

2019 CERVANTES TROPHY RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL OCEAN RACING CLUB
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SOCIÉTÉ DES RÉGATES DU HAVRE AND THE ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

Friday 8th May 2020

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL 0850

HW PORTSMOUTH 1240 4.8m

CONTACT DETAILS

	Race Committee	Coastguard	Race Office Address
Start	<p>Callsign "Ocean One" VHF Channel 72 (see also SI 8.2)</p> <p>Mobile: +44 (0) 7799 620 731 SMS : +44 (0) 7797 805 885 Tel: +44 (0) 1983 295 144 Email: racing@rorc.org</p>	<p>"Solent Coastguard" VHF Channel 16 +44 (0) 239 255 2100 (for notification of retirements or in emergencies) MMSI 002320011</p>	<p>The Disrespect 82, High Street Cowes Isle of Wight PO31 7AJ</p>
Finish	<p>Callsign "Ocean One" VHF Channel 72 (see also SI 8.2)</p> <p>Mobile: +44 (0) 7825 007 035 Email: racing@rorc.org</p>	<p>As above</p>	<p>Société des Régates du Havre Ports de Yachts Quai Eric Tabarly 76600 Le Havre</p>

Boats retiring from the race must immediately notify the Race Committee or the Coastguard.
Failure to comply may lead to exclusion from future RORC racing.

THE ATTENTION OF EVERY PERSON 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 Appendix WP of The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3 RRS part 2 rules will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) between the times of local sunset and sunrise; or government right-of-way rules if applicable. A scoring penalty (RRS44.3) will be applicable during these times.
- 1.4 RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing, available at https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA_Prescriptions_2017.pdf
- 1.5 World Sailing's Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with Category 2 Liferrafts, AIS Transponder and RORC Prescriptions.
- 1.6 The rules and regulations of the appropriate Class rules; IRC Rules Parts A, B & C; Class40 & MOCRA Rules.
- 1.7 RRS 28.2 is amended to include: (d) pass between the *marks* or waypoints of a gate, pass or cross a line of latitude or longitude, as described in the course, from the direction of the previous mark.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the window of the RORC Office Cowes. Notices may be displayed on the documents page of the RORC website at <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents>

4 NOTICE TO MARINERS

4.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of Notice to Mariners and should be particularly aware of:
4.2 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 2019 which covers the movement of shipping and the likely vessel tracks.

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 No 14 - Port of Southampton - Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel).pdf)

5 AIS

5.1 **All boats are required to have their AIS transceivers switched on and able to transmit (at least every minute) and receiving from 0800 on Saturday 4th May and throughout the race.**

5.2 A boat's AIS must transmit: the boat's MMSI number, current racing name.

5.3 Nothing shall be done to inhibit AIS transmissions.

5.4 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 Protest Committee and may include disqualification.

6 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
Multihull	1.200 and greater	Pennant 8
Class40	n/a	Class Insignia

7 NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD

7.1 **After leaving the dock to race, but not before 0730 BST and before starting, each boat shall send an SMS (text) message to: +44 (0) 7797 805 885, using the declared onboard mobile. The SMS (text) message shall contain the boat name, sail number and the number of persons on board.**

7.2 If the number of persons on board is less than that declared on Sailgate (<https://rorc.sailgate.com>) then the full name(s) of the persons not on board shall also be included in the SMS message.

7.3 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.

7.4 **Warning:** Boats which do not correctly SMS (text) crew numbers and any person(s) not on board are liable to disqualification.

8 COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 The Race Committee may broadcast information on VHF Ch.72, Call sign "Ocean One".

8.2 Boats are reminded of their legal obligation to keep a continuous watch on VHF Ch.16.

8.3 Boats are required to have their onboard mobile phone switched on at all times.

8.4 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.

8.5 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.

9 IDENTITY GATE

9.1 An identity gate will be established between Party buoy (yellow buoy in approximate position 50° 46'.10N 001° 18'.43W, about 500m to the west of Cowes No.1 buoy) and an identity gate vessel displaying a blue flag with a white border and a white seahorse over a yellow flag, lying to the north of Party buoy.

