



# Event Race Instructions FOLKESTONE GRAND PRIX 2011

Folkestone, Kent

### 2011 National 3B Championship Finals

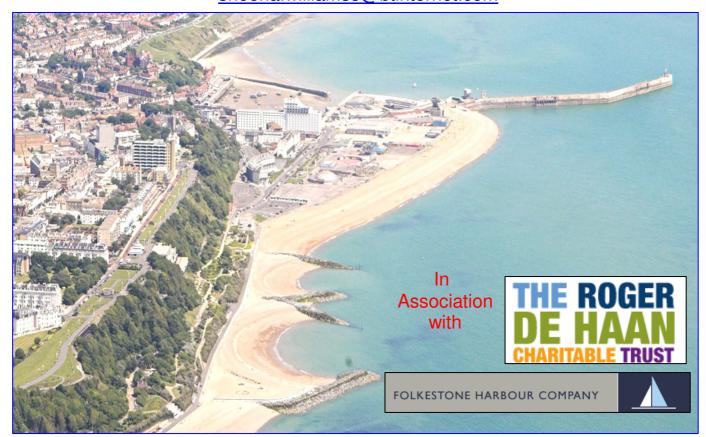
Thundercats, CLUB, OCR, Offshore 3C & 3B 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August 2011 Approved by



## Organised By SEPA Committee

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Powerboat Racing is a hazardous activity. Individuals must accept that, by engaging in active water sports such as Powerboat Racing, their physical safety may be endangered.

Anyone intending to participate in or become involved with Powerboat Racing organised by RYA Affiliated clubs either as a participant, team member or otherwise does so at their own risk and such individuals must recognise the actual and potential risks associated with their involvement, including drowning, hypothermia, and other physical injuries as well as possible death

Participants acknowledge that it is up to them personally to assess whether any event or activity on the water is too difficult for them or their crew. Individuals acknowledge that the safety of their boat and her entire management including insurance is solely their responsibility, and they are satisfied that the boat and the crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race.

Entrants into the event acknowledge that scrutineering does not constitute a condition survey of the craft and it is solely their responsibility to decide whether or not to start or to continue in any powerboat race. They acknowledge that the efficiency of the helmets and racing vests worn is solely their responsibility.

Individuals on signing on to the event agree (on acceptance of their entry upon being permitted to take part in the meeting;

- (i) To be bound by the conditions of the Race Entry Form, Racing Instructions and the General Competition Rules of the UIM and the RYA.
- (ii) To accept the decisions of the organising committee and officials nominated by it.
- (iii) To save harmless and keep indemnified:
- (a) The owners of the premises upon which the meeting is held,
- (b) The organising club, the sponsors and the RYA and their respective officials, servants and agents,
- (c) The other boat owners, drivers, passengers or mechanics engaged in the meeting, AGAINST all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of loss of or damage to the signatory's property or the property of his/her drivers, passengers and mechanics whether or not such loss or damage may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said persons or bodies, their officials, servants, representatives or agents.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Persons under the age of 18 must have written authority signed by either Parent or Guardian.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A TEAM'S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RACE OR TO CONTINUE RACING IS THEIRS ALONE

The Organising Committee of SEPA wish to extend their grateful thanks to the following, for their support and backing.







#### 1 EVENT APPROVAL

This Event has been approved by the Royal Yachting Association, the National Governing Body for Offshore Powerboat Racing in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

#### **2 COMPETITORS RESPONSIBILITY**

Competitors must have also read the important notice at the front of these race instructions as well as the safety information at the back. By signing the race entry form and the RYA official signing on form at the event all competitors are bound by the rules contained in RYA PB1 2011/UIM Rules where applicable. It is the competitors' sole responsibility to decide whether or not to start or continue in a race once passed scrutineering. All competitors accept responsibility for any eventuality that may occur as a result of entering a race.

- a) Start procedures
- b) Overtaking rules
- c) Flag procedures
- d) Emergency assist procedures

Competitors must have also read the important notice at the front of these race instructions as well as the safety information at the back. By signing the race entry form and the RYA official signing on form at the event all competitors are bound by the rules contained in RYA PB1 201. It is the competitors' sole responsibility to decide whether or not to start or continue in a race once passed scrutineering. All competitors accept responsibility for any eventuality that may occur as a result of entering a race.

