



# Eddystone Night Race

Sponsored by The St Mawes Hotel

Saturday 15th June 2024

## Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority St Mawes Sailing Club  
COGS 2024 – OFFSHORE RACE 2

### 1. RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

1.2 a) RRS part 2 shall not apply between the hours of local sunset and sunrise, and shall be replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS)

c) RRS 32 is changed to allow VHF broadcasts or WhatsApp group messaging for shortening or abandoning races.

i) RRS 62 is changed so that failure to hear a VHF broadcast or WhatsApp group message shall not be grounds for redress.

j) RRS 63.7 is changed to permit a rule in the Sailing Instructions to take precedence over a rule in the Notice of Race.

1.3 RRS will be changed as follows:

(a) RRS 28.1 and A4-see SI 8.2 (b) RRS 26 and 29-see SI 8.1 (c) RRS 32 and 33-see SI 6.5 (d) RRS 35, A4 and A5-see SI 11.2 (e) RRS 62.1(a)-see SI 3.2 and 6.2.2 (f) RRS 63.1-see SI 6.4

1.4 The IRC Rules Parts A, B and C apply. There are no limitations on crew number or weight.

1.5 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life raft will apply.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the St. Mawes Sailing Club notice board and will be posted on the COGS website [www.cogsracing.org.uk/](http://www.cogsracing.org.uk/)

2.2 No notices will be posted after 1230 on the day of the race.

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1230 on the day of the race and may also be copied on the COGS website.

3.2 The race officer may also broadcast verbal instructions on VHF channel M2. Failure to receive a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3.3 International Code flag 'L' superior to IC flag 'Z' displayed on boards on the StMSC balcony will indicate a change to the sailing instructions.

Note: Ch.M2 is P4 on some VHF sets

#### **4. CLASS FLAGS**

4.1 Boats shall display their class flag beneath IC flag 'Z' on the backstay or mainsail leech

#### **5: THE RACING AREA**

The racing area will be the Cornish coast from Lizard Point to Start Point.

#### **6: COURSES**

6.1 The course will be selected from the list of courses shown in Appendix A and will depend upon wind strength and direction.

6.2.1 The course will be conveyed by radio on M2 10 minutes prior to each boat's start.

6.2.2 The course identifier may also be broadcast by the Race Officer during the starting sequence. Failure to receive this broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**6.3 Yachts must record their time AT EVERY MARK of the course when it bears either 180 degrees or 360 degrees, when applied to the side it will be passed.**

Any boat attempting an 'inside passage' at Eddystone and thereby breaking RRS 28.2 will be automatically disqualified. This changes RRS 63.1.

6.5 Any decision to shorten the course, postpone or abandon the race will be broadcast via WhatsApp. This changes RRS 32 and 33.

6.6 Marks – are described in Appendix B.

6.7 If any mark is missing then a virtual mark shall be considered to exist at the position given in Appendix B. A virtual mark shall be treated as if it were a

mark.

6.8 When data from electronic positioning systems are used to determine the position and track of a boat for the purpose of verifying compliance with the rules, precedence shall be given to data from the boats primary navigation system.

6.9 Boats are strongly advised to make a photograph of a relevant navigation display to verify compliance with the rules.

## **7. THE START**

7.1 The starting line will be the normal StMSC Start line. This is a transit of the yellow pole on the Club House and the yellow pole on the St Mawes Quay. Boats must pass seaward between an Inner distance mark (IDM) and an Outer distance mark (ODM).

7.2 Note-There is also a St Mawes Turning mark (IC flag 'T'), located equidistant between the IDM and ODM, but forms no part of the start.

## **8. INDIVIDUAL START TIMES**

8.1 These will be determined by the Race Committee and published on the COGS WhatsApp group. Competitors are responsible for ensuring they have a watch set accurately to BST (or use boat's GPS time) and do not cross the line before their start time. There will be no recalls. For each minute early, or part thereof, a 2 minute penalty will be added to their passage time. This changes RRS 26 and 29.

8.2 A boat starting later than 20 minutes after her starting time will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS 28.1 and A4.

## **9. HANDICAP TIMING**

A timing adjustment to actual finishing times will be made to allow for race duration.

## **10. FINISH**

The finish line will be the same as the start line but crossed in the opposite direction. A sound signal may be made to signify that a boat has finished. All boats are requested to radio on VHF Ch.M2 or call the Race Officer (07768

660941) as they approach Zone Point giving sail number and boat name. They should also take a note of their finish time and submit via COGS WhatsApp group.

## **11. TIME LIMITS**

11.1 The time limit for all classes is 0900 on Sunday 16th June.

11.2 Boats finishing later than the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Officer within 1 hour of the boat's finish.

