



# 2021 ROLEX FASTNET RACE NOTICE OF RACE

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## ROLEX AND OFFSHORE YACHTING

For over 20 years, Rolex has been a part of some of yachting's most celebrated offshore classics. Around the world, sailors and spectators alike have experienced the thrill of the Rolex Fastnet Race, the grandeur of the Rolex Middle Sea Race and the Rolex China Sea Race, and the epic challenge of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Rolex supports the yacht clubs that continue to advance safety standards and the fearless crews who brave the ocean's legendary blue water tests.

*#Perpetual*



OYSTER PERPETUAL YACHT-MASTER II



## INTRODUCTION BY JAMES NEVILLE - COMMODORE RORC

Dear *Competitor*

On behalf of the Royal Ocean Racing Club I am delighted to invite eligible boats to race in the Rolex Fastnet Race starting on the 8th August 2021.

The Rolex Fastnet rightly has a reputation as the preeminent offshore race in the world, with a heritage stretching back to 1925. That first race led directly to the formation of our Club and it has taken place biennially since 1931. I am personally looking forward to, once again, skipping one of the 400 or so boats setting off from the familiar Yacht Squadron start line, voyaging into the Celtic Sea and around the iconic Fastnet rock.

For the first time in the long history of the race we will finish in the historic French town of Cherbourg. The port's natural deep harbour and extensive berthing facilities, alongside the well-known French passion for offshore racing, guarantee a warm welcome for our expanded fleet.

Completion of a Rolex Fastnet Race qualifies you for membership of the RORC which is available to competent offshore yachtsmen and yachswomen who have completed 500 offshore racing miles. RORC members are able to wear all Seahorse insignia. You will receive a monthly subscription to Seahorse magazine and many other membership benefits including:

- **Use of our London Clubhouse and Cowes Clubhouse.**
- **Discounted RORC race entry and IRC certificates and other exclusive member's offers.**
- **Annual programme of social events including Cowes Week events and our Annual Dinner and Prize Giving.**
- **Introductory letters to overseas yacht clubs and much more...**

For more information, or to apply for membership, please contact the RORC Membership Secretary in London. I do hope you choose to join us on the start line in August

Best wishes,

*James Neville*

**James Neville** *Commodore – RORC*





# WORLD'S LARGEST OFFSHORE RACE

"The Rolex Fastnet Race really is a blue water classic. We are very happy to have done it five times, even if we have never won it. We came close in 2007 when we were second on corrected time. That's the best we've ever done, but it's still great to have won line honours in 2017 and now again in 2019."

**George David (USA)**

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## DEFINITIONS

### **CLASS**

The term class includes IRC, Class40, IMOCA, Figaro 3 and MOCRA rating systems.

### **CLOSING DATE**

Is the date after which a late entry fee may be charged.

### **COMPETITOR**

A *Competitor* is any sailor competing in the race.

### **DOCUMENTS PAGE**

Can be found at: <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents>

### **HIGH POINTS SYSTEM**

The boats are ranked in order of points scored. Highest points score wins.

### **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 *Competitor* in the race.

### **RATING DEADLINE**

Is the latest date that a Rating or *class* Certificate shall be issued to a boat.

### **SAILGATE**

The RORC online system for boat entry and crew management.

## TERMINOLOGY

A term used in the sense stated in the definitions is printed in italics (for example *Class*).



ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) in association with the Yacht Club de Cherbourg and the Royal Yacht Squadron.

1. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	
Tuesday 12th January 2021	1000	Entry Opens	www.rolexfastnetrace.com
Thursday 8th July 2021	2359	Closing Date	
Thursday 29th July 2021	1200	Rating Deadline	
Monday 2nd August 2021	0900	Registration Opens	Cowes
Wednesday 4th August 2021	1000	Registration Opens	Cherbourg
Thursday 5th August 2021	1000	Registration Opens	Hamble
Friday 6th August 2021	2000	Fastnet Dinner	RORC Cowes Clubhouse
Saturday 7th August 2021	1600	Skippers Briefing	RORC Cowes Clubhouse/Online
Sunday 8th August 2021	1100	First Warning Signal	
Saturday 14th August 2021	1700	Prizegiving	Cherbourg

“The popularity of the Rolex Fastnet Race is because amateurs can race against the best professional sailors in the world and have a realistic chance of winning.”