#### **3 EVENT SECRETARY**

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#### **4 EVENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

Barrie Williams, Paul Baker, Sheena Williams, Sharon Atlee, Betty Reilly, Fiona Pascoe, Lorraine Hughes, Padraig Herlihy

#### **5 RACE COMMITTEE**

Officer Of the Day:
Safety Officer:
Barrie Williams
Race Secretary:
Chief Scrutineer:
Chief Time keeper:
Chief Marshal:
Local Harbour Master Representative:

Paul Baker
Barrie Williams
Clive Jones
Betty Reilly
Tom Downey
Lorraine Hughes

#### **6 RACE OFFICIALS**

Officer of the Day: Paul Baker

Deputy OOD (if appointed)

Jackie Baker (Thundercats)

Safety Officer: Barrie Williams

Deputy SO (if appointed)

Les Hudson (Thundercats)

Race Secretary: Sheena Williams

Race Administration: Sophie Pascoe, Mary Downey, Betty Reilly

Chief Scrutineer:

Scrutineer/s:
Chief Marshal:
Chief Marshal:
Chief Time Keeper/Lap Counter:
Time Keeper/Lap Counter:

Mary Downey
Mary Downey

Medical Officer: Paramedic: Jerry Pocknell

RYA/UIM Commissioner (if appointed)

Training Officer: Sharon Atlee
Officials in Training: Nikki Grey (OOD)

Course Manager & Safety Secretary:

Media Officers:

Race Commentary:

Bob Hall & Stephanie Hall
Paddy Herlihy & Sian Williams
Peter Butler & Grant Harrison

7 RACE JURY (Minimum 3 Persons including RYA/UIM Commissioner if appointed)

Chairperson: Paddy Reilly, Fiona Pascoe, Peter Atlee, Sheena Williams (note taker)

8 RACE STATUS: TRAINING, NATIONAL & CLUB

9 LICENCE STATUS

Club: RYA Event Licences or better for all crew – minimum 2 per boat.

National:
RYA National Licences for all competitors.
International:
International Provisional Licences or better

Minimum Age: Minimum Age Limit as Per PB1 Class Rules

NB// Event Licence Requirements as per PB1, please note changes for 2011. For competitors who do not hold an RYA Full licence a maximum of 2 Event Licences with medical Self Declaration or an RYA Annual Powerboat Event Licence

#### 10 RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The races will be run under current rules as stated in RYA PB1 2011 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. Any changes will be notified to competitors in a Race Bulletin and, if possible, announced at Drivers' Briefing.

Organisers have the right to refuse any boat which they consider unsuitable and/or which does not conform to the requirements of the present Rules.

Any infringement of the Rules or of the Race Instructions, or instructions issued at Drivers' Briefings or in race Bulletins may lead to disqualification or other penalties being applied by the organising club.

#### 11 TIMETABLE

Friday 12th August 2011 – TRAINING DAY	From		Until		
Drivers Arrive	08:30		09:00		
Race Administration & Signing In	08:45		09:00		
Race Officials	09:00		09:15		
Scrutineering & Equipment Required	09:15		09:45		
Safety Briefing & Flag Procedures	09:45		10:15		
Event Briefing & Course		:15	10:45		
RYA Theory Test		:45	11:00		
Launching Procedure		:00	11:30		
Practical Assessments on the Water		:30		13:00	
Debrief & Video Footage		:00	14:30		
General Race Boat Handling		:30	15:		
How to Start Racing & Documents Required		:00	15:30		
Q & A Session		:30	16:00		
Certificates of Competence & Course Evaluation		:00	16:15		
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Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2011 – RACE DAY 1		1	+		
	From	Until	From	Until	
Drivers Arrive From	08:00	08:45	08:00	09:30	
Race Administration Open	08:00	17:00	08:00	17:00	
Signing In	08:00	08:45	08:00	09:30	
Scrutineering	08:00	08:45	08:30	10:00	
Safety Briefing	08:30	08:45	09:00	09:30	
Drivers Briefing	08:45	09:00	09:30	10:00	
Launching	09:00	09:30	10:00	11:45	
Thundercats Official Practice	09:30	10:00			
Thundercats Heats Start	10:00	12:00			
3C/3B/OCR/CLUB Publicity Fly Past & Practice Lap			12:00	12:10	
3C/3B/OCR/CLUB RACE 1 START			12:15	13:30	
Winners Parade on Water			13:30	13:45	
OCR Heat 2 STANDING START			13:45	14:15	
OCR Winners Parade			14:15	14:30	
Post Race Scrutineering			15:30	16:30	
Thundercats Final Heats	14:30	16:30			
Podium Presentations & Prizegiving	17:00	17:30	17:00	17:30	
BBQ Pit Party	19:00	00:00	19:00	00:00	
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Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2011 – RACE DAY 2	From	Until	From	Until	
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Drivers Arrive From	09:00	47.00	09:00	47.00	
Race Administration Open	09:00	17:00	09:30	17:00	
Signing In	08:30	09:15	09:30	10:00	
Scrutineering	08:45	09:15	09:30	10:30	
Safety briefing	09:00	09:15	10:00	10:30	
Drivers Briefing	09:15	09:30	10:30	11:00	
Launching Thursday Official Prostice	09:30	10:00	11:00	12:30	
Thundercats Official Practice	10:00	10:30			
Thundercats Heats Start	10:30	12:30	40.00	10.10	
3C/3B/OCR/CLUB Publicity Fly Past & Practice Lap			12:30	12:40	
3C/3B/OCR/CLUB RACE START			12:45	14:00	
Winners Parade on Water			14:00	14:15	
OCR Heat 4 STANDING START			14:15	14:45	
OCR Winners Parade	45.00	47.00	14:45	15:00	
Thundercats Final Heats	15:00	17:00	47.00	10.00	
Podium Presentations & Prizegiving	17:30	18:00	17:30	18:00	

