



ROUND 4

2024 UKOPRA OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP

BERTHON MARINA

The Shipyard, Bath Road, Lymington SO41 3YL

Friday 20th September / Saturday 21st September 2024



Sanctioned by:



RACING INSTRUCTIONS

TIMETABLE:

FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER:



Race Admin	The B Bar, Berthon Lymington Marina	12:00-18:00
Signing In	The B Bar, Berthon Lymington Marina	12:00-18:00
Boats Arriving	Berthon Lymington Marina	12:00-18:00
Scrutineering (on water)	Berthon Lymington Marina	12:00-18:00
Craning	Drivers Wharf, Northam Road, Southampton SO14 0PF	

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER:

Driver's Briefing	The B Bar, Berthon Lymington Marina	08.30
Safety Briefing	The B Bar, Berthon Lymington Marina	09.30
Boats leave wet pits		11.30
Muster		12.00
Race start		12.30
Race complete		14.30 (approx)
Prize Giving	The B Bar, Berthon Lymington Marina	16.30
Race Party	The B Bar, Berthon Lymington Marina	19.00

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER:

10.30 All boats clear of Marina and hard standing.

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INDEMNITY:

All Participants in the Event do so based on the Indemnity details of which are set out below and which they will also be required to sign prior to participating in the Event and a Competitor's entry is accepted strictly on this basis:

I undertake to comply with all the conditions and rules as set out in the Racing Instructions and any other bulletins or instructions issued in connection with the Event and to comply with all the requirements of the Organising Committee, sponsors, and the United Kingdom Offshore Powerboat Racing Association (UKOPRA) and their respective officials servants agents and all other persons or entities concerned with the organising and running of the Event ("the Indemnified Parties").

AND

I agree to hold harmless and keep indemnified the Indemnified Parties from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of myself, my driver(s), passenger(s), crew, mechanics and support team, boat and equipment (as the case may be) and in respect of loss or damage to property or personal injury sustained howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with my entry in the Event and/or my participating in the Event

AND I hereby indemnify the Indemnified Parties in respect thereof absolutely.

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RACE IS THE TEAM'S DECISION.

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RISK STATEMENT:

Powerboat Racing is by its nature a dangerous sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

By participating in or becoming involved either as a participant, team member or otherwise individuals agree and acknowledge that:

- They are aware of the inherent risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposing themselves to such inherent risk, including risks to their person, their property, drowning, hypothermia, collision injuries, burns and other physical injuries as well as possible death.
- They have satisfied themselves that they have the necessary skill and knowledge to take part in the event and deal with the conditions that may arise during a race.
- They will not participate in the event whilst under the undue influence of alcohol, drugs or whilst otherwise unfit to participate.
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their property whether afloat or ashore.
- The management of their boat, including insurance, is solely their responsibility.
- Scrutineering does not constitute a condition survey of the boat and it is solely their responsibility to decide whether or not to start or to continue in any powerboat race.
- Ensuring the efficiency and suitability of the helmets and racing vests worn is solely their responsibility.
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other volunteers by the event Organisers does not relieve them of their responsibilities.
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- To be bound by the conditions of the Race Entry Form and Racing Instructions
- They will accept the decisions of the organising committee and officials nominated by the organising committee.

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RACE:

The Lymington Challenge race is sanctioned and approved by UKOPRA.

The Lymington Challenge race will be run under UKOPRA's rules and regulations together with these Race Instructions and any other instructions issued before or at Drivers' Briefings or in Race Bulletins.

The Organisers reserve the right to change these Instructions at any time for safety reasons, provided that any change will be in accordance with the current rules.

The Organisers reserve the right to decline race entries prior to the cut-off point. The Organisers also reserve the right to accept race entries after the cut-off point.

Any changes will be notified to competitors in a Race Bulletin and announced at Drivers' Briefing.

The Lymington Challenge race will count as the first round (4) of the 2024 UKOPRA Championship.

LICENCES:

All competitors should hold a 2024 UKOPRA Racing Licence.

