

ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB  
**OFFSHORE CRUISER RACE WEEK**  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup>– Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

These sailing instructions are an addition to the RTYC Notice of Race for the Offshore Series.

Attention of competitors is drawn to the eligibility and safety regulations as defined in the Notice of Race chapters 6 and 8 particularly 6.6 that requires all yachts to comply a minimum of ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with liferaft.

An additional **Race Entry form & Crew List** pro-forma is available on the RTYC website which should be completed and returned with entry fee to the RTYC by Tuesday 3rd July 2012 for those participating in the Offshore Week.

Communication with competitors will be on VHF ch 72 (although if we suffer congestion /interference then VHF ch 77 will be used temporally). All competitors are requested to monitor channel 72 or its substitute for each race whenever possible, from before the start until reaching port as well as monitoring channel 16 which will act as a general safety channel.

**Classes**

Racing will be split into two main classes. Further divisions may be introduced provided there are sufficient entrants.

Class 1 -IRC

Class II –Non IRC Yachts

Also there will be an overall for Progressive Handicap

**Starts**

The start will be a single start for all classes and the No.1 warning flag will cover all classes.

The Offshore Series will use the

Warning flag (No1) up at 5min

Preparatory flag (Blue Peter) up at 4 min

1Minute warning Blue Peter down

Go –No1 flag down.

This will be flown from New Moon 2 or substitute committee yacht.

The start will also be given over the VHF radio . The race officer will give out other information on Ch 72 for 30 mins prior to the start so keep a listening watch on leaving port.

**Penalties.**

The normal penalties as per RTYC SSI's applies, except at the starts where one end of the line is New Moon 2 (or substitute committee vessel, which is competing). If a vessel is over the line, the Race officer in these circumstances will decree a number of turns as it will not be practical to go back to the start line as it will have disappeared. However in some circumstances the Race officer may require the over the line vessel to round the other end of start line mark if this is practical. This will all be announced on the radio by the race officer.

**Retirements**

Yachts retiring from any race are requested to inform the event organizer Tim Whitehead on board yacht New Moon 2 on VHF ch 72, or via mobile (phone or text) +44 7515 487346. If it is not possible to contact New Moon 2 then information should be passed to another yacht to relay retirement.

**Self Timing and Declarations**

All yachts should take their own time at the finish. Race declaration forms for Offshore Week can be returned to Tim Whitehead on board yacht New Moon 2 after finishing although times of finish will normally be taken by radio after finishing. If this is not possible, then declaration forms should be posted to the RTYC, Beacon Hill, Torquay TQ1 2BQ, to arrive by 1200hrs 20th July 2012. All races are taken on self timed declarations in BST. *PLEASE all take the time in GPS time accurately to **Hours Minutes and Seconds** as your bow is judged to pass the finish line. Only use a watch if it is properly synchronized with GPS.*

### Race schedule

The proposed race schedule is as below, but the race committee reserves the right to change the race schedule dependent upon the prevailing weather and other conditions. The race committee may also introduce an extra race any day if the circumstances allow.

St Peter Port Race	Friday 6th July	Torquay to St Peter Port
Offshore Week Race 1	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	St Peter Port to St Quay(Brittany)
Offshore Week Race 2	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	St Quay to Paimpol
Offshore Week Race 3	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Paimpol to St Helier I(Jersey)
Offshore Week Race 4	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	St Helier to St Peter Port
Offshore Week Race 5	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	St Peter Port to South Devon
(Offshore Week Extra	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Jersey Bay race)

### Hazards

The waters of Brittany and the Channel Islands have many rocks, strong currents, fishing beds, etc. It is imperative that the skipper and crew make sure they are aware of all these hazards before and during the races and keep clear of them. When entering harbour areas, there are again many shoals and fishing nets and it is advised that all yachts stick to the marked channels.

### Breakdowns, troubles, injuries

While we hope there are no problems, if a yacht does have a difficulty then early communication with the committee vessel or closer vessel is important. Yachts **should** go to the assistance of any vessel calling for help. If a yacht does stop to give assistance if possible take note of the time and location when you cease to race and similarly when you restart the race so that fair redress can be considered.

