



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 29(T) of 2019

SailGP Foiling Catamarans Racing Regatta:

Thursday 8th August – Sunday 11th August 2019

This Notice replaces Local Notice To Mariners No. 25(T) 2019 which is hereby cancelled

Notice is hereby given that the **SailGP racing regatta** will take place on **Saturday 10th August** and **Sunday 11th August 2019**, with **practise days on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th August**. During this period six F50 foiling catamaran racing yachts of length 15 metres overall and capable of speeds over 50 knots will be racing in the Solent, in the approaches to Cowes Harbour, Southampton Water and within “The Precautionary Area” (Thorn Channel). Mariners should be particularly vigilant and should maintain an efficient lookout for large vessels and sailing vessels and, at all times, navigate with extreme caution in these areas.

Race Courses

The F50 catamarans are high performance, high speed craft and the racing is intended to use short-format races intended to be watched from a shore side grandstand by Egypt Point in Cowes with provision for waterborne spectators. Five race courses have been designed which can be used depending upon the wind speed and direction during the regatta. The course intended for a day’s racing will be laid and published on the Sail GP website <https://sailgp.com/races/cowes/>, Sail GP’s media channels, and Cowes Week Radio.

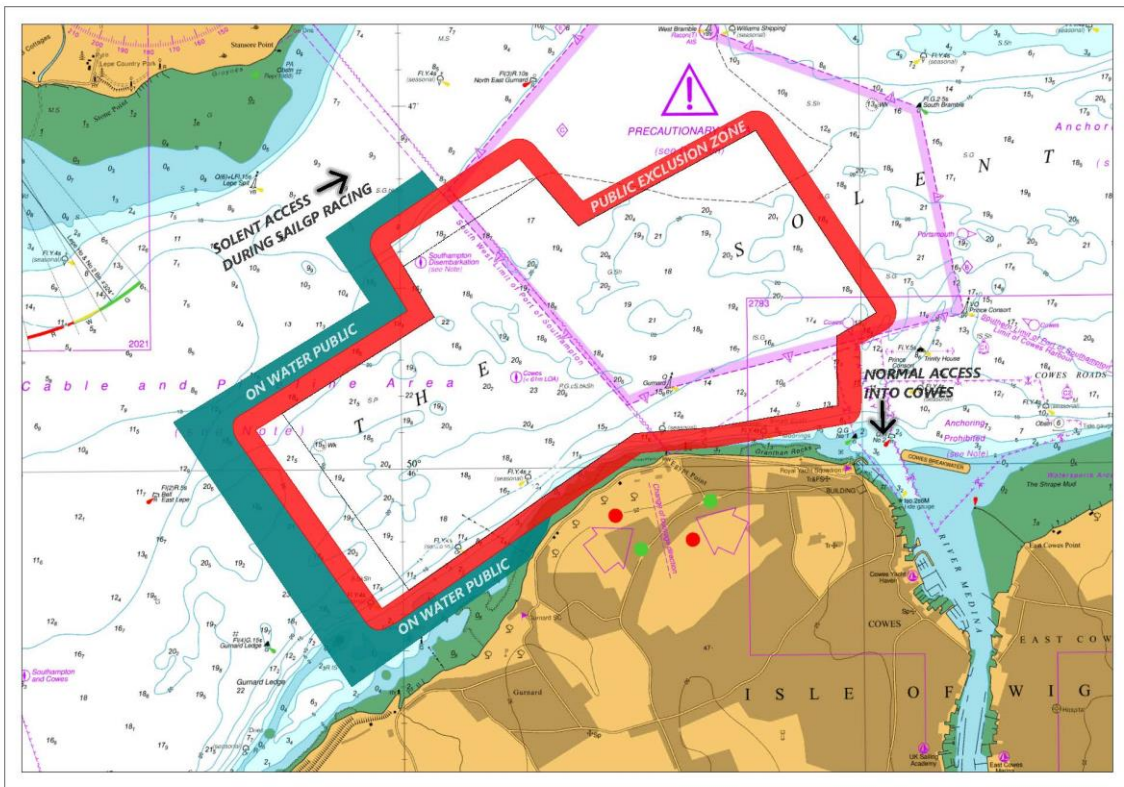


Figure 1: Representative Race Course and Exclusion Zone

Race and Exclusion Time Schedule

The Race Area and Exclusion Zone will be marked by 14 orange stake marks and the perimeter patrolled by a fleet of Race Safety Marshals to maintain safety for competing boats and spectator boats and other vessels in the Solent.

The Race Area, including the Exclusion Zone will be established between 1630 - 1900 on 8th, and 1400 - 1700 the 9th, 10th and 11th August. The competition days feature a total of five fleet races leading to a final match race between the two leaders. The start times for the six races are as follows:

Saturday, August 10:	Race 1	15:10
	Race 2	15:38
	Race 3	16:06
Sunday, August 11:	Race 4	15:10
	Race 5	15:38
	Race 6	16:06

Daily course and Exclusion Zone information can be found on the SailGP website:

<https://sailgp.com/races/cowes/>

Spectator Areas

On-water spectator areas are identified around the outside of the 'Exclusion Zone' and clear to the west of the Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel).