#### **Tide Times**

Day	High Tide	Low Tide	High Tide
Friday 12 August	11:10 (6.4m )	18:20 (1.5m)	
Saturday 13 August	11:50 (6.7m)	19:10 (1.2m)	
Sunday 14 August	12:20 (7.0m)	19:50 (1.0m)	

#### 12 RACE ADMINISTRATION

Drivers Lounge, Folkestone Harbour Company - Mobiles: + 44 (0) 7968 034778 & +44 (0) 7738 637912

#### 13 REGISTRATION

On arrival at the race site, all crew members must report immediately to the Race Administration and shall sign the RYA indemnity form. Crew members must produce all documentation required under RYA Class Rules including **a copy of the 2011 PB1 Class rules for the class they are racing in**. Crews not in possession of the correct paperwork will not be allowed to race.

#### 14 PIT AREAS, PARKING & SPECIAL CONDITIONS

WET PITS: Not applicable

DRY PITS: South Quay, Folkestone Harbour

**Please note:** Entrance to this secured area is by electronic barrier. Competitors should retain their initial entry ticket and exchange this at Race Admin on signing in for a swipe bar code. This voucher will allow free access in and out of the Dry Pits for the duration of the event.

#### 15 FUELLING ARRANGEMENTS

Competitors should arrive fuelled and ready to race. Fuel is available at local petrol stations.

No transfer of fuel is permitted in the general pit or launching areas. Refuelling is ONLY permitted in the designated Fuel Pit Area. This will be an area in Dry Pits determined by the Chief Marshal. All smoking of any type is prohibited in both pit and launching areas. This must be adhered to at all times, offenders will be penalised.

#### 16 PRE-RACE SCRUTINEERING

In accordance with Class specific rules in PB1 2011

#### 17 LAUNCHING

Launching is the boat crew's responsibility and should not be undertaken before scrutineering, unless otherwise stated.

LAUNCHING BY CRANE: There are no craning facilities available at this venue.

All competitors are reminded to comply with Class Rules regarding lifting points, eyes and lifting strops.

LAUNCHING ON SLIPWAY: Launch sequence numbers will be issued to Offshore Competitors at Race Admin. Boats will be taken by tow vehicles from the Dry Pits and launched by land rover. There will be limited temporary mooring facilities available in the inner Harbour for early launch numbers, but competitors must be ready to launch on their launch number. Wherever possible first launched will be first recovered. Thundercat competitors will be launched on a temporary slipway over the Shingle Beach. Cooperation with launching will be greatly appreciated.

Competitors are reminded to comply with all local regulations concerning the use of the slipway. Details of the marshalling area and procedures will be given at drivers briefing.

All class specific rules governing launching and recovery apply at all times

#### 18 OFFICIAL PRACTISE ARRANGEMENTS

There will be a mandatory publicity fly past prior to the start of the race, full details of which will be explained at Drivers Briefing. Boats will be released from the Muster Area at intervals to sight the first turn buoy, returning to muster via Mark 7 for the commencement of the start procedure. Further details will be described at Drivers Briefing.

