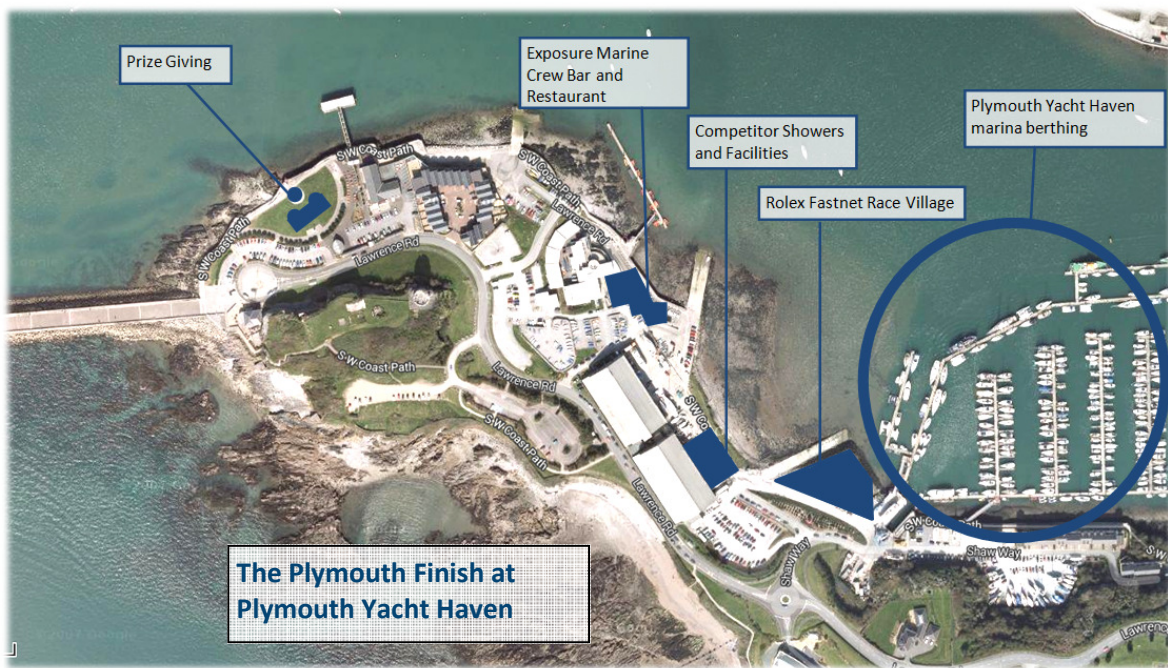




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This year the location of the finish has moved to the Plymouth Yacht Haven, allowing the bulk of the fleet to be berthed together, closer to the action of the Rolex Fastnet Race Village. This Newsletter concentrates on what competitors can expect at the finish location and contains more relevant information and offers.



Special Regulations Checklists and Inspections

Inspectors will be working in most marinas on the South Coast in the week preceding the race. If you are contacted by an inspector then they would appreciate your full cooperation.

If you have not yet done so, please ensure that you send in your OSR Checklist ASAP!

Rolex Fastnet Race Village

For competitors and visitors alike, the Rolex Fastnet Race Village is the hub at the centre of the finish arrangements.

RORC Race Office

Competitors will need to pop in to the RORC Race Office in order to hand over their completed declaration forms and return their Yellowbrick trackers. They will be able to check the latest results and meet members of the RORC Race Team.

Concessions and Entertainment

There will be a series of concessions at the Rolex Fastnet Race Village including Henri Lloyd, Drift Innovation and Jaguar/Land Rover, as well as a Lanson Champagne Bar.

The relaxed atmosphere will continue each afternoon with live music onstage from 1500-1900, starting Monday 12th August. There will be mid-week prizegivings within this area for the first multihull and monohull finishers and updated footage from the race will be broadcast.

Prizegiving

The Prizegiving will take place just beyond the Hotel Mount Batten, at the end of Lawrence Road and overlooking the Plymouth Sound.

