



North Sea Race 2019

CLARIFICATION

Clarification with regards to Windfarms along the rhumb line of the course in the 2019 North Sea Race

Competitors are reminded that the Great Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm includes both the Inner Gabbard Wind Farm and Galloper Wind Farm (completed in Sept 2018). After competitors pass the South Galloper Buoy they should be aware that buoyage once marking the boundaries to the Galloper Wind Farm are no longer in place.

Completed windfarms, such as the Greater Gabbard farms are not generally prohibited for navigation, but similar to Oil and Gas platforms, they have a Safety Zone around them. Navigation is prohibited within 500 metres of any such installation, and it is a criminal offense to enter within those boundaries.

In the case of most installations including the Greater Gabbard Wind Farm, they are within 1000 meters of each other, which means that their safety zones overlap and boats shall not pass between them to comply with SI 12.

Windfarms under construction are generally prohibited for navigation, and boats are required to keep clear of them as per SI 12.2 and 12.4.

Due to the size of the wind farms in the area, the volume of installations and other areas of obstruction it isn't feasible to use wind farms as marks of the course. It is therefore prudent to remind all competitors of their obligations under SI 12 and they familiarise themselves with the latest charts of the area.