Eddie Warden Owen, Chief Executive Officer  
Royal Ocean Racing Club



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## 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 2.1 COVID-19 Protocols

Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will state if they have the status of a rule.

### 2.2 English Law

This Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by the acceptance of a boat's entry in 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.

### 2.3 Racing Rules of Sailing

The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index.php>)

### 2.4 National Authority Prescriptions

The prescriptions of the RYA will apply (<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA-Prescriptions.pdf>). No other National Authority prescriptions shall apply.

### 2.5 Class Rules

The rules and regulations of appropriate One Design and/or restricted *class* rules, IRC Rules Parts A, B & C, and MOCRA Rules.

### 2.6 2021 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)

The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 2, with RORC Prescriptions. When details of Special Regulations cannot be met the Committee may accept an alternative.

### 2.7 International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea

Except when changed in the Sailing Instructions, the rules of RRS part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), 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 the rule when racing.

### 2.8 Notice of Race

This Notice of Race and any amendments to the Notice of Race. Where there is a conflict between any translated Notice of Race and the Notice of Race, the version written in English shall prevail.



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## 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 2.9 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued to boats that have met all the entry requirements. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

## 3 ADVERTISING

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

## 4 RESPONSIBILITY

### 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 states: "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge..."

### 4.2 The RORC

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.

### 4.3 Misconduct

The Person in Charge and crew will be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the Person in Charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.

### 4.4 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.

### 4.5 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 9.3 below. The RORC reserves the right to require a signed declaration, in the terms set out in NoR 9.3 below, from each crew member.



4 RESPONSIBILITY

4.6 Safety and Lifesaving Equipment

Crew members’ attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment: “Each *competitor* is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions.” A combined Lifejacket and 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.

4.7 RORC Safety Sticker

Each boat shall display the RORC safety sticker in a prominent place on board. The sticker will be provided in the skipper packs.

5 ELIGIBILITY - THE BOAT

5.1 Suitability

The race is open to seaworthy boats which comply with the rules and regulations described in the Notice of Race and which are manned by an adequate number of experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The minimum crew on any monohull shall be two. However, no person may race contrary to the terms of a ban imposed by the RORC, a National Authority or World Sailing.

5.2 Boat Size

There is no maximum size for boats in the Rolex Fastnet Race. The minimum size for monohulls is determined by their rating and their SSS/STIX & AVS numbers. The minimum size for multihulls is 9.15 metres/30ft (LOA) with a minimum MOCRA rating of 1.100. The committee may make exceptions on application.

5.3 Divisions

5.3.1 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.

5 ELIGIBILITY - THE BOAT

5.3.2 Two-Handed Class

A Two-Handed *class* within IRC will be available in the Rolex Fastnet Race. Boats will be eligible for both Two-Handed and IRC rating band *class* & overall trophies. Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for two-handed sailing.

5.3.3 Multihulls – Boats rating 1.100 and greater Offshore multihulls with endorsed MOCRA (Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association) rating certificates may enter a multihull division of the race. For more information on MOCRA and to apply for a rating visit the MOCRA website (<http://www.mocra-sailing.org.uk>). The minimum crew for any multihulls shall be two. Open multihulls may race without any rating.

5.3.4 Level Racing

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

5.4 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 boat shall be the number shown on the certificate unless amended by 2.9 (above) There is no weight limit.” This provision overrides IRC Rule 22.4.1.

5.5 Automatic and Wind-vane devices for Steering

Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted (this changes RRS 52 and amends IRC Rule 15).

