



OFFSHORE CIRCUIT RACING DRIVERS ASSOCIATION

Event Race Instructions

CHARLESTOWN

POWERBOAT 2011

5th – 7th August 2011

Approved by



Organised By

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In association with
Charlestown Regatta

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

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

All competitors entering this event must have read RYA PB1 specifically the rules relating to the class in which they are competing. Competitors are reminded to pay particular attention to the following key areas relating to racing safety:

- 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 2011. 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

Richard Mason, Rohese Lown, Bob McCarthy, Alistair Pearn

5 RACE COMMITTEE

Officer Of the Day	Roy Trott
Safety Officer	Steve Oaten
Race Secretary	Carole McCarthy
Chief Scrutineer	Matt Humby
Chief Time keeper	Carole McCarthy
Chief Marshal	Barry Groves
Local Harbour Master Representative	Phil Holt

6 RACE OFFICIALS

Officer of the Day	Roy Trott
Safety Officer	Steve Oaten
Race Secretary	Carole McCarthy
Race Administration	Carole McCarthy
Chief Scrutineer	Matt Humby
Scrutineer/s	Bob McCarthy, Andy Nelves
Chief Marshal	Barry Groves
Chief Time Keeper/Lap Counter	Carole McCarthy
Time Keeper/ Lap Counter	Rosie Austin, Steph Hall
Medical Officer	Carl Gwinnutt
RYA/UIM Commissioner (if appointed)	
Training Officer	Bob McCarthy
Media Officer	Fred Jackson

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

8 RACE STATUS

Powerboat 2011 Club National

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 5th August 7pm onwards

Social Function Regatta Rocks Charlestown (Everyone Welcome Please Support)

Saturday 6 th August 2011	From	Until
Drivers Arrive From	06:00	10:00
Race Administration Open	07:30	11:30
Signing In	08:00	10:00
Scrutineering	08:00	11:00
Safety Briefing	09:30	
Drivers Briefing	10:00	
Launching	10:30	12:00
Course Familiarisation	12:15	
Race 1 Start All Classes	12:30	13:45
Race Administration Open	14:30	16:30
Sunday 7 th August 2011	From	Until
Drivers Arrive From	N/A	N/A
Race Administration Open	09:30	11:00
Signing In	N/A	N/A
Scrutineering	09:30	10:30
Safety briefing	09:45	10:00
Drivers Briefing	10:15	10:30
Launching	10:30	12:00
Official Practice	N/A	N/A
Race 2 Start All Classes	12:15	12:45
Race 3 Start All Classes	13:00	13:30
Race Administration Open	14:00	15:45
Prize Giving	16:00	

Tide Times

	High	Low	High
Saturday 6 th Aug 2011	11:10 (4.96m)	17:23	11:32
Sunday 7 th Aug 2011	12:02 (4.74m)	18:18	N/A

11 PIT AREAS, PARKING & SPECIAL CONDITIONS

WET PITS: Par Docks and Charlestown Harbour
DRY PITS: Par Docks and Charlestown Quay

12 RACE ADMINISTRATION – Charlestown Coastguard station.

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 FUELLING ARRANGEMENTS

All Boats must arrive fully fuelled and ready to race

Refuelling is **ONLY** permitted in the designated Fuel Pit Area.
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.

15 PRE-RACE SCRUTINEERING

In accordance with Class specific rules in PB1 2011

16 DRIVERS BRIEFING

Mandatory Drivers Briefing will take place in the: Coastguard Station

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 will 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 will 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.

17 LAUNCHING

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

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 PRACTICE:

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 Practice laps will be explained at Drivers Briefing.

19 RACE STARTS

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

20 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, proceed at slow speed to the Muster area and await further instruction.
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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.

Charts

Admiralty Chart No. SC31-14567

Chart Datum Reference WGS84

A schematic drawing of the course is provided for your assistance

It is not to be used as a chart for navigational purposes.

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**Start Run Race 1 50 min + 1 Lap**

Muster Around Mark 1 (Standing Start) to Mark 5 1.1nm

*Followed by 6,7,8 to 1***Short Laps**

Mark 1	(To Port)
Mark 2	(To Starboard)
Mark 3	(To Port)
Mark A	(To Port)
Mark 7	(To Starboard)
Mark 8	(Port)

Finish Line is located between 8 and 1

Start Run Race Race 2 & 3 25 min + 1Lap

Muster Around Mark 5 (Rolling Start) to Mark 1 1.1nm

Long Laps

Mark 1	(To Port)	0.0nm
Mark 2	(To Starboard)	0.11nm
Mark 3	(To Port)	0.49nm
Mark 4	(To Port)	0.63nm
Mark 5	(To Port)	1.82nm
Mark 6	(To Port)	1.94nm
Mark 7	(To Starboard)	2.60nm
Mark 8	(To Port)	2.90nm



22 PROTESTS

In accordance with class specific rules in PB1 2011

A protest fee of £200 is applicable to this event

23 PENALTIES

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

24 PRIZE GIVING:

Prize-giving will take place as per timetable in the Pier House Hotel Garden/restaurant.

Medals will be presented to **1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Class**

Admirals Trophy for best overall Performance

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 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.

27 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.

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 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.*