All competitors are reminded that it is an RYA requirement for crews to complete a minimum number of laps of the race circuit prior to racing. Full details of the Practise lap will be explained at Drivers Briefing. The practise lap will be one lap of LAP A omitting the starboard Mark 8.

#### 19 DRIVERS BRIEFING

Mandatory Drivers Briefing will take place in the: Drivers Lounge in accordance with the event timetable.

Signing-in will commence 15 minutes before the Briefing. All crew for each race boat must sign in to the briefing by the start time and attend the entire briefing. A Roll Call may be held. The start of drivers briefing marks the end of the eligibility protest period and the Jury members will be introduced.

Penalty for absence may be disqualification from starting the race or other penalties as defined in Class Rules or by the race organisers. Breathalyser and Drug tests may be given.

#### 20 NOISE AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS

Competitors must obey all local regulations and Bye Laws relating to excessive speed and noise. All competitors are requested to refrain from starting their engines unless absolutely necessary before proceeding to the race or official practice sessions. Failure to observe local regulations will result in penalties being applied.

#### 21 ROLLING STARTS, STANDING STARTS, BEACH STARTS, CLASS SPECIFIC STARTS

Full details of the starting procedure will be given at Drivers Briefing however all class specific starts are explained in RYA PB1 2011

#### 22 COURSE DETAILS

Charts

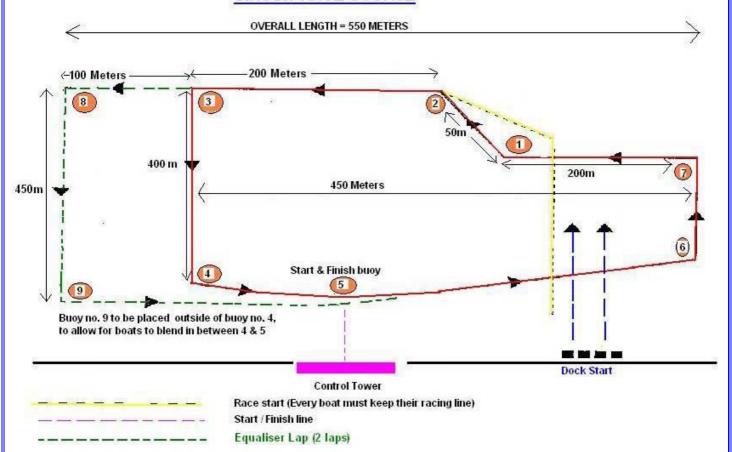
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A schematic drawing of the course is provided for your assistance. It is not to be used as a chart for navigational purposes.

#### **THUNDERCATS**

Course and race marks in accordance with Thundercat Rules & Regulations as shown in PB1/11

#### CIRCUIT RACE COURSE



#### OCR / CLUB

Course Marks

A full description of each course mark will be given at drivers' briefing, including the start run and any Exclusion Zones.

Muster Area

51°4.621 N 1°12.723 E

Start Run

**HEAT 1:** Multi-Class Rolling Start from Muster - 1.135nm to first turn (MARK 2) **HEAT 2:** (OCR only) Standing Start from Harbour Arm to first turn (MARK 2)

Lap/Finish Line

Sight line between Mark 1 and Race Control situated on the Harbour Arm.