9.2 The gate will be available from ninety minutes before the first start until about 10 minutes after the last start, or later at the discretion of the committee. Each boat shall pass once through the gate in an EASTERLY direction with her engine running, displaying her sail numbers and letters secured to the lifelines on the port side. In addition, a combined lifejacket and harness

together with a tether for each member of the crew (in accordance with Special Regulations 5.01 and 5.02) shall be displayed and the boat shall receive visual acknowledgement before starting.

Warning: Boats which do not pass through the gate correctly are liable to disqualification.

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

10 STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS

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

Proposed Starting Times

IRC Four Warning Flag: Numeral 4	IRC Three Warning Flag: Numeral 3	IRC Two & IRC One Warning Flag: Numeral 2	IRC Zero, MOCRA & Class40 Warning Flag: Numeral 1	Event	Signal
0850	0900	0910	0920	Warning	Warning flag displayed
0856	0906	0916	0926	Preparatory	Preparatory flag displayed
0859	0909	0919	0929	One-minute	Preparatory flag removed
0900	0910	0920	0930	Start	Warning flag removed

11 STARTING LINE

- 11.1 The starting line is formed by bringing the Royal Yacht Squadron's flagstaff 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) South Bramble Buoy; leave to Port.

Inner limit: (which is not on the starting line) red/orange inflatable buoy up to 0.1nm from the RYS flagstaff; leave to Starboard.

12 LATE AT THE START

- 12.1 If a boat which has not previously come to the starting area, is not off her moorings at her preparatory signal and comes to the starting area under power or being towed, she shall stop her engine (or drop the tow) and complete a Two-Turns penalty as specified in RRS 44.2 before starting. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 12.2 No penalty will be imposed for an infringement of RRS 42 for complying with SI 12.1. This changes RRS 42 and 45.

13 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1 A boat shall not enter an area designated as an Obstruction.
- 13.2 All Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) are designated as obstructions.

14 THE COURSE

- 14.1 The course to be sailed will be published on the Official Notice Board no later than 1700 on Friday 3rd May 2019. It may also be emailed to competitors and may be published on the RORC website. Copies of the course will be available from the Race Office in Cowes.
- 14.2 When the Race Committee sets different courses for different classes, the overall results in IRC will be decided on corrected average speed [length of the course / elapsed time * TCC].

15 REPORTING

- 15.1 In the event the Race Committee asks a boat to report (i.e. AIS 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

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 There is no time limit for the race.

17 THE FINISH

- 17.1 Approach to the finish – Le Havre Shipping Channel

The Le Havre Port Authorities require all boats competing in the Cervantes Trophy Race to stay north of the Le Havre fairway and not to enter the channel unless in the process of entering the port.

Do not hinder shipping in the main approach channel. Please keep a listening watch on VHF Ch.12 which will inform you about commercial traffic movements. **Do not call on this channel.**