Friday 16th August Schedule

1700—onsite bar opens at the Prizegiving

1800—Prizegiving starts

Entry is by wristband only. Competitors and crew are allocated wristbands at the RORC Race Finish Office in Plymouth. Additional wristbands may be purchased from the RORC Race Finish Office for £10, subject to availability.





Food and Drink

After several days at sea crews will be looking forward to a proper meal and a celebratory drink on arrival in Plymouth. First point of call will likely be the **Exposure Marine Crew Bar and Restaurant**, open 24 hours a day and a short walk from the marina. Additionally there is **The Bridge** at the marina, a restaurant at the **Mount Batten Hotel** and local pubs nearby as well.

There is a wide choice of restaurants in the **Barbican** and, with the 24 hour ferry, they are readily accessible. A list can be found online here: <http://www.plymouthbarbican.com/restaurants.asp>



Facilities

There will be access to plentiful showers and toilet facilities, located just beyond the Rolex Fastnet Race Village.

Parking

There is no parking on site, however just opposite the Rolex Fastnet Race Village, towards the green on the left, there is extensive parking for competitors and support teams. Trailers can be left there, however space is limited and they will be left at the owner's own risk.



Chandlers Bar & Bistro

QUEEN ANNE'S BATTERY RACE VILLAGE

All Fastnet Racers Welcome

Bars & Food Available Daily

Bistro & Al la Carte Dining – Inside or Al Fresco!

Also Featuring Oriental Noodle Bar and Entertainment in Marquee

Tel: +44 (0)1752 660077 / **Email:** admin@rwyc.org

Site sponsored by MDL Marinas

Getting to the Barbican and Central Plymouth

Driving from Mount Batten to the centre of Plymouth takes around 15-20 minutes and the nearest place to cross the River Plym is the Laira Bridge.

There is a short list of taxis on the Rolex Fastnet Race minisite:

<http://fastnet.rorc.org/race-information/competitor-information/travel-and-transport.html>

Last minute Training

Competitors who have yet to meet their training requirement for the Rolex Fastnet Race can take advantage of the training courses organised by **Sailing Logic** and **Stormforce Coaching** over the next week.

Sailing Logic

ISAF Offshore Safety 1-Day Course

Sailing Logic are running an ISAF Offshore Safety Course at Port Hamble on Saturday 3rd August. The cost is £90 per person.

Book direct with Sailing Logic

Call: +44 (0)23 8033 0999 or

Email: info@sailinglogic.co.uk

Stormforce Coaching

Combined ISAF Offshore Safety and RYA Sea Survival 2-Day Course

Stormforce will be running two sessions of the two-day course on 5th-6th August / 8th-9th August at £99/day (i.e. £198 for the full two days).

For more information please see the links below:

<http://www.stormforce.co.uk/Products/details/Stormforce-Training-Safety-RYA-Sea-Survival.html>
<http://www.stormforce.co.uk/Products/100/15-RYA-ISAF-Offshore-Safety-Course.html>

ISAF Offshore Safety Refresher 1-Day Course

The ISAF Offshore Safety Certificate last for 5 years. Sailors who hold an expired ISAF Offshore Safety Certificate may attend the one day refresher course on 9th August for £135.

***2 or more people who book together receive a discount.**

Book direct with Stormforce Coaching

Call: +44 (0) 2380 231122 or

Email: coaching@stormforce.biz.

Mount Batten Ferries

The Mount Batten Ferry is the easiest way to get from the Plymouth Yacht Haven to the Barbican.

Below is the extended schedule for the Rolex Fastnet Race

Monday: 0715—2300

Tuesday: 0715—2300

Wednesday—Friday: 24 hour service

Saturday: 0845—2300

Sunday: 0845—2230

Leaves Mayflower Steps, Barbican at quarter past/to the hour.