#### MARKS OF THE COURSE

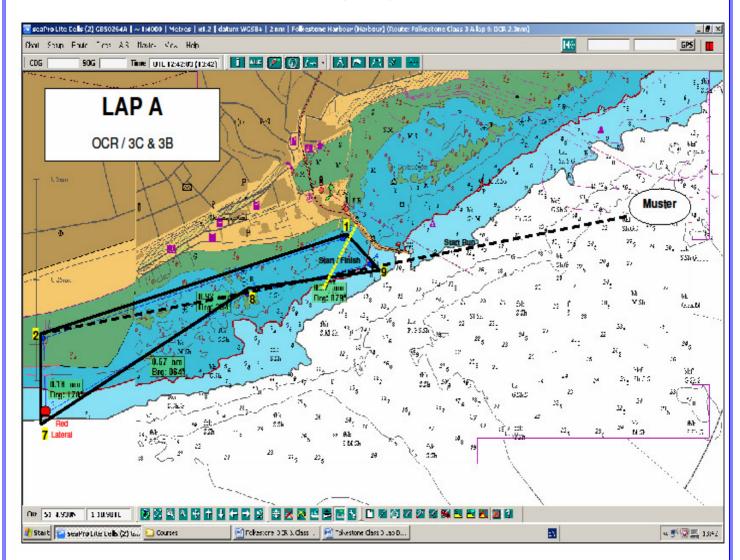
Mark	Latitude	Longitude	Mark Description	Leave to
Mark 1	51°4.593 N	1° 11.372 E	Yellow laid inflatable mark	PORT
Mark 2	51°4.345 N	1° 09.963 E	Yellow laid inflatable mark	PORT
Mark 7	51°4.160 N	1° 09.975 E	Red Lateral Can - permanent mark	PORT
Mark 8	51°4.456 N	1° 10.921 E	Yellow laid inflatable mark	STARBOARD
Mark 9	51°4.530 N	1° 11.498 E	Yellow laid inflatable mark	PORT

#### LAP A

Mark	TO	Mark	Distance (NM)
Mark 1	То	Mark 2	0.9
Mark 2	То	Mark 7	0.2
Mark 7	То	Mark 8	0.7
Mark 8	То	Mark 9	0.4
Mark 9	То	Mark 1	0.1
		Total Distance	2.3 nm

#### **RACE DISTANCE**

START LAP - First Turn Mark - Mark 2 then 25 minutes plus 1 lap of LAP A Course



SCHEMATIC DRAWING ONLY – (Full page course charts can be found at end of Race Instructions)

#### OFFSHORE 3B /3C / CLUB

Course Marks

A full description of each course mark will be given at drivers' briefing, including the start run and any Exclusion Zones.

Muster Area

51°4.621 N 1°12.723 E

Start Run

Multi-Class Rolling Start from Muster - 1.135nm to first turn (MARK 2)

Lap/Finish Line

A sight line between Mark 1 and Race Control situated on the Harbour Arm.

#### MARKS OF THE COURSE

Mark	Latitude	Longitude	Mark Description	Leave to
Mark 1	51°4.593 N	1° 11.372 E	Laid Mark: Yellow inflatable	PORT
Mark 2	51°4.345 N	1° 09.963 E	Laid Mark: Yellow Inflatable	PORT
Mark 3	51°4.069 N	1° 07.936 E	Laid Mark: Yellow Inflatable	PORT
Mark 4	51°3.686 N	1° 04.640 E	Static Mark: Yellow Special Purpose Buoy	PORT
Mark 5	51°2.531 N	1° 05.337 E	Static Mark: Yellow Outfall Buoy	PORT
Mark 6	51°3.529 N	1° 08.299 E	Static Mark: <b>Sandgate Road</b> Yellow Special Purpose Buoy	PORT
Mark 7	51°4.160 N	1° 09.975 E	Static Mark: Red Lateral Can	PORT
Mark 8	51°4.456 N	1° 10.921 E	Laid Mark: Yellow Inflatable	STARBOARD
Mark 9	51°4.530 N	1° 11.498 E	Laid Mark: Yellow Inflatable	PORT

#### **RACE DISTANCE**

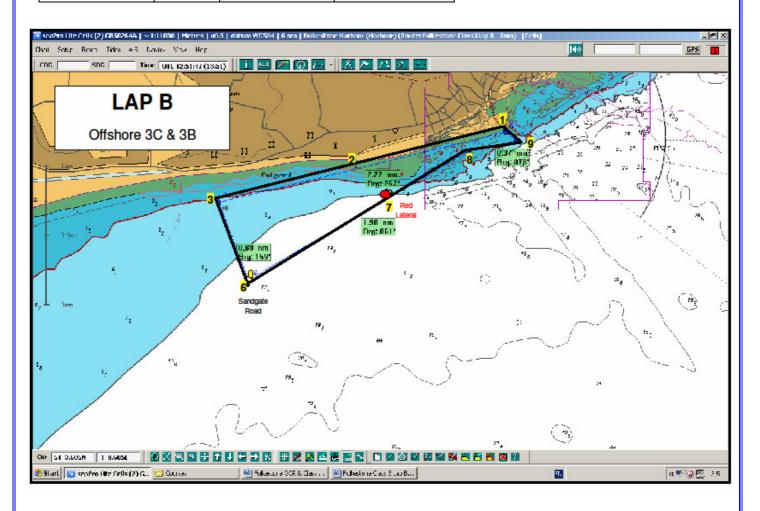
START LAP B (5.4 nm ) + 7 Lap sequence = 42.7 nm