## **13. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

In addition to the requirements of SI 1.3 the following safety regulations will apply:

13.1.1 Commercial and Naval Shipping. Moving exclusion zones around commercial and naval vessels constricted by their draft or size are designated obstructions. Such exclusion zones extend to 100m on all sides of the vessel and include tugs, pilot boats and safety boats escorting the vessel. No competitor is at any time to enter the exclusion zone, and is allowed if necessary to use their engine to move out of this zone, but the distance travelled under engine should be the shortest necessary to keep clear. Competitors who interfere with commercial shipping bring the sport into disrepute; a complaint by the Harbour Authority will initiate a protest by the Race Committee.

13.1.2 Diving activity. A 30m exclusion zone around a dive boat displaying IC flag 'A', an orange pillar mark indicating a diver beneath the surface, and

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a diver on the surface are designated obstructions. No competitor is at any time to enter the exclusion zone

13.2 Retirement. A yacht that retires from the race or is unable to cross the finish line before the time limit shall notify the Race Officer by one of the following means:

The Race Officer: COGS official WhatsApp group or if in range VHF Ch.M2.

13.3.1 All skippers shall confirm sail number and declare number of persons on board via VHF Ch. M2 to the Race Officer on Saturday June 15th no later than 20 minutes before their given start time.

13.3.2 A full list of crew racing must be held by a shore based contact for the boat. Contact details for the boat's shore contact should be sent to ian@lyehole.com by 12 noon on Saturday June 15th.

## **14. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the COGS rules and these instructions. On the water a boat may be instructed to by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **15. RACE COMMUNICATIONS**

Except in an emergency and subject to SI 10, whilst racing a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **16. RISK STATEMENT**

16.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone'

16.2 Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a : they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

b: they are responsible the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

c: they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions.

d: their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

e: provision of a race management team, and other officials and other volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

f: they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that their crew is sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

## **17. ENTRIES.**

All competitors must make their race entry at the St Mawes SC site at :  
[www.rustler24piper.com/general-5](http://www.rustler24piper.com/general-5)

Entry must ALSO be made at [www.cogsracing.org.uk/](http://www.cogsracing.org.uk/) and entry fee paid.

All entrants must submit an entry by midday Friday 14th June in order for their start time to be assessed. If practicable late entries may be accepted at the discretion of Race Committee. Contact COGS WhatsApp at the earliest opportunity.

## **18. TWO HANDED ENTRIES**

If a COGS boat competes two handed, it will be included in the two-handed series. There are separate prizes for two-handed yachts competing in the IRC and YTC handicap fleets.

## **19. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of £3.000.000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **APPENDIX A- Courses**

### **Course 1 (N. Wind or SW. Wind) Start**

Eddystone Lt. to Port

Hands Deep Buoy to Port

Buoy B to Port

Manacles Buoy to Starboard Finish

Distance: 72nm

### **Course 2 (NW. Wind)**

Start

Hands Deep Buoy to Starboard Eddystone Lt. To Starboard

Buoy B to Port Finish

Distance 61nm

### **Course 3 (E. Wind or W. Wind) Start**

Eddystone Lt. to Port

Hands Deep Buoy to Port Buoy B to Port

Finish Distance: 58n

### **Course 4 (SE. Wind)**

Start

Buoy B to Starboard

Eddystone Lt. to Port Hands Deep Buoy to Port Buoy B to Port

Finish

Distance 61nm

### **Course 5 (NE.Wind or S. Wind Start**

Manacles Buoy to Port

Buoy B to Starboard Eddystone Lt. to Port



Hands Deep Buoy to Port Buoy B to Port  
Finish  
Distance: 67nm

**Course 6** (very strong winds) Start  
Hands Deep Buoy to Starboard Finish

Distance: 46nm

## **APPENDIX B-Marks**

Hands Deep Buoy West cardinal mark N50 12.68 W4 21.10

Manacles Buoy East cardinal mark N50 02.81 W5 01.91

Buoy B Yellow special buoy N50 10.30 W4 45.00

## **APPENDIX C - POST RACE**

Supplementary information for competitors (not part of the SI)

### **Moorings**

A discounted mooring fee including use of the Harbour Water Taxi is offered at £15. Please pay the Harbour Master at the office on the quay.

### **Water Taxi / RIB**

It is planned that a courtesy RIB will meet boats as they arrive and be available to ferry competitors ashore on Sunday morning prior to the Harbour Water Taxi service.

The Harbour Water Taxi runs from 0900.

### **Sailing Club Hospitality**

Hospitality will be provided by the St Mawes Hotel, located just to the left of the Sailing Club where breakfasts will be available free of charge to crews from 7am.

### **The Prize Venue is St.Mawes Sailing Club**

Prize giving will be held as soon as practical after all competitors are in the club, time will be communicated via COGSWhatsApp