Race Course Characteristics

Each of the courses has the following characteristics:

They are approximately 1½ miles to windward / leeward and ½ mile across;

Access to and from the Western Solent will be maintained at all times by keeping close to the Lepe – Stanswood – Calshot shore;

The extremities which encompass the exclusion zones of all five alternative courses are bounded within an area 50° 47'.58 N – 50° 45'.52 N and 001° 20'.86 W - 001° 18'.00 W (indicated on the chartlet below).

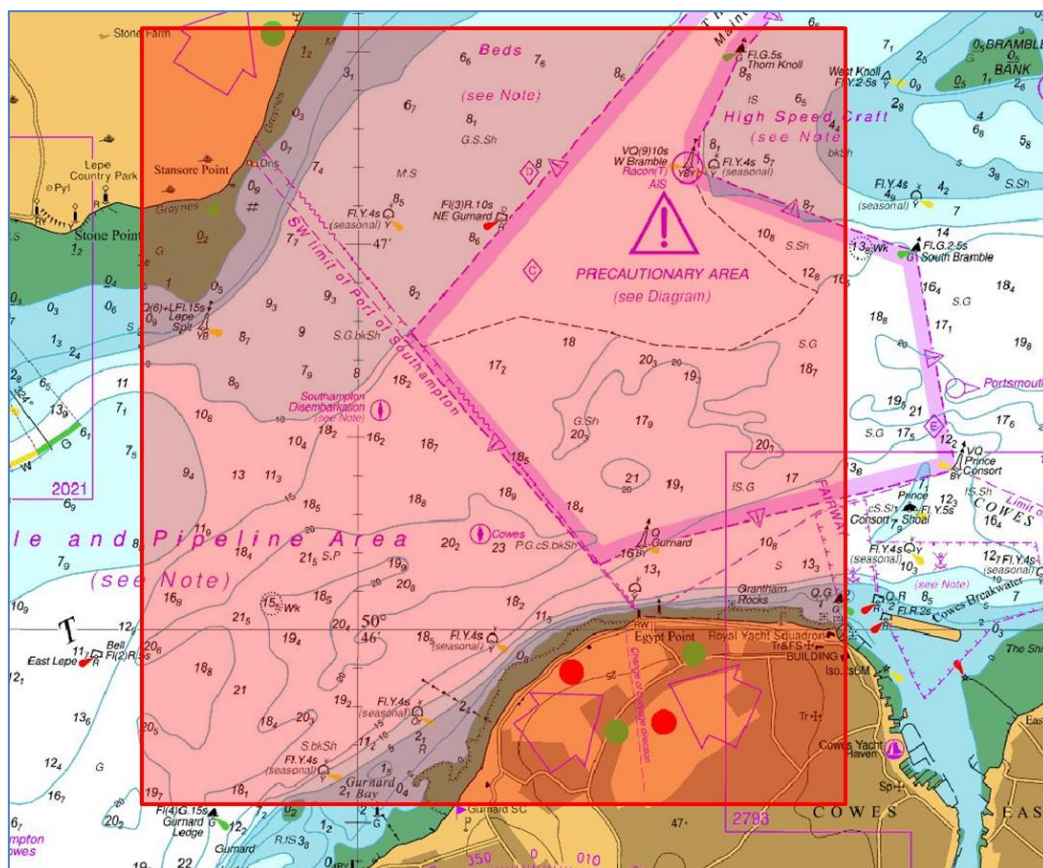


Figure 2: SailGP Cowes Race Area

Practise Days

The F50 catamarans are likely to be practising in the Solent 2nd – 8th August and during this practice period, the yachts are not limited to the area containing the race courses. No practice is scheduled for Wednesday 7th August.

Navigation within the Cowes Harbour and Fairways

Vessels may enter or depart Cowes via the main Fairway or the new dredged Eastern Channel depending upon their size and draught and the direction of approach or departure.

Whilst the Race Area and Exclusion Zones are in force there will be a Cowes Harbour exclusion zone between Egypt Point and the western limit of the Outer Fairway.

The Cowes Harbour “exclusion zone” will be enforced under Cowes Harbour Revision Order 2012 – Part 3 para 7 and 8.

Small craft including those racing or preparing to race should be vigilant for large and regular commercial traffic including Red Funnel vehicle and freight ferries, Red Jet passenger ferries, and cargo vessels navigating in the fairways. Small craft are reminded of their duty under Rule 9 of the Collision Regulations to avoid impeding the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.

This Local Notice to Mariners will be self-cancelling on Monday 12th August 2019.

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7th August 2019

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.