LAP SEQUENCE: START LAP B +B +C +B +C +A +A +A

LAP A: (As OCR - See above)

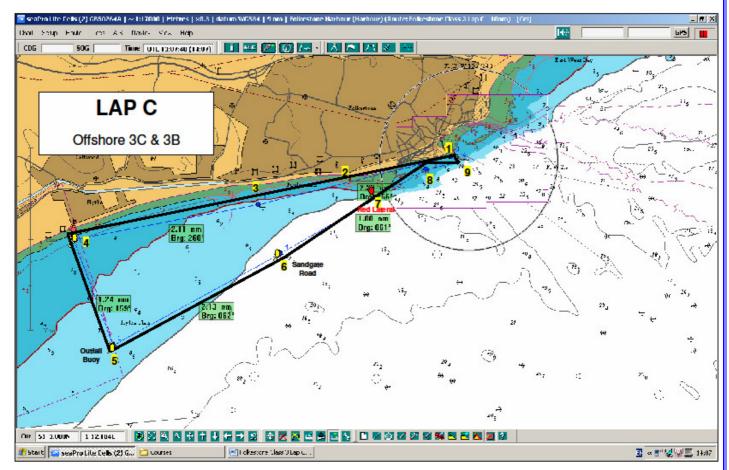
LAP B:

Mark	ТО	Mark	Distance (NM)
Mark 1	То	Mark 2	0.9
Mark 2	То	Mark 3	1.3
Mark 3	То	Mark 6	0.6
Mark 6	То	Mark 7	1.2
Mark 7	То	Mark 8	0.7
Mark 8	То	Mark 9	0.4
Mark 9	То	Mark 1	0.1
		Total Distance	5.2nm



#### LAP C

Mark	TO	Mark	Distance (NM)
Mark 1	То	Mark 2	0.9
Mark 2	То	Mark 3	1.3
Mark 3	То	Mark 4	2.1
Mark 4	То	Mark 5	1.2
Mark 5	То	Mark 6	2.1
Mark 6	То	Mark 7	1.2
Mark 7	То	Mark 8	0.7
Mark 8	То	Mark 9	0.4
Mark 9	То	Mark 1	0.1
		Total Distance	10nm



SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS - (Full page course charts attached at end of Race Instructions)

#### 23 FLAG SIGNALS

All flag signals are fully described in RYA PB1 2011 Class specific rules however competitors are reminded of the following key flag meanings

- YELLOW FLAG on seeing the yellow flag signal from an official boat, competitors MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE SIGNAL proceed with caution, not overtake other race boats whilst in the area of the incident and keep clear of any danger areas. Yellow lights may be used by the start boat in conjunction with yellow flags. These lights shall have the same meaning as a yellow flag. Any competitor who ignores or abuses the yellow flag signal may be penalised.
- **RED FLAG** on seeing the red flag signal, all boats shall stop racing immediately, return to the muster area and await further instructions.

Infringement of any of the above may result in disqualification and/or yellow card and/or a time penalty or any combination. If a competitor misses 2 red flags in any one race, they will immediately be disqualified and referred to the RYA for further disciplinary action.

- BLACK FLAG any race boat deviating from the course into restricted areas, or displaying conduct deemed to be unsporting or dangerous may be shown the black flag along with its race boat number the next time it passes the start boat and will be disqualified from the race. Disqualified boats must return to wet pits area, safely moving off the course and avoiding any interference with the race or other race boats. Disqualified boats will not be awarded points for that race and may be fined.
- UNION FLAG will be flown from the Start/Finish Boat to indicate the finish of the OCR / CLUB Heats
- CHEQUERED FLAG will be shown to the first boat over the line in the Offshore / Club class.

#### 24 POST-RACE DECLARATION:

The Driver or Co-Driver must sign off at Race administration as soon as possible after their finishing time. Failure to do so within one hour of the finish of the race will incur exclusion from the results.

Protests against another competitor must be lodged by signing off time.

All Crew Members must report to Race Administration before the end of the event to sign off and collect race documentation.

#### 25 POST-RACE SCRUTINEERING:

Crew members must be available with their craft for post-race scrutineering if required up to one hour after the posting of the Results. One or more engines may be checked and fuel sampling may take place.