5.6 IRC Rating bands and Class flags

CLASS	TCC RANGE	CLASS FLAG
IRC Zero	1.275 and greater	Pennant 0
IRC One	1.101 – 1.274	Pennant 1
IRC Two	1.051 – 1.100	Pennant 2
IRC Three	1.004 – 1.050	Pennant 3
IRC Four	0.850 – 1.003	Pennant 4

The RORC reserves the right to amend the *class* splits in the light of 2021 data before the start of the race. Boats with Canting Keels will race in the *class* appropriate to their TCC.



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5 ELIGIBILITY - THE BOAT

5.7 Ratings, Rating and Class Certificates Deadline

Boats shall hold valid rating/class certificate(s) by 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 and may be subject to protest. 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. Please allow sufficient time for your rating/class certificate to be processed and issued by the relevant authority.

5.8 2021 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) and RORC Prescriptions

The race is Category 2 and RORC Prescriptions. The complete 2021 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations with RORC Prescriptions are available on the race *documents page* from January 2021

5.9 OSR Compliance

Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge of the boat. However, the RORC will endeavor to help *competitors* to understand the OSR and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any *competitors* boat at any time. The Person in Charge shall, before the race, complete an OSR Checklist (available on the *Documents Page*) and submit the form to the RORC Race Office.

5.10 Automatic Identification System (AIS)

Boats shall carry an AIS Transponder capable of transmitting and receiving throughout the race. *Competitors* shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) throughout the race. *Competitors* shall ensure that the name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number.

6 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

In accordance with OSR 3.04.2 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 boat (as per 6.1 below) 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 the race. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept other indicators as to the suitability of the boat for the race.



“Just after they gybed onto the layline for the finish we crossed them and decided to overlay. It was our last chance to see if there was something still possible. But until five minutes before we finished we never thought it was possible, to win!”

Maxi Skipper - Franck Cammas  
Yacht Edmond de Rothschild

2019 COURSE  
RECORD  
1D | 4H | 2M





“To have the crew who not only did the qualifying races, but also wanted to compete for their places in the Fastnet, was brilliant. Their performance in the race itself was fantastic – the fact that we finished it and finished it so well, racing it properly, coming in the top half of the fleet, also knowing we could have finished much higher, was very pleasing.”

**Jon Holt - Project Scaramouche**

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## 6 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

### 6.1 SSS or STIX and AVS

Boats with series date of 1995 and later will be categorised under STIX and AVS only.  
Boats with series date before 1995 may be categorised under either STIX and AVS or SSS.

### 6.2 Minimum Permitted Values

OSR CATEGORY	CATEGORY 2
STIX minimum	32
AVS minimum	130-0.002*m <sup>1</sup>
SSS minimum	28

<sup>1</sup>Where m is the boat’s Minimum Sailing Weight in kg  
More information about Safety and Stability Indices can be found at <http://www.ircrating.org>.

## 7 ELIGIBILITY - *COMPETITORS*

### 7.1 Offshore Crewlist

An Offshore Crewlist complete with full *Emergency Contact* details and Immigration Information shall be supplied to the RORC by means of the *SailGate* entry system. The Person in Charge shall invite the crew through *SailGate*. Those not already registered will be able to create an account, complete their details, including *Emergency Contact* and Immigration Information, and accept the invite. The RORC will hold full details of each crew member and *Emergency Contact* for the race.

### 7.2 Experience Qualification

The Rolex Fastnet Race is not a race for novices. Every crew member must have experience of sailing a boat offshore and be prepared to encounter heavy weather. *Competitors* may be required to provide evidence of offshore experience. The minimum experience requirement is 300 nautical miles of RORC offshore racing on the boat entered into the race, completed by a minimum of 50% of the crew (but no fewer than 2) including the Person in Charge, and within 12 months of the start of the Rolex Fastnet Race. To fulfil this requirement the *Competitor* shall enter and complete an appropriate number of RORC races before the start of the race. When it is not reasonably possible to access RORC races, or in exceptional circumstances, an alternative method for qualification may be agreed by the RORC. Proposals should be lodged with the RORC as soon as possible after entry.