Leaves Mount Batten on/half past the hour

Prices

£1.50 per person, per trip

£23.20 for a group of 20 (£1.16 per person), per trip

For more information please contact the Mount Batten Ferries:

Website: <http://www.mountbattenferry.com/>

Email: info@soundcruising.com

Phone: +44 (0) 1752 408590



EXPOSURE MARINE



Get your hands on the Exposure X2 Searchlight!

To celebrate being named the the **'Best All-Rounder'** Searchlight, Exposure Marine are offering Rolex Fastnet Race Competitors opportunities to lay their hands on the X2 Searchlight!

Described by **Yachting Monthly** as *"unbelievably light, beautifully made, powerful, rechargeable – close to perfection"* the X2 is the ideal tool for trimming the mainsail and spinnaker at night without wrecking your skipper's vision.

Perfectly adapted to life on the water the dual white/red searchlight has up to **70 hours** burn time, is visible from **3 nautical miles** and the **waterproof** aluminium anodized casing floats. Doubling as an **emergency beacon** the X2 has an easily activated strobe and SOS flash and, at only 124g, it can be easily thrown to anyone overboard or worn as a personal safety device.

For further details click on the link below:

<http://www.exposuremarine.com/Exposure-Marine-X2-p/expmar-x2.htm>

WIN the X2—Race Blog Competition

Exposure Marine are offering one of their powerful **X2 Searchlights** for the **BEST BLOG received during the Fastnet Race**.

We want to hear your thoughts, impressions and experiences, straight 'from the rail' during the Fastnet. The good, the bad and the ugly—blogging can help bring the race alive for those not lucky enough to be out there.

Send your blogs through to info@exposuremarine.co.uk by **5pm on Friday 17 August** to be in with a chance to win.

Special Offer on the X2—First 5 only!

In addition Exposure are offering 5 X2 Searchlights exclusively to Fastnet. Normally priced at £200, the special promotional price for competitors is only £125 (inclusive VAT and P&P). The offer only applies to the first five orders received so get yours in now to be in with a chance!

Contact tom@exposuremarine.co.uk now to secure yours!

Bite Sized Blog Competition

Congratulations to both Roger Swift and Marcus Croskell whose highly inspiring blogs have won them each a fabulous 'bite sized' Exposure Marine **XS-Red Micro Torch** to protect their night vision during the Fastnet Race. **With more of these to give away, keep writing in and you could win one!**



Find out more about the XS-Red Micro Torch here:

<http://www.exposuremarine.com/Exposure-Marine-XS-R-p/expmarxs-r.htm>

And click on the link to read the winning blogs in full:

<http://blog.exposuremarine.com/congratulations-to-the-fastnet-bite-sized-blog-competition-winners/>

Visit us at the Exposure Marine Crew Bar!

Exposure look forwards to welcoming all competitors to the **Exposure Marine Crew Bar** in Plymouth where there will be opportunities to check our versatile marine search lights, and have some fun with more prizes to be won.

Solent Cruises

See the Rolex Fastnet Race Start

To book, email: info@solentcruises.co.uk

Or call: +44 (0)1983 564602

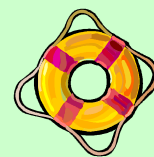
Solent & Wightline Cruises will be putting on a special spectator trip to see the start of the Rolex Fastnet Race.

The trip will last approximately 2hr 30mins.

£20—Adults

£12—Children

Website: <http://www.solentcruises.co.uk>



Bag & Sail Drop

For more information, prices and to pre-book please contact the **Activate team**.

Email: bagdrop@activateswitch.com

Website: www.activateswitch.com

Rolex Fastnet Race competitors can take advantage of the **Bag & Sail Drop** organised by **ACTIVATE**.

Activate will be arranging collection points in Cowes and Hamble for competitor bags and sails.

Bags start at £10 and sails £25.

Bags may be retrieved from a collection point in the Rolex Fastnet Race Village, Plymouth Yacht Haven.