#### **26 PENALTIES**

Race Organisers may apply penalties referred to in class rules as well as additional penalties listed below.

Entries: Failure to pay reduced entry fee by closing date: competitors charged full entry fee. Closing date for entries: 5.8.11 Smoking in the Pits: Disqualification. Failure to attend Prize Giving without due reason: £50 fine.

Time Penalties: 1<sup>st</sup> Missed Mark: (OCR /Club) = 1 minute (Offshore /Club) = 10 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Missed Mark (All Classes) = DQ (Flagrant abuse of navigation may mean disqualification at the discretion of the organising committee)
Contact or Damage to turn mark = £250 fine

#### 27 PROTESTS

In accordance with class specific rules in PB1 2011 A protest fee of £50 is applicable to this event

#### 28 PRIZE GIVING:

On completion of their race, the winners of each class will be given a chequered flag and will lead their class on a Winners Parade on Water along the Harbour Arm. Full details of this procedure will be explained at Drivers Briefing. Podium presentations will take place (weather permitting) in The Arc (Fountain Area) in accordance with the Timetable. Prize-giving will take place at the above venue OR the Drivers Lounge, in the event of inclement weather, in accordance with the Timetable. Competitors should be attired in team wear.

#### 29 TROPHIES:

Trophies will also be presented for the following categories:

Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class have been individually designed and provided by Folkestone Youth College specifically to commemorate this event.

1st, 2nd & 3rd placed trophies will be awarded to winners of the RYA 3B British National Championship 2011

In addition, the following perpetual trophies will be awarded for the following categories: (DRAFT)

- The Ensign Craft Award for the best newcomer awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> CLUB Boat
- The Folkestone Trophy awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> 3C Boat
- SEPA Challenge Cup awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> 3B Boat
- The PR Cup awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> OCR Boat
- Concorde d'Elegance Trophy awarded to the best prepared boat deemed by the Scrutineers

Trophies will be awarded on an amalgamation of both days results.

#### 30. SOCIAL:

On Friday evening, competitors and officials can dine at the new Rocksalt Restaurant overlooking Folkestone Harbour. We have provisionally reserved a small function room where dining from a set three course menu can be purchased, at an approximate cost of £20 per person. Please advise the organisers in advance if you wish to be included in this table reservation. If numbers exceed the space allocated, additional seating can be opened up in the main restaurant, provided sufficient notice is given.

The Smokehouse Fish & Chip Shop, under the same management opposite, can provide suppers & takeaways.

There will be a BBQ Pit Party on Saturday night on South Quay, weather permitting. Driver and Co-Driver will receive a complimentary ticket for a BBQ meal and glass of wine. Additional tickets will be on sale at a minimal cost to friends and families of competitors and officials in Race Admin, but we would appreciate numbers in advance for catering purposes. In the event of inclement weather, this social will be redirected to the Drivers Lounge in accordance with the timetable.

#### **SAFETY INFORMATION**

#### SAFETY TAKES PRIORITY OVER RACING AT ALL TIMES

All Race Boats must observe the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea when encountering any other Non racing craft

- A) Swimmers, board sailors, private and commercial craft of all types of may be encountered. Competitors are reminded to keep a sharp look out at all times and to take the necessary action in accordance with the IRPCS Rules.
- B) Competitors are reminded to keep a sharp lookout at all times for any marine wildlife that may be in encountered in the vicinity of the race course and take the necessary avoiding action.
- C) Competitors are warned to remember their speed and the fact that other craft may not be fully aware or able to keep clear.
- D) Competitors are asked to bear in mind that Official Patrol & Rescue boats have no power to insist that any craft or swimmer keep clear of the course of the race. Advice can only be given for the safety of other craft and swimmers.
- E) International Code Flag "A" denotes "DIVERS". Competitors must give a wide clearance of at least 100mtrs.
- F) The Course will be patrolled by Official Patrol &Rescue Boats with official Observer boats in the vicinity of certain race marks, other race marks may be observed from the shore
- G) Any Official Patrol/Rescue boat may wave a yellow flag to give warning of imminent danger in its vicinity. Competitors seeing this signal are to acknowledge the signal, slow down to less than 15 knots and keep clear of the danger area.

(G9A) RACE INSTRUCTIONS TEMPLATE 2011