# Race 1 of the RTYC Offshore Week

St. Peter Port to St Quay– Distance approximately 50 miles  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
Start times: 07.00hrs

<b>Tides</b>	HW St. Peter Port	1037 BST	8.8m
	HW Dover	1510BST	6.7m
	HW St Quay	2224BST	10.4m

**Start Line** Guernsey Yacht Club line with outer distance mark as committee boat. (GYC line is identified by a Day-Glo mark high up on the wall of the castle fortifications and an orange buoy approximately 100m offshore) Starting from North to South

**Course** From the start line direct to finish line;

**Finish Line** Runs West from Madeaux West Cardinal Beacon (48°40.404'N 02° 48.810'W)  
Leave the mark to Port.  
Finish within 100m of the mark.  
Take your finishing time when the mark bears 90° M

**Time Limit** 1900 BST. If one yacht in a class finishes within the time limit, then the time limit for that class is extended by 1 hour.

*Please ensure you radio through to New Moon 2 with your finishing time within an hour of finishing remember BST and verified to GPS or if not possible complete this declaration and send/hand to Race officer on New Moon 2*

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Finishing Time Declaration – Race 1  
St. Peter Port to St Quay

Name of Yacht.....

Sail No..... Finishing Time BST ..... Hours ..... Minutes ..... Seconds

Name.....Signature.....

# Race 2 of the RTYC Offshore Week

St Quay to Paimpol– Distance approximately 10 miles

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Start time: 07 30hrs(*That means leaving the marina by 0700 hours latest*)

Tides	HW Dover	1553 BST	6.4m
	HW St Quay	1046 BST	9.9m
	HW Paimpol	1040 BST	9.5m

**Start Line.** Between Madeaux West Cardinal Beacon (48°40.404'N 02° 48.810'W) and the committee vessel lying to the west. Cross line South to North.

**Course** From the start line leaving the Basse de St Brieuc East Cardinal mark (48° 46.263'N 02° 53.719'W) to port.  
Thence to the finish line.

**Finish Line** Take your time when Les Calamarquiers East Cardinal mark (48° 46.981'N 02° 54.814'W) bears 150 degrees leaving the mark to port within 100metres.( ie swing round the mark)

**Time Limit** 1100BST. For all yachts.

Care should be taken approaching Paimpol keeping to the channels and avoiding the many fishing buoys, nets, and areas.

**NOTE.** If you think you will not make the finish time by normal racing then it must be your decision to turn on the motor and get to Paimpol in time.

**Lock opening at Paimpol 0810 to 1300 hrs BST approx . Don't miss this!**

**It is approximately 6 miles from the finish line to Paimpol harbour (1 hour). You need to calculate this into your sailing. IF you miss this lock you MUST get clear of Paimpol (it dries) and it is advised you sail back to St Quay. If this is the case please radio New Moon 2 or any vessel in the fleet.**

*please ensure you radio through to New Moon 2 with your finishing time within an hour of finishing .*

*or if not possible complete this declaration and send/hand to New Moon 2*

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Finishing Time Declaration – Race 2  
St Quay to Paimpol 2012

Name of Yacht.....

Sail No..... Finishing Time BST ..... Hours ..... Minutes ..... Seconds

Name.....Signature.....

Date.....

# Race 3 of the RTYC Offshore Week

Paimpol to St Helier- Distance approximately 40 miles

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Start time: 1130hrs (or as soon as possible)

Time Limit 2000 hr

Tides	HW Dover	1726BST	5.8m
	HW Paimpol	1155BST	8.5m
	HW St Helier	1225 BST	8.7m

First Paimpol Lock opens at 0925hrs BST. Deeper draft vessels may need to leave on second or even third lock.

**Start Line** Between the committee boat and Les Calamarquiers East Cardinal mark (48° 46.981'N 02° 54.814'W). Start is crossing South to North.

**Course** Leave Fairway North Cardinal buoy (49° 09.532'N 02° 12.289'W) to starboard, les Fours North Cardinal Buoy (49° 09.575'N 02° 10.190'W) to starboard then to the finish line.

**Finish Line.** Between Diamond Rock Red Lateral Buoy (49° 10.122'N 02° 08.679'W) and Ruaudiere Rock Buoy (49° 09.733'N 02° 08.600'W) from west to east. Take your time.

*If the wind is light then the race could be shortened and boats go under motor. The Race officer may choose any of the marks on the route to finish in such circumstances. Listen to your VHF channel 72.*

Time Limit 2000 BST.

Jersey. The sill will be open late 2130hrs so we will as usual moor on the waiting pontoon.