The maximum number of crew on board is 6, the minimum age for all racing crew members is 18 years old, (17 years old Class 3B).

Throughout the event, only current Licence holders are allowed on board competing boats when underway.

COMPETITORS RESPONSIBILITY:

All competitors must read the Risk Statement and Indemnity as well as the safety information.

By signing the race entry form and the UKOPRA official signing on form at the event all competitors are bound by the rules contained in UKOPRA Rules. Competitors must ensure that they have adequate insurance cover for this race.

It is the competitor's sole responsibility to decide whether to start or continue in a race once passed scrutineering.

All competitors must read and fully understand the rules relating to start procedures, overtaking rules, flag procedures and emergency assistance procedures.

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START PROCEDURE:

The race will use a Rolling Start, full details of the starting procedure will be given at Drivers' Briefing.

The Start Boat will be described at briefing.

During the start run, all race boats should follow the Start Boat forming up in line abreast behind the Start Boat, exact side to be stipulated by OOD at Drivers Briefing, whilst remaining at least 30 metres behind the Start Boat and observing a safe spreading distance of at least 3 metres between boats.

No boat shall run directly behind the stern of the Start Boat.

A boat that is in the Muster Area but is unable to start for any reason must not interfere with the start.

Late starters are only permitted within the time limit shown in the relevant Appendix and then only at the discretion of the OOD.

There will be no recalls.

A boat starting early should proceed on the course and **MUST NOT** attempt to re-cross the Start Line.

FINISH PROCEDURE:

When the leading boat in each race crosses the finish line, they will be shown the Finish Flag.

All following boats in the race will then be flagged as finishers.

On receiving the Finish Flag, race boats must come off the plane after crossing the above line, and within 100 metres of such.

Competitors must turn off the course and be aware of other boats finishing behind.

It is not permitted to continue racing after receiving the Finish Flag.

RETIREMENT:

In the event of retirement:

1. An orange flag must be displayed
2. If urgent assistance is required, the orange flag should be waved Then:
3. Radio Safety Officer on VHF Channel 37a / M1 Or: telephone +44 7721 694135

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FLAG SIGNALS:

All flag signals are fully described in UKOPRA General Racing Rules and Class specific rules where differences occur.

All competitors must have a full understanding of all flag signals.

If a competitor fails to acknowledge 2 flags in any one race they will immediately be disqualified.

The Curtailment Flag will be Code Flag 'S' (blue rectangle on white background).

RADIO:

In the event of retirement, boats must report immediately to Safety Control on VHF Channel 37a / M1

TRACKERS:

Trackers are mandatory for all races and will be issued to you after the driver's briefing, the trackers will be switched on and ready to go.

It is your responsibility to collect your tracker, fix it securely to your craft in an area which can clearly receive a signal from telecoms mast (Canopy or partial canopy boats – this must be securely fixed outside the cockpit area).

It is also mandatory to return your tracker after the race-to-Race Admin where it will be checked back in.

If you are unable to return your tracker to Race Control, please send to: Simon Lovesey, 57 Bearcroft, Weobley, Hereford, HR4 8TA

Damage or loss of any tracker will be charged at £200.00

If you would like to track your team, Tacktracker is a free app and available at Google Play and App Store.

POST RACE SIGNING OFF:

The Driver or Co-Driver must sign off at Race Admin as soon as possible, failing that telephone Race Admin +44 7956 898552.

Failure to do so within one hour of finishing the race may result in exclusion from the results.

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PROTESTS:

Before Race Briefing:

Against another competitor's eligibility.

£500.00 to be lodged with Race Admin which will be refunded in the event of a successful protest. After the race:

On posting of provisional results, a period of 1 hour will allow for the submission of protest of on-water actions.

£500.00 to be lodged with Race Admin which will be refunded in the event of a successful protest.

A Protest Jury will be selected from 3 UKOPRA license holders.

