

# COWES TO DARTMOUTH PASSAGE RACE

## NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

### NOTICE 9: LIGHT WEATHER STARTING ARRANGEMENTS

The aim of this notice is to set out alternative starting arrangements for the race if the wind off Cowes and in the western Solent appears too light to ensure that boats will pass through Hurst Narrows before the tide turns against them.

There will be two starting lines, Start Line 1 and Start Line 2. Start Line 1 is the RLYC line, with an ODM at Prince Consort buoy, as set out in the Sailing Instructions already issued (see Notice 5, Amendment 3). Start Line 2 is a self-timing start, using Sconce N cardinal buoy (50° 42.53' N, 001° 31.43' W) as a starting mark.

SIs are to be amended as follows:

Amendment 1. Delete the table in SI 10.1 and insert the following:

Mark	Description	Latitude	Longitude	Keep to
Prince Consort	N cardinal	50° 46.41' N	001° 17.56' W	starboard
Harbuoy Buoy No 2	Port lateral	50° 46.07' N	001° 17.86' W	port
Harbour Buoy No 1	Starboard lateral	50° 46.07' N	001° 17.04' W	port
Sconce	N cardinal	50° 42.53' N	001° 31.43' W	port
Castle Ledge	Starboard lateral	50° 19.95' N	003° 33.11' W	starboard
Homestone	Port lateral	50° 19.62' N	001° 33.55' W	port

Amendment 2. Delete SI 12; insert the following:

### **12. THE START**

12.1 There are two starting lines, Start Line 1 and Start Line 2. The choice of starting line will be announced at the Skipper's Briefing and communicated to competitors by email and WhatsApp. The decision as to which starting line to use shall not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

#### 12.2 Start Line 1.

- (a) The starting line is the extension of a line from a black and orange board on the RLYC in line with a similar board on the wall of The Parade, Cowes. The ODM is Prince Consort N cardinal buoy. The IDM is Harbour Buoy No 2, which may lie on the starting line. Chartlets showing the location of the starting line are at Addendum A.
- (b) For the first class to start, an attention signal (orange flag with one sound signal) will be made five minutes before the warning signal. The warning signal will be flag "E".
- (c) [NP] After her warning signal no boat entirely on the course side of the starting line shall cross it in the direction from the course to the pre-start side. The penalty for infringement of this rule will be disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- (d) A boat starting later than fifteen minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.3 Start Line 2.

- (a) Boats are to start no earlier than 1600 and no later than 1615 from a line bearing  $300^\circ$  from Sconce N cardinal buoy ( $50^\circ 42.53' N$ ,  $001^\circ 31.43' W$ ), noting the time at which they crossed this line and, if possible, the names or sail numbers of the boats ahead or astern of them.
- (b) No starting signals will be displayed and there will be no VHF broadcasts of a starting sequence.
- (c) Competitors shall notify their starting times and, if possible, the names or sail numbers of the boats ahead or astern of them, to the Principal Race Officer by telephone or text to 0781 665 4590 as soon as possible after their start.
- (d) A chartlet showing the location of Sconce and Start Line 2 is below:

