

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for the 2018 soloFASTNET, and apply in conjunction with the 2018 soloFASTNET Notice of Race including General Conditions, version 0.3 dated March 2018.
- b) At all times, including whilst on passage to the start and after the finish, boats shall comply with the Port of Southampton Byelaws (http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port_Information/Regulations/Byelaws/), Cowes Harbour General Directions (http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general_directions), and the no anchoring zone within the area defined by the two lines denoting power cables and gas pipes between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay as shown on Admiralty chart 2036. Particular attention is drawn to the regulations relating to the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area.
- c) All positions given use WGS84 and are approximate. All times are in BST.
- d) Sponsor battle flags and/or decals may be provided. Battle flags shall be flown while berthed in Cowes Yacht Haven and in Sutton Harbour, Plymouth. Decals must be displayed for the duration of the race on either side of the hull in the forward 20% area. Every effort shall be made to retain them on the bows.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

2018 soloFASTNET	Website and Official noticeboard email		http://solofastnet.co.uk/ soloFASTNET@gmail.com
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Deputy Race Officer & Beach Master	Tony White	email	tony-white@tiscali.co.uk
		Mobile	+44 7707908316
VHF	SORC Race Control	Channel 72 preferred (Channel 77 backup)	
Falmouth Coastguard	Notification retirement / emergency	VHF	Channel 16
		MMSI	002320014
		Telephone	+44 1326 317575
Cowes Yacht Haven		Telephone	+44 1983 299975
		email	info@cowesyachthaven.com
		Website	https://www.cowesyachthaven.com/
Royal Plymouth Corinthian YC Madeira Road, The Hoe Plymouth, PL1 2NY		Telephone	+44 1752 664327
		email	club@rpcyc.com
		Website	http://www.rpcyc.com/

Sutton Harbour, Plymouth		
Lock/berthing	VHF	Channel 12
Marina	Telephone	+44 1752 204702
	Website	http://www.suttonharbourmarina.com/

3 CLASSES

- a) Each yacht shall carry her class and SORC pennants on her backstay.
- b) Classes are expected to be as follows

Class 1	IRC-rated boats with TCC of 1.020 or higher	NP1 and SORC pennant
Class 2	IRC-rated boats with TCC of 1.019 to 0.990	NP2 and SORC pennant
Class 3	IRC-rated boats with TCC of 0.989 or lower	NP3 and SORC pennant
Class 4	Boats without an IRC rating	NP4 or class insignia and SORC pennant

- c) According to the number of entries, the Race Committee may change class splits. Any such change will be notified via email by Friday 25 May.

4 TRACKING

- a) It is mandatory that all boats carry a YB Tracker unit whilst racing. The race tracking can be viewed on the race web site.
- b) Each boat's AIS transponder shall be programmed with the boat's MMSI number and current racing name. All boats shall have their AIS transponder switched on, transmitting and receiving from 0800 on Saturday 02 Jun until after finishing.
- c) Nothing shall be done to inhibit YB Tracker or AIS transmissions.
- d) Boats unable to transmit YB Tracker and AIS transmissions continuously shall submit comprehensive details of the reason to the Race Officer within 1 hour of finishing and may be subject to protest.
- e) The tracked positions may be used as evidence by the RC to:
 - Confirm a boat's finishing time
 - Confirm that a boat completed the course correctly
 - Confirm any infringement of areas designated as Obstructions (see SI 6).
- f) It is each skipper's responsibility to return their tracker in good condition within 3 hours of finishing or as soon as possible after retiring. Each skipper is liable for the full replacement cost if they fail to return the tracker in good time.

5 STARTING

- a) **Identity gate:** No earlier than 13.20 (40 minutes before the scheduled start), each yacht, as draft permits, must pass between the beach and the mooring buoys in the vicinity of the starting line in an West to East direction with the skipper wearing a lifejacket and harness and receive visual acknowledgement.
- b) **Time check:** It is intended to give a time check on VHF at 13.30 (30 minutes before the first expected start). This will normally be GPS time; however, in the event of discrepancy, the time announced by the RC will take priority.
- c) **Start sequence:** Starts will use a 5-4-1-go sequence. Anticipated times are as follows

	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1
Warning	13.55	14.15	14.35	14.55
Preparatory	13.56	14.16	14.36	14.56
1 Minute	13.59	14.19	14.39	14.59
Start	14.00	14.20	14.40	15.00

- d) According to the number of entries, the Race Committee may combine or separate starts. Any such change will be notified via email by Friday 25 May.
- e) **Starting signals** and recalls will be made on VHF and not signalled visually, changing RRS 26, 29 and 30.
- f) **Start Line:** The Lisburne line, between a flagstaff flying a SORC flag and Gurnard Buoy (3U). The flagstaff is behind the race box about 50 metres to the east of the New Holmwood Hotel, Egypt Point.
- g) **Late at the start:** refer to Notice of Race Section 11.d

6 OBSTRUCTIONS

- a) A boat shall not enter an area designated as an Obstruction when racing.
- b) All Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) are designated as Obstructions
- c) The area of each TSS is a box. The coordinates are given below. The boundaries are the rhumb lines between adjacent corners.

