the last start, or longer at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- North Gate** - An identity gate will be established between Reach (green buoy with triangular top mark) in approximate position 50°49'.05N 001°17'.65W and a gate boat displaying a blue flag with a white Seahorse and Crown and white border over a yellow flag lying to the east of Reach.
- A boat using the North Gate shall pass once through the gate from north to south.

Middle Gate - An identity gate will be established between QXI International (yellow buoy with “X” top mark) in approximate position 50°47’.27N 001°15’.90W 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 QXI International.
A boat using the Middle Gate shall pass once through the gate from east to west.

South Gate - An identity gate will be established between Cowes Corinthian (yellow buoy with “X” top mark) in approximate position 50°46’.15N 001°17’.20W 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 Cowes Corinthian.
A boat using the South Gate shall pass once through the gate from east to west.

11.4 **Warning:** Boats which do not pass through a gate correctly are liable to disqualification.

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

12 COMMUNICATIONS

At the Start

12.1 **VHF Ch.28** - The Race Committee (Callsign “Ocean One”) may broadcast information on VHF Ch.28 at the start. Boats are strongly recommended to **listen** to the Race Committee until clear of the Solent and when approaching the finish. Recall information (sail numbers and/or boat names of OCS boats) may be announced as soon as possible. **It is not possible for boats to transmit on VHF Ch.28 at the start of the race.**

12.2 **VHF Ch.72** - A boat may, without infringing RRS41 (Outside Help), request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or enquire whether or not a broadcast has been made. **VHF Ch.72 is the designated calling channel when contacting the Race Committee “Ocean One”.**

At the Finish

12.3 **VHF Ch.28** - The Race Committee (Callsign “Ocean One”) may broadcast information on VHF Ch.28 at the finish. Boats are strongly recommended to listen to the Race Committee until clear of the finish area. **Boats are able to reply on VHF Ch.28 throughout the finish.**

At all Times

12.4 **VHF Ch.16** - Boats are reminded of their legal obligation to keep a continuous watch on VHF Ch.16 throughout the race.

12.5 Inter-boat communication calls should when possible be on DSC or VHF Ch.16 as a calling Channel and VHF Ch.72 as a working Channel.

12.6 Boats with communications in addition to VHF should act as a link, taking other boats’ reports on VHF and passing them to the Race Committee or Coastguard.

13 STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS

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

13.2 **Note:** For All Classes there will be 15 minutes between each start.

Proposed Starting Times

Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Preparatory Signal	1 Minute Signal	Start
Multihull	Pennant 8	1220	1226	1229	1230
IMOCA 60, Class40	Pennant 7	1235	1241	1244	1245
IRC 4	Pennant 4	1250	1256	1259	1300
IRC 3	Pennant 3	1305	1311	1314	1315
IRC 2	Pennant 2	1320	1326	1329	1330
IRC 1	Pennant 1	1335	1341	1344	1345
IRC Z	Pennant 0	1350	1356	1359	1400

14 STARTING LINE

14.1 The starting line is formed by bringing the Royal Yacht Squadron’s Flagstaff (in approximate position 50° 46’.004N 001° 18’.055W) 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. Any failure of this equipment shall be disregarded.)

Outer limit: (which is not on the starting line) Williams Shipping Buoy (50° 47'.20N, 001° 18'.55W); leave to Starboard.

Inner limit: An Inflatable Rolex Buoy (which may not be on the starting line), up to 500m from the RYS Flagstaff; leave to port.

14.2 **The start will be to the West.**

14.3 A Committee Boat (probably Three Cs), displaying a blue flag with a white Seahorse and Crown and white border, will be in the vicinity of Williams Shipping Buoy.

15 LATE AT THE START

15.1 When a boat is late to the start and cannot pass through an Identity Gate before the Starting Signal of the last class to start the race, she shall report the circumstances and her intention to race by telephone to the Race Committee. At the discretion of the Race Committee, it may elect to keep an Identity Gate open or allow the details to be passed over the telephone.