COURSES:

CLASS 1		Total race distance 135.1nm							
START RUN + LAP A + LAP A + LAP A									
					DD MM.MMM		DD°MM'SS.S"		
Mark		Name	Description	Leave To	N	W	N	W	
Start Run - 1.6nm LAP A - 44.5NM	Muster	South of 3B - MDL Marinas	Yellow Special Mark		50 44.360	001 23.799	50°44'21.6"	001°23'47.9"	
	Start Line	26 - Hamstead Ledge	Green Lateral Marker	Port	50 43.870	001 26.178	50°43'52.2"	001°26'10.7"	
	Turn 2	20 - Sconce	North Cardinal	Port	50 42.530	001 31.429	50°42'45.5"	001°31'25.7"	
	Turn 3	1M - Warden	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 41.479	001 33.549	50°41'28.7"	001°33'32.9"	
	Turn 4	1F - Needles Fairway	Safe Water Mark	Starboard	50 38.240	001 38.979	50°38'14.4"	001°38'58.7"	
	Turn 5	Special Purpose Buoy	Yellow Special Mark	Starboard	50 38.488	001 48.498	50°38'29.3"	001°48'28.9"	
	Turn 6	Special Purpose Buoy	Yellow Special Mark	Starboard	50 42.890	001 50.400	50°42'53.4"	001°50'24.0"	
	Turn 7	1E - Ledge Buoy	Yellow Special Mark	Port	50 41.500	001 41.599	50°41'30.0"	001°41'35.9"	
	Turn 8	1K - North Head	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 42.690	001 35.519	50°42'41.4"	001°35'31.1"	
	Turn 9	Hurst Spit	Virtual Mark	Port	-	-	-	-	
	Turn 10	2T - Lymington Bank	Red Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 43.100	001 30.849	50°43'06.0"	001°30'50.9"	
	Turn 11	2X - Solent Bank	Red Lateral Marker	Port	50 44.230	001 27.369	50°44'13.8"	001°27'22.1"	
	Turn 12	3E - The Boss	Yellow Special Mark	Starboard	50 46.130	001 22.188	50°46'07.8"	001°22'11.3"	
	Turn 13	3H - East Lepe	Red Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 45.930	001 21.069	50°45'55.8"	001°21'04.1"	
Lap Line / Finish Gate		26 - Hamstead Ledge	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 43.870	001 26.178	50°43'52.2"	001°26'10.7"	

RACING INSTRUCTIONS

		CLASS 2		Total race distance 90.6nm					
		START RUN + LAP A + LAP A							
						DD MM.MMM		DD°MM'SS.S"	
		Mark	Name	Description	Leave To	N	W	N	W
LAP A - 44.5NM	Start Run - 1.6nm	Muster	South of 3B - MDL Marinas	Yellow Special Mark		50 44.360	001 23.799	50°44'21.6"	001°23'47.9"
		Start Line	26 - Hamstead Ledge	Green Lateral Marker	Port	50 43.870	001 26.178	50°43'52.2"	001°26'10.7"
		Turn 2	20 - Sconce	North Cardinal	Port	50 42.530	001 31.429	50°42'45.5"	001°31'25.7"
		Turn 3	1M - Warden	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 41.479	001 33.549	50°41'28.7"	001°33'32.9"
		Turn 4	1F - Needles Fairway	Safe Water Mark	Starboard	50 38.240	001 38.979	50°38'14.4"	001°38'58.7"
		Turn 5	Special Purpose Buoy	Yellow Special Mark	Starboard	50 38.488	001 48.498	50°38'29.3"	001°48'28.9"
		Turn 6	Special Purpose Buoy	Yellow Special Mark	Starboard	50 42.890	001 50.400	50°42'53.4"	001°50'24.0"
		Turn 7	1E - Ledge Buoy	Yellow Special Mark	Port	50 41.500	001 41.599	50°41'30.0"	001°41'35.9"
		Turn 8	1K - North Head	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 42.690	001 35.519	50°42'41.4"	001°35'31.1"
		Turn 9	Hurst Spit	Virtual Mark	Port	-	-	-	-
		Turn 10	2T - Lymington Bank	Red Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 43.100	001 30.849	50°43'06.0"	001°30'50.9"
		Turn 11	2X - Solent Bank	Red Lateral Marker	Port	50 44.230	001 27.369	50°44'13.8"	001°27'22.1"
		Turn 12	3E - The Boss	Yellow Special Mark	Starboard	50 46.130	001 22.188	50°46'07.8"	001°22'11.3"
		Turn 13	3H - East Lepe	Red Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 45.930	001 21.069	50°45'55.8"	001°21'04.1"
	Lap Line / Finish Gate	26 - Hamstead Ledge	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 43.870	001 26.178	50°43'52.2"	001°26'10.7"	