TSS	Position (WGS84)					
		Latitude	Longitude		Latitude	Longitude
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
Off Lands End	A	50° 20'.00N	006° 05'.05W	B	50° 20'.00N	005° 49'.60W
	C	50° 01'.00N	005° 49'.60W	D	49° 53'.55N	006° 05'.05W
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'.10W
West of Scilly Isles	A	50° 04'.15N	006° 48'.55W	B	50° 01'.25N	006° 32'.80W
	C	49° 52'.40N	006° 36'.70W	D	49° 52'.40N	006° 53'.75W
Fastnet Rock	A	51° 21'.30N	009° 36'.70W	B	51° 22'.90N	009° 27'.30W
	C	51° 17'.20N	009° 24'.60W	D	51° 15'.45N	009° 33'.90W

A: NW corner; B: NE corner; C: SE corner; D: SW corner

7 COURSE

Order	Mark	Leave to	Approximate Position (WGS84)	
			Latitude	Longitude
1	Beacon marking the obstruction of iron piles (Sowley Boom) near Durns Point to the east of Lymington	Starboard	50° 45'.40N	001° 27'.05W
2	Runnel Stone South Cardinal Light Buoy	Starboard	50° 01'.18N	005° 40'.36W
3	TSS - Fastnet Rock	Port	See SI 6c)	

4	Fastnet Rock	Port	51° 23'.35N	009° 36'.19W
5	TSS - Fastnet Rock	Port	See SI 6c)	
6	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 18	

Distance: approximately 605 nm

8 FINISHING

- a) The finishing line runs 314° magnetic from the centre of the lighthouse situated at the western end of the Plymouth Breakwater. Yachts shall cross the line from south to north leaving the breakwater to starboard and Queens Grounds Buoy to port. **Note:** Queens Grounds Buoy is not on the finish line.
- b) There is no time limit.
- c) Competitors must take their own finish time in **BST**. Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.
- d) You are reminded that bearings are taken from the normal helming position.

9 STANDARD PENALTIES

- a) Adding to Section 15 of the Notice of Race, for a breach of any area designated an Obstruction ie TSS, the RC 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. Should the RC consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate, it may protest the boat.

10 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING

- a) See Notice of Race including General Conditions Section 14.
- b) A boat that does not intend to race or has retired from racing shall inform the Race Officer at the earliest opportunity.
- c) In the event of being delayed significantly beyond other competitors eg gear failure, fouling a net, or any other reason that a boat's track may give rise to concern over the safety of the skipper, then every effort shall be made to get an appropriate message to the Race Officer, see Section 2 for contact details. If out of range for telephone contact, than other methods should be used such as relaying a message via another competitor or contacting the coastguard using VHF.

It is imperative that unnecessary safety alerts are avoided and that yachts that are no longer competing can be excluded from any Search and Rescue operation. Failure to comply with the requirements of this section may lead to exclusion from future SORC racing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This information does not form part of the sailing instructions

11 PRE-RACE

- a) Berthing will be provided in Cowes Yacht Haven from Thursday 31 May. These berthing costs are included in the entry fee.
- b) Registration and goody bags will be available from 14:00 – 17:00 Thursday 31 May and 10:00 – 17:00 Friday 01 Jun at Cowes Yacht Haven.
- c) For boats berthed in Cowes Yacht Haven, YB Trackers will be fitted by Tony White, Deputy Race Officer and Beach Master. Boats that are not berthed in Cowes Yacht Haven must contact Tony (see contact details, Section 2) to arrange collection of their tracker.
- d) A Race Briefing for skippers only will be held at 09:30 Saturday 02 Jun in Cowes Yacht Haven. All skippers are requested to attend. Any skippers who need to come from the mainland please contact Tony White (see contact details, Section 2) who might be able to supply a RIB as transport.
- e) A Pre-race Dinner will be held at the Island Sailing Club, Cowes, on Friday 01 Jun, 1900 for drinks, 19.30 to eat. The cost for the skipper is included in the entry fee. Family and friends are most welcome to join in the party but must pay their way! Please provide numbers by Tuesday 29 May.

12 POST-RACE

- a) Berthing will be provided in Sutton Harbour on arrival through midday Saturday 09Jun. These costs are included in the entry fee.
- b) The Prize Giving party will be held at the Royal Plymouth Corinthian YC at 18:30 Friday 08 Jun.