15.2 If a boat has not previously come to the starting area at her preparatory signal and comes to the starting area under power (or being towed), they shall stop their engine (or drop their tow) and complete a Two-Turns penalty as specified in RRS 44.2 before starting.

15.3 No penalty will be imposed for an infringement of RRS 42 for complying with SI 15.2. This changes RRS 42 and 45.

16 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

16.1 A boat shall not enter an area designated as an Obstruction when racing – See Appendix A.

16.2 All Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) are designated as Obstructions.

16.3 Additionally, boats shall:

16.3.1 Not pass south of a line joining CHS (3T) Buoy (formerly KMS Buoy) – M Row Mooring Buoys (western end at approx. 50° 46.100'N, 001° 18.870'W and the eastern end at approx. 50° 46.131'N, 001° 18.147'W) – Snowden (39) – Cowes Corinthian (34) – Shrape beacon, unless transiting to or from the Medina River or using the South Identity Gate (Cowes Corinthian 34).

16.3.2 Not anchor or kedge in the area extending westwards from a line joining Egypt Point and Stansore Point to a line joining Inchmery House (Beaulieu Channel) and Thorness Bay, identified as a no-anchor zone on charts.

16.3.3 Not pass to the North of the beacon marking the obstruction of iron piles (Sowley Boom) to the East of Lymington, near Durns Point;

16.3.4 Not pass to the south of Yarmouth East Fairway Buoy 50° 42'.62N 001° 29'.95W.

17 THE COURSES

17.1 The course for all Classes is listed in Appendix B

18 FASTNET ROCK ROUNDING TIMES

18.1 Every boat shall record the time (BST) on the Declaration Form when the Fastnet light bears 180 degrees magnetic and report it by text message or email.

18.2 The rounding time may be submitted by text message to **+44 (0) 7797 805 885** or by email to roundingtherock@rorc.org.

18.3 Text reports must be in this **exact format** or they will not be recognised: Sail Number (exactly as on the entry list with no spaces), followed by a space, the date (4 digits, DayMonth), space, the time (when the Fastnet Lighthouse bears 180° magnetic) in BST 24 hour clock (6 digits, hhmmss). The system is not case sensitive. Examples: GBR1234R 0508 163558 or FAR29775 0508 230135

18.4 If sending the report by email, please include the Boat Name and Sail Number in the subject field.

19 REPORTING

19.1 In the event the Race Committee asks a boat to report (ie tracker failure), reporting should be done by SMS (+44 (0)7797 805885), email (racing@rorc.org) or any other means possible. Reports shall include:

Name of boat and Sail Number
Date/time (BST)/position
Course and Speed over the Ground
Names of any Boats nearby

20 RETIREMENTS AND NON-STARTERS

20.1 Retirements and non-starters must promptly inform the Race Committee (see page 1 for contact details). It is imperative that boats that are no longer competing can be excluded from any Search & Rescue operation. **Failure to comply with this rule may lead to exclusion from future RORC racing.**

21 USE OF ENGINE

- 21.1 When a boat uses its engine for propulsion, e.g. to avoid collision or in a grave emergency, the facts shall be reported on her Declaration Form.
- 21.2 Temporary discontinuance of racing: No penalty will be imposed for an infringement of RRS 42 and RRS 45 if a boat makes fast in order to take shelter or in an emergency. The crew may temporarily leave the boat 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, complete a Two-Turns penalty as specified in RRS 44.2 before continuing to race from that spot. She shall report the circumstances on her Declaration Form. Please note that RRS 41 Outside Help still applies, including, but not limited to, provisioning, repairs and accommodation.

22 TIME LIMIT

- 22.1 There is no time limit for the race.