		CLASS 3		Total race distance 75.2nm					
		START RUN + LAP A + LAP B							
						DD MM.MMM		DD°MM'SS.S"	
		Mark	Name	Description	Leave To	N	W	N	W
LAP A - 44.5NM	Start Run - 1.6nm	Muster	South of 3B - MDL Marinas	Yellow Special Mark		50 44.360	001 23.799	50°44'21.6"	001°23'47.9"
		Start Line	26 - Hamstead Ledge	Green Lateral Marker	Port	50 43.870	001 26.178	50°43'52.2"	001°26'10.7"
		Turn 2	20 - Sconce	North Cardinal	Port	50 42.530	001 31.429	50°42'45.5"	001°31'25.7"
		Turn 3	1M - Warden	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 41.479	001 33.549	50°41'28.7"	001°33'32.9"
		Turn 4	1F - Needles Fairway	Safe Water Mark	Starboard	50 38.240	001 38.979	50°38'14.4"	001°38'58.7"
		Turn 5	Special Purpose Buoy	Yellow Special Mark	Starboard	50 38.488	001 48.498	50°38'29.3"	001°48'28.9"
		Turn 6	Special Purpose Buoy	Yellow Special Mark	Starboard	50 42.890	001 50.400	50°42'53.4"	001°50'24.0"
		Turn 7	1E - Ledge Buoy	Yellow Special Mark	Port	50 41.500	001 41.599	50°41'30.0"	001°41'35.9"
		Turn 8	1K - North Head	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 42.690	001 35.519	50°42'41.4"	001°35'31.1"
		Turn 9	Hurst Spit	Virtual Mark	Port	-	-	-	-
		Turn 10	2T - Lymington Bank	Red Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 43.100	001 30.849	50°43'06.0"	001°30'50.9"
		Turn 11	2X - Solent Bank	Red Lateral Marker	Port	50 44.230	001 27.369	50°44'13.8"	001°27'22.1"
		Turn 12	3E - The Boss	Yellow Special Mark	Starboard	50 46.130	001 22.188	50°46'07.8"	001°22'11.3"
		Turn 13	3H - East Lepe	Red Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 45.930	001 21.069	50°45'55.8"	001°21'04.1"
	Lap Line / Finish Gate	26 - Hamstead Ledge	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 43.870	001 26.178	50°43'52.2"	001°26'10.7"	
LAP B - 29.1 NM	Turn 2	20 - Sconce	North Cardinal	Port	50 42.530	001 31.429	50°42'45.5"	001°31'25.7"	
	Turn 3	1M - Warden	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 41.479	001 33.549	50°41'28.7"	001°33'32.9"	
	Turn 4	1F - Needles Fairway	Safe Water Mark	Starboard	50 38.240	001 38.979	50°38'14.4"	001°38'58.7"	
	Turn 8	1K - North Head	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 42.690	001 35.519	50°42'41.4"	001°35'31.1"	
	Turn 9	Hurst Spit	Virtual Mark	Port	-	-	-	-	
	Turn 10	2T - Lymington Bank	Red Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 43.100	001 30.849	50°43'06.0"	001°30'50.9"	
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	Turn 13	3H - East Lepe	Red Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 45.930	001 21.069	50°45'55.8"	001°21'04.1"	
	Lap Line / Finish Gate	26 - Hamstead Ledge	Green Lateral Marker	Starboard	50 43.870	001 26.178	50°43'52.2"	001°26'10.7"	