## 8 TRAINING

### 8.1 Offshore Crew Training

At least 30% of the boat's crew (but no less than 2), including the Person in Charge, must have completed training to Section 6 of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and gained a certificate from a World Sailing approved Offshore Personal Survival Training Course. Training must have taken place within five years of the start of the race. Please note that from July 2019 the STCW sea survival certificate is no longer accepted by RORC.

### 8.2 First Aid Training

At least one member of the boat's crew shall hold an in-date certificate of a First Aid Training Course. The course shall comply with OSR 6.05.2 and have been completed within three years of the start of the race. The qualifications of Doctors, Paramedics or similarly trained medical professionals will be accepted, provided they are familiar with the topics in OSR Appendix H. It is recommended that crews should practice safety routines at reasonable intervals including the drill for man-overboard. See OSR Section 6 – Training. In accordance with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 6.01.3 "When there are only two crew members, at least one shall have undertaken training as in OSR 6.01.1.

## 9 RACE ENTRY

### 9.1 Entering the Race

Entry opens at 1000 on Tuesday 12th January 2021. A boat shall enter the race using the *SailGate* online entry system. Submission of an Entry and payment of the fee will not guarantee a place in the race; all other entry requirements must be completed to the satisfaction of the RORC.

### 9.2 Payment

50% of the entry fee is due within 10 days of entry confirmation, with the remaining due before the *Closing Date*. The 50% paid upon entry is non-refundable unless regional restrictions mean the cancelling of the event or make participation from certain areas impossible. Payment shall be made by credit card (through the online entry system or by telephone) or may, when the entry fee is greater than £2000, be made by BACS (bank) transfer. To pay by BACS please contact the RORC for bank details.



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## 9 RACE ENTRY

### 9.3 Race Entry Declaration

The Person in Charge for each race shall agree to the terms of the declaration below using *SailGate*, the online entry system. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept a signed printed declaration. 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, other 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 buoyancy adequate for the conditions). See also RORC Prescription to the Special Regulations 5.01.5

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, this Notice of Race, 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 on my boat contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing, or 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.

### 9.4 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.



## 9.5 Standard Entry Fees – shown in £ Sterling

LOA (M)	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	LOA (M)	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
<b>Below 9.00</b>	365	522	<b>20.00 - 20.99</b>	3594	3949
<b>9.00 - 9.99</b>	415	594	<b>21.00 - 21.99</b>	3888	4243
<b>10.00 - 10.99</b>	467	668	<b>22.00 - 22.99</b>	4137	4492
<b>11.00 - 11.99</b>	546	780	<b>23.00 - 23.99</b>	4322	4677
<b>12.00 - 12.99</b>	615	879	<b>24.00 - 24.99</b>	4507	4862
<b>13.00 - 13.99</b>	772	1104	<b>25.00 - 25.99</b>	4718	5073
<b>14.00 - 14.99</b>	928	1283	<b>26.00 - 26.99</b>	4905	5260
<b>15.00 - 15.99</b>	1324	1679	<b>27.00 - 27.99</b>	5084	5439
<b>16.00 - 16.99</b>	1828	2183	<b>28.00 - 28.99</b>	5262	5617
<b>17.00 - 17.99</b>	2449	2804	<b>29.00 - 29.99</b>	5479	5834
<b>18.00 - 18.99</b>	2991	3346	<b>&gt; 30.00</b>	195 per m*	195 per m
<b>19.00 - 19.99</b>	3286	3641	*less £355 (members discount)		

## 9.6 Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations before the *Closing Date* will be eligible for a refund of the race entry fee not including the non-refundable payment.