23 THE FINISH

- 23.1 The finish line runs 314 degrees magnetic from the centre of the lighthouse situated at the western end of the Plymouth Breakwater. Boats shall cross the line from south to north leaving the breakwater to starboard and Queens Grounds Buoy to port. As an aid to competitors; a directional vertical light beam is fitted to the top of the lighthouse and becomes visible for 2 seconds accompanying the hooter as you cross the finishing line. The light and hooter is an aid only and does not constitute the finishing line. Any failure of this equipment should be disregarded.
- 23.2 **Note:** Queens Grounds Buoy is not on the finish line.
- 23.3 At night boats are required to shine a light onto their sail numbers to help with identification.
- 23.4 All boats shall listen to "Ocean One" on **VHF Ch.28** from approximately 5 miles out. Please note that "Ocean One" operates a duplex repeater on Ch.28 at the finish allowing boats to communicate with "Ocean One" on VHF Ch.28 and other boats in the operational area.
- 23.5 "Ocean One" may ask a boat to assist with identification when finishing, especially at night.
- 23.6 **All boats are reminded to take their own finishing times (BST)** together with the names of the boats ahead and astern, if any. Finishing times shall be written on the Declaration Form and delivered to the RORC as soon as possible.

24 AFTER FINISHING

- 24.1 On passing South Winter (A South Cardinal Buoy in approximate position 50° 21'.40N 004° 08'.55W, all boats shall contact "Ocean Two" on VHF Ch.77 for berthing instructions as per SI 25.
- 24.2 **Boats over 20m LOA** shall contact 'THE LONG ROOM' (Plymouth Harbour Master) on VHF Ch.14 for clearance to enter the port as soon as possible after finishing and before requesting berthing instructions. **Boats over 20m must not proceed into the harbour before receiving clearance to make way from the 'LONG ROOM'.**

25 BERTHING

- 25.1 Berthing will be in Plymouth, at either Plymouth Yacht Haven Marina, Queens Anne Battery Marina, Sutton Harbour Marina or at the Mayflower Marina.
- 25.2 Due to the large size of the fleet a boat may be berthed in any of the berthing facilities listed. Competitors are required to follow all instructions given by "Ocean Two" in respect of berthing. **Failure to comply with this rule may lead to exclusion from results and future RORC racing.**
- 25.3 48 hours berthing is included in the Race Entry Fee, after which time boats may be required to move on from their allocated berthing. Competitors may elect to contact any of the list marina facilities listed to make their own arrangements after the period of free berthing.
- 25.4 Boats shall not be abandoned in an allocated race berth. Competitors ignoring this requirement are liable to have their boats relocated elsewhere, and for all relocation costs and berthing costs incurred.

26 RACE FINISH DECLARATIONS AND RETURN OF YB TRACKER

- 26.1 After finishing, boats shall complete and submit a Declaration Form to the Race Committee, and return the YB Tracker, within three hours. Every member of the crew shall sign the Declaration Form. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the boat being excluded from the results.
- 26.2 When a boat retires from the race, she shall write the reasons on her Declaration Form.
- 26.3 When, after finishing the race, a boat cannot promptly deliver the Declaration Form, she shall without delay telephone the Race Committee to confirm that she has finished racing and give her time of finishing in BST.
- 26.4 In the event of a boat not entering Plymouth after finishing, or retiring, the completed Declaration Form may be scanned and emailed to racing@rorc.org

27 PENALTY SYSTEM

27.1 Scoring Penalty:

- 27.1.1 When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS, or government right-of-way rules, apply (between the hours of sunset and sunrise) a time penalty applies.
- 27.1.2 A boat takes a time penalty by displaying a yellow flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident. She shall include full details of the penalty on her declaration form. Her penalty will be ten minutes added to her elapsed time for each penalty.
- 27.1.3 When a scoring penalty does not apply, a boat may take a Two Turns Penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 or a One Turn Penalty when she may have broken RRS 31, as described in RRS 44.2.