NOTE: START RUN = 1.6NM

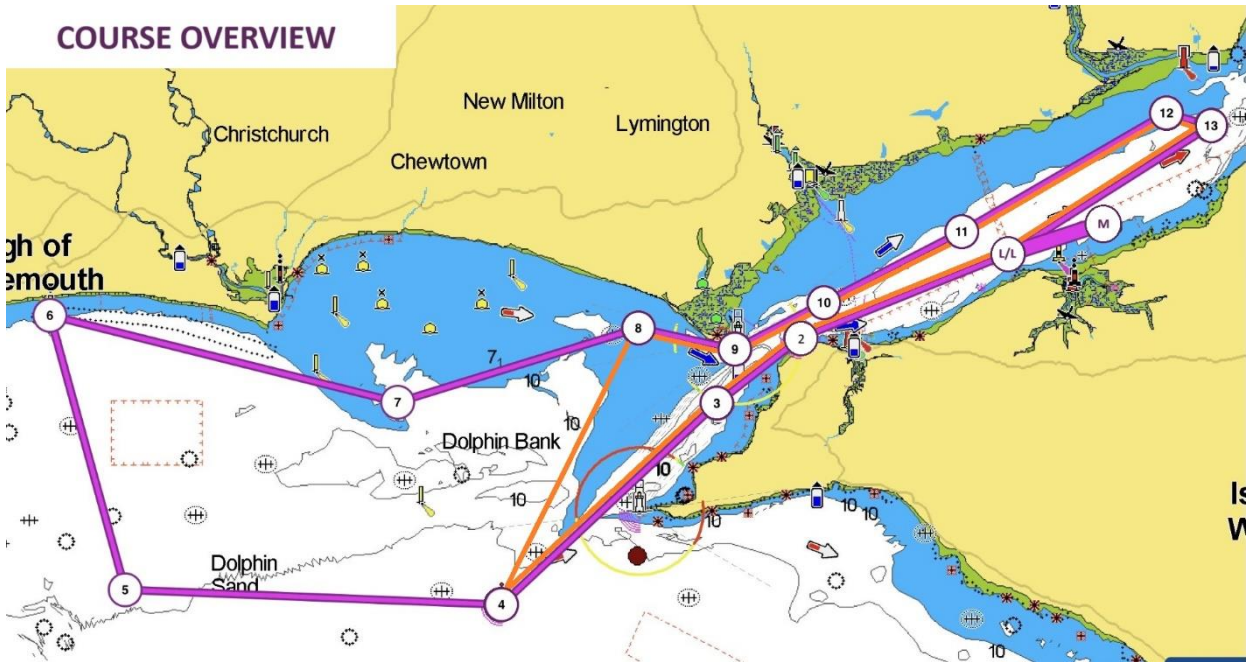
Immediately after the Start Run, Turn 2 - 26 - 'Hamstead Ledge' should be taken to Port. ONLY TAKE THIS MARK TO PORT ON THE START RUN, Afterpassing at the start, you should take always that this mark to Starboard as per above