Cancellations after the *Closing Date* will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the race entry fee not including the non-refundable payment. This will be refunded to the credit card used for payment. For payments made by other means, refunds will be made against a written claim received no later than 15th August 2021.

If there are national or regional restrictions in place relating to the COVID-19 pandemic that make participation impossible, a full refund will be given.  
If the Person in Charge fails to notify the RORC of cancellation as described above he/she shall pay the full fee without refund unless good reason can be shown.

# A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF THE RACE





# THE EVEREST OF YACHTING

"What an amazing experience and wonderful achievement. The best team bonding ever; Fastnet Race satisfaction!"

Hans Bouscholte (NED)

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## 10 BERTHING

### 10.1 Pre Start Cowes

There is no free berthing available in Cowes prior to the start. *Competitors* will be responsible for any berthing costs.

### 10.2 Pre Start Cherbourg

Free berthing is available at Port Chantereyne, Cherbourg from Wednesday 4th August 2021

### 10.3 Post Race

**10.3.1 IRC and MOCRA Classes** Upon arrival, *competitors* will be directed to a berth. The RORC will provide free berthing until Sunday 15th August at 1200. Berthing beyond 1200 on Sunday 15th August is subject to availability and boats are liable for any further berthing fees. For boats finishing after 1200 on Saturday 14th August RORC will provide free berthing for 48 hrs after arrival.

**10.3.2 Non IRC and MOCRA Classes** All non IRC and MOCRA boats shall berth for 48hrs after finishing. The RORC will provide free berthing throughout this period. Should the boats' *class* prizegiving be held within the 48hr berthing period boats will be free to leave after the conclusion of the prizegiving.

## 11 COURSE

Cowes – Fastnet Rock – Cherbourg approximately 695 miles.

## 12 TRACKING

It will be mandatory for boats to carry an Offshore Tracker unit for the Rolex Fastnet Race. The units are standalone and will be available from 1000 Thursday 5th August until 1800 Saturday 7th August at Cowes, Cherbourg and Hamble. The entry fee includes tracking. Once issued to the boat the Tracker becomes the responsibility of the skipper/owner and loss of or failure to return the tracker will be charged at £800.

## 13 PENALTIES

### 13.1 Taking a Penalty (RRS 44)

When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply (between the hours of local sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty applies. Except when a scoring penalty applies, a boat may take a Two Turns Penalty as permitted and described in RRS 44.2 for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2.

### 13.2 Penalties for Infringements of Other Rules

Penalties for infringements of other rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.



14 RACE 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. When no boat qualifies to win a particular trophy the Race Committee may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.

14.1 IRC TROPHIES

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR
Fastnet Challenge Cup	BCT IRC Overall
Kees Van Dam Memorial Trophy	2nd BCT IRC Overall
Erivale Trophy	1st Yacht Home (IRC Canting Keel)
Erroll Bruce Cup	1st Yacht Home (IRC Zero)
Jolie Brise Cup	1st Yacht Home (IRC One – Four)
Clarion Cup	1st British Yacht Home
Gesture Trophy	BCT IRC Canting Keel
Hong Kong Cup	IRC Zero
West Mersea Yacht Club Trophy	IRC One
Foxhound Cup	IRC Two
Favona Cup	IRC Three
Iolaire Cup	IRC Four
Brunskill Trophy	Best Two-Handed Yacht Overall
Berrimilla Dog Bowl	Best Two-Handed Yacht in IRC Four
Alf Loomis Trophy	Navigator of Best Yacht Overall