27.2 Standard Penalties:

- 27.2.1 When at a boat's starting signal she is subject to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) and she fails to comply with RRS 29.1 to start correctly the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 27.2.2 For a minor or unavoidable breaches of RRS 28 (Sailing the Course) where no advantage has been gained, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. For any other breach the penalty shall be to retire.
- 27.2.3 For a breach of any area designated an Obstruction, i.e. Traffic Separation Schemes, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%, unless the breach was unavoidable and unintentional and no advantage was gained. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 27.2.4 Should the Race Committee consider a standard penalty to be inappropriate, it may protest the boat.
- 27.3 If, in a hearing brought by the Race Committee under Sailing Instruction 27.2.4 or by another boat, a boat is found to have infringed RRS 28, 29.1 or Sailing Instruction 16, the penalty will be at the discretion of the International Jury, but will not be less than the standard penalty.

27.4 Grounds for Protest

- 27.4.1 Breaches of SI 6, 8, 9, 11, 19, 24, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1a.

27.5 Other Penalties

- 27.5.1 When the International Jury decides that a boat that is party to a protest hearing has broken a rule other than RRS Part 1 and 2 and that no serious damage or injury was caused and no significant advantage has been gained, it may apply a time penalty of up to 20%. Should the International Jury decide that the breach was minor and unintentional it may at its discretion apply a different penalty.

28 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 28.1 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.
- 28.2 The protest time limit is 3 hours after the protesting boat finishes.
- 28.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit for the last boat to finish the race.
- 28.4 The notification of a Protest by the Race or Protest Committee against a competitor as required under RRS 61.1(b) or (c) shall consist of a notice on the Official Notice Board.
- 28.5 An International Jury (Chairman Tom Rinda) has been appointed. Decisions made by the International Jury will not be subject to appeal under RRS70.5.

29 SCORING

- 29.1 The Scoring System for Offshore Races, defined in Notice of Race 1.12.2, will apply.
- 29.2 The scoring abbreviation for a Standard Penalty is "SP".

30 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 30.1 The Rolex Fastnet Race has many trophies of which full details do not appear in the Notice of Race. The award of some trophies can only be decided from information submitted before the start of the race. Boats wishing to be eligible for these trophies, listed below, must complete and return the Trophy Application Form posted on the event website not later than the 2nd August 2019.
- 30.2 IRC Division Trophies:

Duncan Munro-Kerr Memorial Trophy: Best boat with skipper aged between 18 and not more than 30 on 6th August 2017.

Service Boats – Inter-Regimental Cup: Best Service Boat on corrected time in IRC and Culdrose Trophy: Best Service Boat round the Fastnet Rock*.

*** Fastnet Rock Rounding Trophies:** To be eligible boats must have completed the race and complied with SI 18.

Dennis Doyle Memorial Salver: Skipper who has done the greatest number of Fastnet Races including the current one.

Coates Scholfield Trophy: The boat whose crew have sailed the furthest to compete in the race.

The Sparkman and Stephens Trophy: Best Sparkman and Stephens designed boat.

Maite de Arambalza Trophy: Best boat with a female skipper.

Corporate Boats - Bloodhound Cup: At least 50% of the crew is in full time employment with the same company. Two-Handed boats are not eligible for this trophy.

Team Challenge - Martin Illingworth Trophy Inter-Club: for a team of 3 boats nominated by an affiliated Club. The winning team will be that in which all three boats, racing under IRC, finish without penalty (OCS returns, one turn, two turn and scoring penalties do not count for this purpose) and whose aggregate Corrected Time is the least. A boat may feature in only one team in a race. No more than one team per Club. Open to any Club affiliated to a National Authority. RRS Appendix D – Team Racing Rules do not apply.

Sailing School – Roger Justice Trophy: Best sailing school boat overall.

30.3 **Fastnet Rock Challenge Trophy:** BCT of a Royal Yacht Squadron boat. The boat must be owned or sailed by a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron.

30.4 Open Trophies:

Royal Thames Spirit Cup: First Royal Thames Yacht Club boat home. The boat must be owned or sailed by a member of the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

Swinburne Cup: The first boat home, owned or skippered by an Irish national.