Chartettes are for illustration only and should not be used as a navigation aid

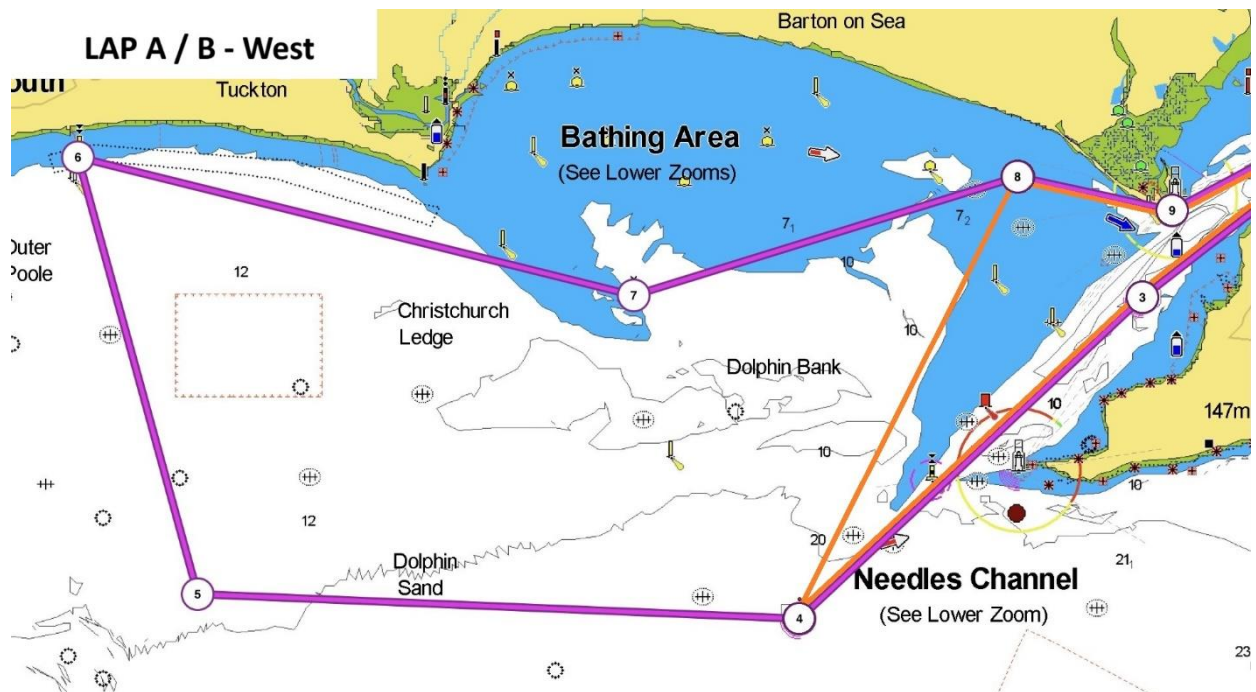
FINISH: Gate formed between 26 - 'Hamstead Ledge' and the Committee Boat to the South of it.