- 17.2 The finishing line runs from LH16 Red Channel Lt Buoy Fl (2) R 6s (approximate position 49°29'.45 N, 000° 04'.28 E) to the S.R.H. Tower (approximate position 49°30'.18 N, 000° 04'.93 E). **Warning: - There is a shallow patch (2m) with wrecks just after the finish line approximately 230m northeast of the LH16 Buoy. Also, there are extensive shallow patches at the Northeast end of the line.**
- 17.3 All boats are requested to call "Ocean One" on VHF Ch.72 when 5 miles from the finish.
- 17.4 To aid with identification, when finishing at night, boats are requested to shine a torch on their sail numbers and call "Ocean One" on VHF Ch.72 immediately after finishing.
- 17.5 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 delivered to the RORC as soon as possible.
- 17.6 After crossing the finishing line, boats intending to enter Le Havre shall stay north of the channel and enter the harbour close to the North Jetty, taking care as there is very shallow water to port immediately after the entrance.**
- 18 RACE FINISH DECLARATIONS**
- 18.1 After finishing or retiring, boats shall fully complete and submit a Declaration Form to the Race Committee as soon as possible, but **not later than 24 hours after the end of the race**. 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. When a boat retires from a race she shall write the reasons on her Declaration Form.
- 18.2 When after a race a boat cannot promptly deliver the Declaration Form she shall without delay telephone the Race Committee, confirm that she has finished racing and give her time of finishing in BST. In this case the completed Declaration Form may be scanned and emailed to racing@rorc.org
- 19 RETIREMENTS AND NON STARTERS**
- 19.1 Retirements and non-starters must promptly inform the Race Committee or the Coastguard. 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 disqualification or exclusion from future RORC racing.**
- 20 USE OF ENGINE**
- 20.1 When a boat uses its engine, e.g. to avoid collision or in a grave emergency, the facts shall be reported on her declaration.
- 21 TEMPORARY DISCONTINUANCE OF RACING**
- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 If she uses her engine for propulsion she shall, on rejoining the race, return to the spot where she began to use her engine, stop her engine and 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. This changes RRS 45 & 47.2.
- 22 PENALTIES**
- 22.1 Scoring Penalty:**
- 22.1.1 When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply (between the hours of sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty applies (RRS 44.3).
- 22.1.2 The scoring penalty will be 10 minutes added to the boat's corrected time for each penalty.
- 22.2 Standard Penalties:**
- 22.2.1 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.
- 22.2.2 For a breach of RRS 28 (Sailing the Course) the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 22.2.3 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.
- 22.2.4 Should the Race Committee consider a standard penalty to be inappropriate, it may protest the boat.
- 22.2.5 If, in a valid hearing brought by the Race Committee under Sailing Instruction 22.2.4 or by another boat, a boat is found to have infringed RRS 28, 29.1 or Sailing Instruction 13 the penalty will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee, but will not be less than the standard penalty.
- 22.3 Grounds for Protest:**
- 22.3.1 Breaches of Sailing Instruction 5,9, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1a.
- 22.4 Other Penalties:**
- 22.4.1 When the Protest Committee 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 Protest Committee decide that the breach was minor and unintentional it may at its discretion choose to give a warning instead.
- 23 SCORING**
- 23.1 The Scoring System for Offshore Races, defined in Notice of Race 1.12.2, will apply.

24 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

24.1 The following Trophies will be awarded:

Cervantes Trophy – BCT IRC
Thalassa Cup – IRC One
Noryema VII Cup – IRC Two
Vashti Goblet – IRC Three
Kinross Trophy – IRC Four
SRH Cup – Two-Handed Class

24.2 **Medallions:**

24.2.1 RORC medallions will be presented as prizes for each class and division as follows:

Number of starters	6 – 8	9 - 15	16 – 24	25 or more
Prizes	2	3	4	5

24.2.2 When there are less than 6 starters in a class it may be combined for prizes with a neighbouring class.

25 RISK STATEMENT

25.1 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.”

25.2 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:

- 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;
- they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- the provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 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.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

(Notices are for information and do not rank as part of the Sailing Instructions)

Cowes Clubhouse

All competitors and their families are welcome to use the Clubhouse which is situated on The Parade, Cowes. Dinner on Friday night will be available from 1900 to 2130. Breakfast on Saturday morning will be available for those who book in advance. It is recommended that you book on +44 (0) 1983 293581 or by email: cowes@rorc.org

Prizegiving

Cervantes Trophy Race trophies will be awarded on Sunday 5th May at 1200 (local time) at the Société des Régates du Havre. RORC medallions will be presented at 1930 on Thursday 13th June at the RORC Clubhouse, 20 St James’s Place, London, SW1 1NN. All skippers and crews are most welcome.

Restaurant - in the Société des Régates du Havre

To avoid disappointment competitors are advised to book a table in the restaurant for Sunday Lunch in advance. Contact the restaurant on +33 2354 12100 or by email: srtp.tremauville@wanadoo.fr
The bar may be open during Saturday night

Berthing – Le Havre Marina

Call VHF 9, Le Havre Marina. Complementary berthing is available for the Cervantes Trophy Race fleet for 24 hours. Badges are available from the Bar/Restaurant of the Yacht Club Société des Régates du Havre. The badge will provide access to the pontoons, toilets and showers.

Race Report

Louay Habib has been contracted by the RORC to write the race reports for the 2019 RORC season. The RORC will supply Louay with mobile telephone numbers for competitors so you may receive a call from Louay about the race.