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR
Joggernaut Trophy	Best Irish Yacht Overall
Arambalza Cup	Best Non British Yacht Overall
*Roger Justice Trophy	Best Sailing School Yacht Overall
*Inter-Regimental Cup	Best Service Yacht Overall
Whirlwind Trophy	Best Swan Yacht Overall
RORC Bowl	Best Swan in the Cowes Dinard St Malo and Fastnet Races
Spangle Trophy	Best Contessa 32 Overall
Hobo Trophy	Best IRC One-Design Yacht
*The Sparkman & Stephens Trophy	Best Sparkman & Stephens designed Yacht in IRC Overall
*Bloodhound Cup	Best Corporate Yacht
*Duncan Munro Kerr Memorial Trophy	Best Yacht with skipper aged between 18 and not more than 30 on 8th August 2021
*Maite de Arambalza Tophy	Best Yacht with a Female Skipper
*Martin Illingworth Trophy	Inter-Club for teams of 3 yachts nominated by an affiliated Club
Dorade Cup	BCT IRC Classic Yacht

14.2 SPECIAL TROPHIES

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR
RORC IMOCA Trophy	1st IMOCA Home
Philip Whitehead Memorial Cup	1st Class40 Home
*Royal Thames Spirit Cup	1st Royal Thames Yacht Club Yacht Home
Iolaire Block	Oldest Yacht to complete the Course
*Dennis Doyle Memorial Salver	Skipper who has done the greatest number of Fastnet Races including the current one
*Coates Scholfield Trophy	The Yacht whose crew have sailed the furthest to complete the race
Ken Newman Endurance Trophy	Yacht with the Greatest Elapsed Time
Galley Slaves Trophy	Galley Slave of the Yacht with the Greatest Elapsed Time

14.3 FASTNET ROUNDING TROPHIES

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR
Irish Lights Trophy	1st IRC Yacht on the water
*Culdrose Trophy	Best IRC Services Yacht round on corrected time
Joe Powder Trophy	Best IRC Yacht round on corrected time

14.4 MULTIHULL TROPHIES

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR
Yachts and Yachting Catamaran Trophy	1st Multihull Home
Croda Wave Trophy	Best MOCRA Multihull Overall
MOCRA Crystal Trophy	Best MOCRA Rated Multihull under 50ft

\* These trophies are subject to specific extra conditions which are set out in a Trophy Application Form. To be eligible entrants must complete the form and lodge it with the RORC before the Closing Date.





## 15 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.

### 14.1 Weather and Tidal Information

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 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 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 as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

## 16 SCORING

### 15.1 Cox-Sprague High Point Scoring

The scoring system will be the *High Points System* as detailed on the Race *Documents Page*. RRS Appendix A is changed; paragraph A4 will not apply.

Points will be multiplied by the Points Factor of 1.5 when applied to the 2021 RORC Season's Points Championship.

A boat that is penalised under RRS 30.2 or that takes a penalty under RRS 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in RRS 44.3(c).



FASTNET  
ROCK

695-NAUTICAL MILES



ENGLAND

COWES  
ISLE OF WIGHT

CHERBOURG  
-EN-COTENTIN

## A new chapter for the race, with a new **destination**

The city of Cherbourg will host the finish of the Rolex Fastnet Race for the 2021 and 2023 editions of the biennial race. The move encourages and secures the future development of the race and will open it to more *competitors*.

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## 17 PRIZEGIVING

The prizegiving will be held at 1700 on Saturday 14th August in Cherbourg and details of the prizegiving will be in the Sailing Instructions. RORC medallions will be presented at 1800 on Saturday 11th September 2021 at the RORC Cowes Clubhouse, The Parade, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7QU. All *competitors* are welcome.

## 18 INSURANCE

Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.

## 19 AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race may be changed. Changes will be posted on the Rolex Fastnet Race website.

## NOTICES TO *COMPETITORS*

[Notices are for information only and do not rank as part of this Notice of Race].

### Race Office (Cowes) 0900-1800 Monday 2nd August until Saturday 7th August

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### Race Office (Hamble) Collection 1000 - 1800 Thursday 5th August until Saturday 7th August

Hamble Yacht Services  
Port Hamble, Satchell Lane  
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### Race Office (Cherbourg)

Wednesday 4th August until Sunday 14th August  
RORC Representative:  
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Port Chantereyne, 50100, Cherbourg.  
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