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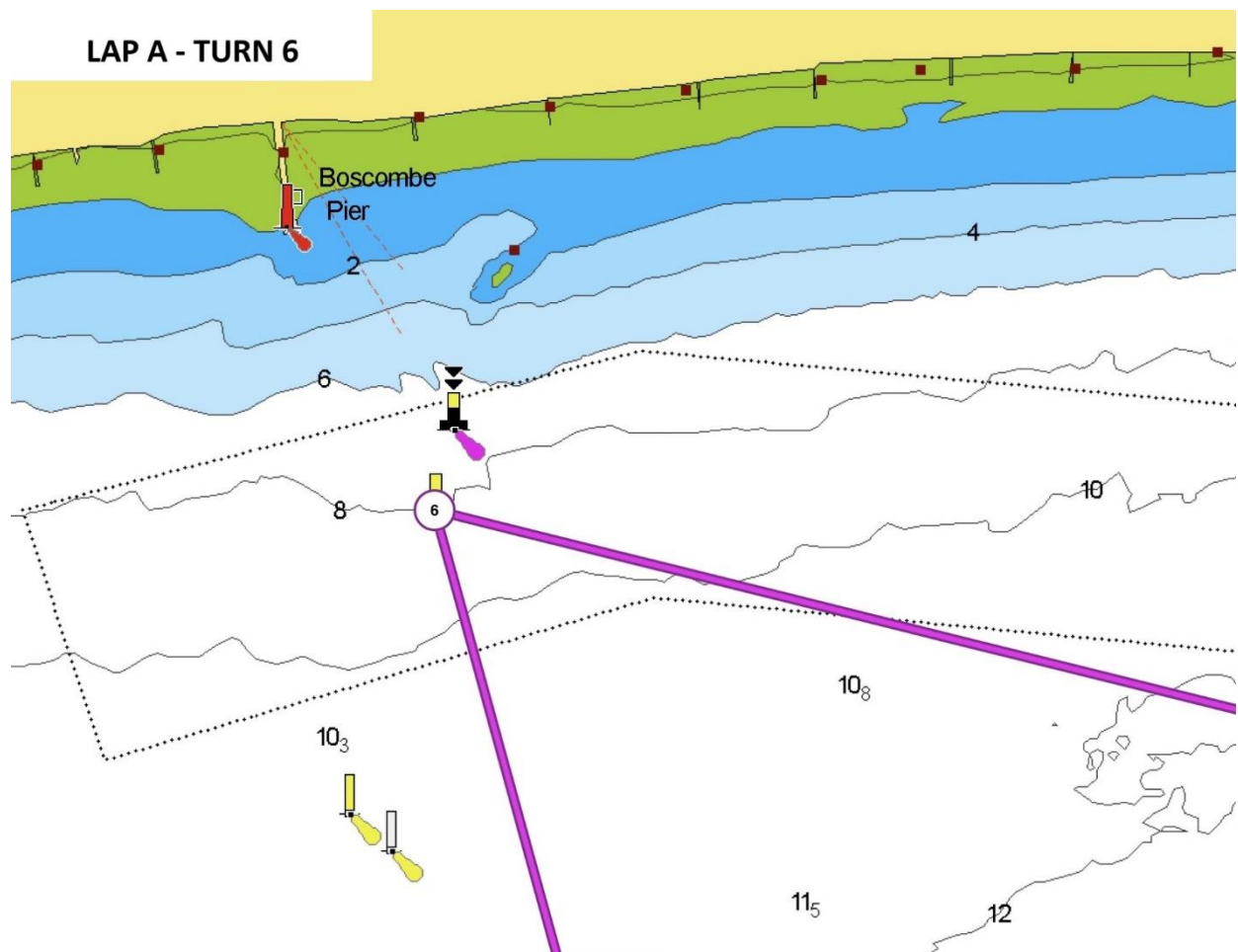
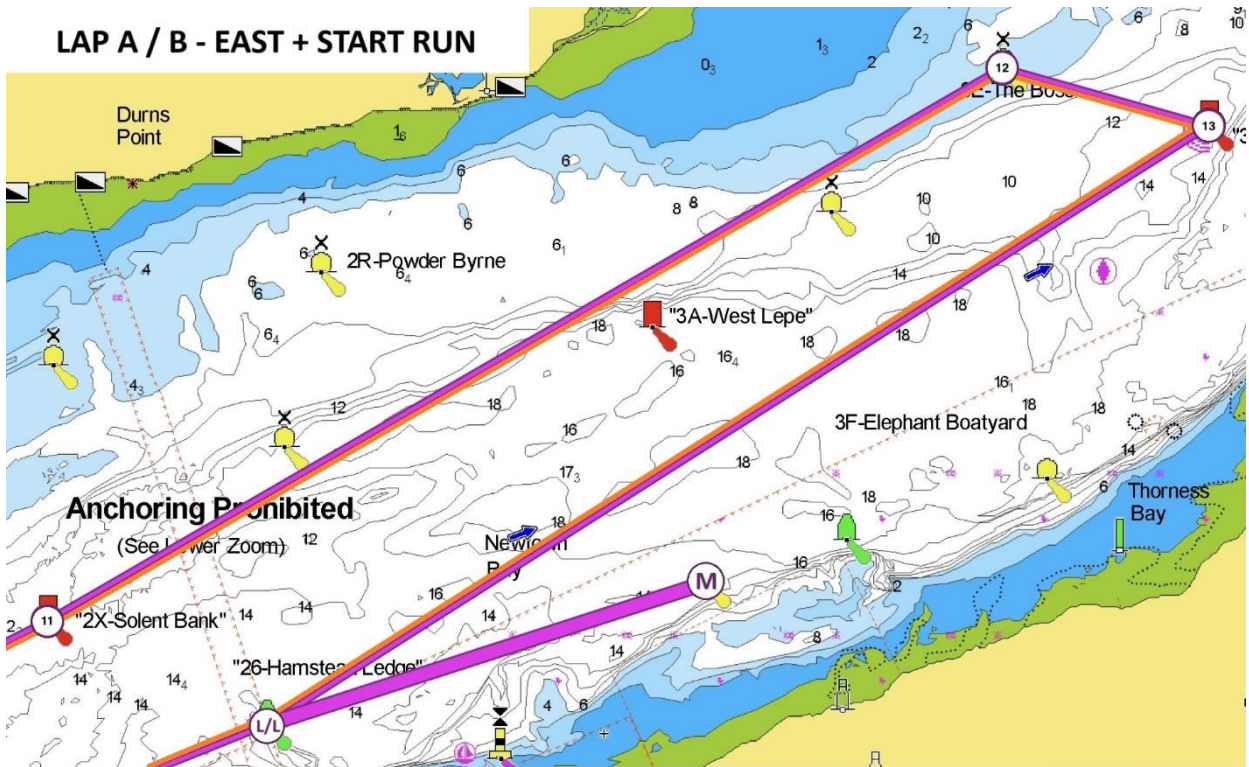
COURSE OVERVIEW