30.5 Prizes

Under Notice of Race 1.13 Prizes, Classes will be sub-divided for prizes as follows:

IRC 1 A 1.150 and above IRC 1 B 1.149 and below

IRC 2 A 1.083 and above IRC 2 B 1.082 and below

IRC 3 A 1.028 and above IRC 3 B 1.027 and below

IRC 4 A 0.983 and above IRC 4 B 0.982 and below

31 RISK STATEMENT

31.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

31.2 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;
- 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.

32 INSURANCE

32.1 Each boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured against all third-party claims.

33 PRIZEGIVING

33.1 The Rolex Fastnet Race Prizegiving will take place in the Rolex Fastnet Race Village, Plymouth Yacht Haven on Thursday 8th August from 1800. **Entry will be strictly by wristband only.** Competitors will be issued wristbands in the finish packs on completion of the race. Additional wristbands for friends and family may be purchased at £10 each from the Race Office, Plymouth.

33.2 RORC Medallions will be presented on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 1930, at the RORC Clubhouse, 20 St James’s Place, London, SW1A 1NN. All skippers and crews are most welcome.

APPENDIX A

- A1 The area of Cowes Waterfront Obstruction is a line; the coordinates of are given.
A2 The area of each Obstruction is a box; the coordinates of the corners are given.
A3 The boundaries are the rhumb lines between the corners.
A4 The Obstructions apply to all classes with no exceptions, when racing.

Obstruction	Position: Latitude(N) Longitude(W) – WGS84	
Cowes Waterfront	A – 50° 46'.10N 001° 18'.87W CHS Buoy (3T)	B – 50° 46.100'N 001° 18.870'W M Row Mooring Buoys (west)
	C – 50° 46.131'N 001° 18.147'W M Row Mooring Buoys (east)	D – 50° 46'.20N 001° 17'.75W Snowden Buoy (39)
	E – 50°46'.15N 001°17'.20W Cowes Corinthian (34)	F – 50°46'.090N 001°16'.89W Shrape Beacon
TSS – Casquets	A – 50° 03'.50N 002° 57'.40W	B – 50° 08'.60N 002° 28'.30W
	C – 49° 51'.30N 002° 21'.10W	D – 49° 46'.30N 002° 50'.30W
TSS – Off Lands End	A – 50° 20'.03N 006° 05'.06W	B – 50° 20'.03N 005° 49'.58W
	C – 50° 00'.99N 005° 49'.58W	D – 49° 53'.54N 006° 05'.06W
TSS – South of Scilly Isles	A – 49° 46'.00N 006° 29'.50W	B – 49° 46'.00N 006° 16'.50W
	C – 49° 35'.50N 006° 16'.50W	D – 49° 35'.50N 006° 34'.15W
TSS – West of Scilly Isles	A – 50° 04'.07N 006° 48'.53W	B – 50° 01'.18N 006° 32'.78W
	C – 49° 52'.33N 006° 36'.73W	D – 49° 52'.33N 006° 53'.78W
TSS – Fastnet Rock	A – 51° 21'.10N 009° 36'.60W	B – 51° 22'.90N 009° 27'.30W
	C – 51° 17'.10N 009° 24'.60W	D – 51° 15'.45N 009° 33'.90W

APPENDIX B

B1 This course is for **all Classes**

B2 Course

Order	Mark		Position (WGS84)*	
			Latitude	Longitude
1	Runnel Stone Lt Buoy	Starboard	50° 01'.18N	005° 40'.36W
2	Fastnet TSS	Port	See Appendix A	
3	Fastnet Rock	Port	51° 23'.35N	009° 36'.19W
4	Fastnet TSS	Port	See Appendix A	
5	Isles of Scilly – including Bishops Rock and all outlying rocks and islets within 8nm of Peninnis Head Lt, St Mary's	Port	49° 54'.28N	006° 18'.21W
Finish	Plymouth - See SI 22			
Distance: approximately 605nm				

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