Notes:

*please ensure you radio through to New Moon2 with your finishing time within an hour of finishing or if not possible complete this declaration and send/hand to New Moon 2*

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Finishing Time Declaration – Race 3  
Paimpol to St Helier 2012

Name of Yacht.....Sail No.....

Finishing Time BST ..... Hours ..... Minutes ..... Seconds

Name.....Signature.....Date.....

# Race 4 of the RTYC Offshore Week

## St Helier to St Peter Port

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**Start Time.** 12 noon (or 0800hrs)

*Start time will be decided by discussion of boat skippers on arrival at Jersey and will depend on weather*

Tides	HW Dover	1930 hrs BST	5.4m
	HW St Helier	1423 hrs BST	8.0m
	HW St Peter Port	1433 hrs BST	6.8m

Sill on inner marina opens approx 1123hrs.

**Start Line.** Between Diamond Rock Red Lateral Buoy (49° 10.122'N 02° 08.679'W) and committee vessel. Start from East to west

**Course** From the starting line, leaving les Fours North Cardinal Buoy (49° 09.575'N 02° 10.190'W) to port, then to Fairway North Cardinal buoy (49° 09.532'N 02° 12.289'W) to port Corbiere to starboard (care should be taken by all yachts around Corbiere-keep well clear of rocks that extend 900 m west of the lighthouse) , Lower Heads South Cardinal Buoy (49° 25.837'N 02° 28.558'W) to starboard then to the finish line.

**Finish Line** will be a transit of the lighthouse on the end of the Castle Breakwater .This Victoria Marina light should bear 230 degrees magnetic (when the inside of the breakwater becomes visible). Yachts must cross this line within 400 metres of the lighthouse from south to north.

**Time Limit** To be announced (expected to be either 1600 hrs or 1900hrs).

*please ensure you radio through to New Moon 2 with your finishing time within an hour of finishing .*

*or if not possible complete this declaration and send/hand to New Moon 2*

- Finishing Time Declaration – Race 4

St Helier to St Peter Port

Name of Yacht.....

Sail No..... Finishing Time BST ..... Hours ..... Minutes ..... Seconds

Name.....Signature.....

# Race 5 of the RTYC Offshore Week

St Peter Port to South Devon- approx 68 miles

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Start time 0630 hrs

Tides	HW Dover	0818 hrs BST	5.3m
	HW St Peter Port	0310 hrs BST	6.7m
	HW Torquay	1533 hrs BST	3.7m

Start Line Guernsey Yacht Club line, starting South to North.

Course From the start line leaving;  
Platte Fougere 49° 30.82'N 02° 29.17'W to Port  
Channel Light 49° 54.46'N 02° 53.74'W to Stb'd  
Thence to the finish line.

Finish Line. Dartmouth finish line on Castle Ledge light buoy, (50° 20.003'N 03° 33.110'W)  
leave to starboard , take time when it bears 90 degrees.  
(If wind conditions are light the Race Officer may adjust the finish to a shortened  
course at Channel Light Vessel bearing 90 degrees M within 200 metres)

Time Limit 2400 hrs if full race is run.  
1600 BST Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June if the race is shortened  
If one yacht finishes within the time limit, then there will be 2 hour extension for all  
other yachts.

*please ensure you radio through to **New Moon 2** with your finishing time within  
an hour of finishing .  
or if not possible complete this declaration and send/hand to Committee Boat or  
send to Royal Torbay YC or ring Tim Whitehead when back in UK.*

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Finishing Time Declaration – Race 5  
St Peter Port to South Devon

Name of Yacht.....Sail No.....

Finishing Time BST ..... Hours ..... Minutes ..... Seconds

Boat in Front..... Boat Behind.....

On (date) .....

Name.....Signature.....

# Race 6 (Extra) of the RTYC Offshore Week

Jersey Bay Race - Distance 10 miles

**This race will only be run provided the winds and tidal current are reasonable and majority are available to race..ie. not locked in.)**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Start time 0800 hrs (but subject to change)

Tides	HW Dover	1823 BST	5.5 m
	HW St Helier	1315 BST	8.2m

**Detail will be given at time..**

*please ensure you radio through to New Moon 2 with your finishing time within an hour of finishing .*

*or if not possible complete this declaration and send/hand to New Moon 2*

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Finishing Time Declaration – Race 6  
Jersey Bay Race

Name of Yacht.....

Sail No..... Finishing Time BST ..... Hours ..... Minutes ..... Seconds

Name.....Signature.....