LAP A / B - West



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PENALTIES:

Smoking in the defined wet or dry pits	£100 fine
Transferring fuel in wet or dry pits	£100 fine
Failure to present engine or craft for technical inspection	Disqualification
Misrepresentation or providing untrue statement	Disqualification
Failure to raise and fly retirement flag when able	£100 fine
Failure to report retirement to race/safety control	£100 fine
Interference with starting procedure	Disqualification
Planing in the muster area	Disqualification
Passing the wrong side of the start boat	10-minute time penalty
The bow of any boat being in front of the transom of the Start Boat when the green flag is raised	10-minute time penalty
Failing to respect a safe distance of 30 metres behind Start Boat	3-minute time penalty
Failure to respect a safe spreading distance	2-minute time penalty
Turning in wrong direction during muster	1-minute time penalty
Passing wrong side of mark (mark cannot be retaken)	20-minute time penalty
Deliberately missing a mark	Disqualification
Missing two consecutive marks	Disqualification
Entering a Spectator Area on the plane	Disqualification
Excessive speed in fog or poor visibility (determined at sole discretion of race jury)	Disqualification

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LAUNCHING / RECOVERY:

- Launching / recovery by Crane will be available at Drivers Wharf, Northam Road, Southampton. SO14 0PF
- Boats can only be lifted using your own lifting slings, spreader bars etc.
- There is a public slipway available at Bath Road, Lymington. SO41 3SE (Next to Royal Yacht Club) The below link shows you charges, how to pay and instructions on how to use the slipway. Keep your receipt and give / email it to me so I can get you reimbursed:

<https://www.lymingtonharbour.co.uk/public-slipway-landings>

TRAILERS:

Once launched, trailers should be brought back to Berthon for storage in the designated area.

BERTHING:

- Race/Support Boats welcome to arrive from 12:00 onwards Friday 20th September 2024
- Once afloat, on arrival at the Marina please contact the Wet Pit Marshall for directions to race boat berthing. Please take notice of the instructions given as he will be managing space according to the plan agreed with Berthon. Be prepared to raft if necessary.

* Wet Pit Marshall - Brian Pelham - 07923 538590

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FUEL:

There will be E95 fuel available but it is a limited supply. This will need to be pre-booked by 12 Mid day on Monday 16th September with Dave Sheldon.

HOSPITALITY:

The B-Bar will act as our main base for the weekend, which includes Race Control, briefings, podium presentations and the post race party on Saturday night. You and your crew are invited to join us as we celebrate an awesome 2024 season coming to a close! Please confirm if you can attend and how many there will be in your party so we can cater for them; we will be laying on food and entertainment for the evening. Be warned it's going to be a late September evening at a covered but open air bar so please be prepared to either wrap up warm or carry on dancing.

EVENT WRIST BANDS:

Finally, we have agreed with Berthon that all UKOPRA event support crews, staff and racers will have an identification wrist band on for the duration of the event. It is a working yard and we are very happy to fall into line with their Operations Guidelines. These will be available for you to collect either from Sophie at Race Control. We will be based at The B-Bar!

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