



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 33(T) of 2019

Cowes Offshore Powerboat Races: Sunday 25th August 2019

Notice is hereby given jointly by the ABP Southampton Harbour Master and the Cowes Harbour Master that the Cowes-Torquay-Cowes and Cowes-Poole-Cowes Powerboat races will take place on **Sunday 25th August 2019** at the times stated below.

Race Control will be located at the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and race officials will operate from there throughout the event. Up to 30 boats from 5m to 13m in length are expected to take part in the Cowes-Torquay-Cowes race and some boats are capable of reaching speeds in excess of 90 knots.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
Sunday 25th	Cowes-Torquay-Cowes	10:00
	Cowes-Poole-Cowes	10:15

Practice

Prior to the races, competitors may test their boats in the Western Solent between 14:00 and 15:30 on Saturday 24th August.

All boats are subject to Cowes Harbour speed limits and the requirement to produce no damaging or endangering wash.

Starts (see figure 1)

Participating vessels will depart Cowes Yacht Haven at approximately 09:15 on Sunday 25th August and conduct a low speed parade towards Egypt Point before turning east to muster off Old Castle Point by approximately 09:50.

At 09:58 the Cowes-Torquay-Cowes race boats will come into a pre-start formation abreast on the port quarter of the start boat, which will fly a Yellow flag and be positioned at the northern boundary of the race corridor. The fleet will then head west at speed passing between the Snowden race mark and Prince Consort Buoys before crossing the Outer Fairway and the RYS

line; at this point if the course ahead is clear the race will be started by displaying a Green flag from the start boat and the race boats will accelerate towards East Lepe passing to the north of the Gurnard North Cardinal Buoy. The fleet will remain within the north and south boundaries of the start run at all time (see Figure 1). All spectators and mariners are advised to remain outside of these boundaries for the duration of the start sequences.

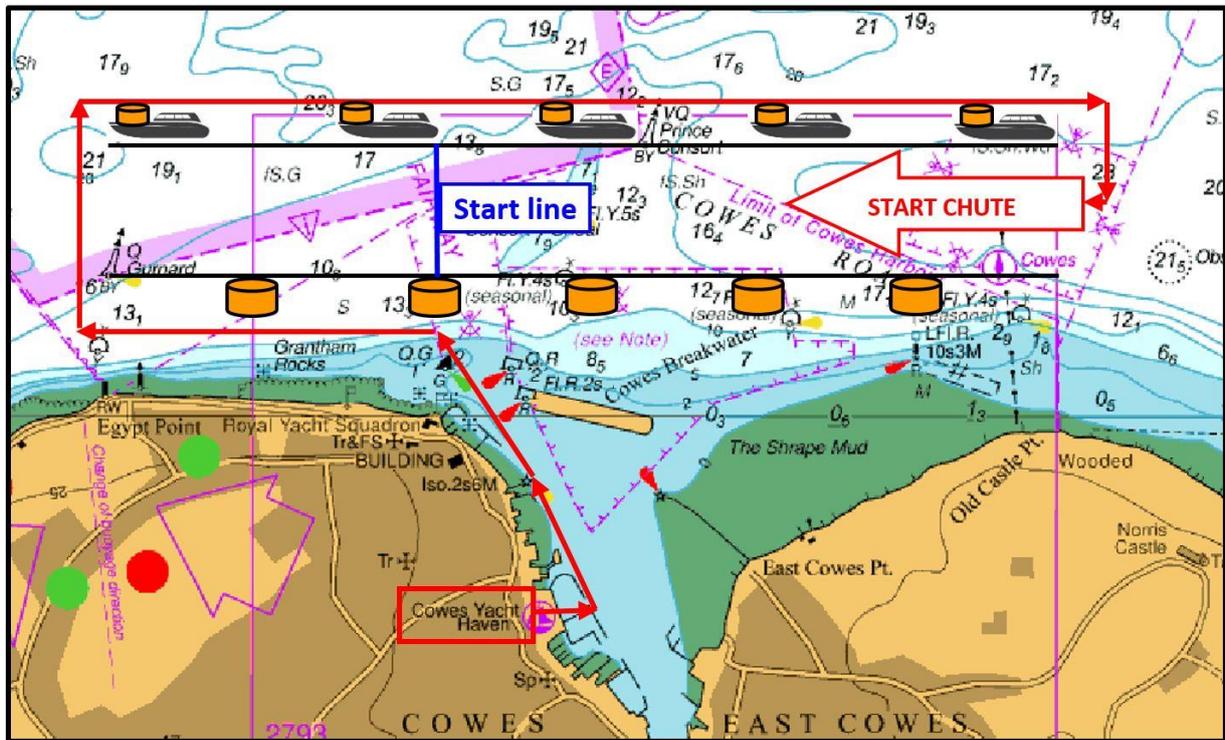


Figure 1: Start Line and Start Chute

This procedure will then be repeated for the Cowes – Poole – Cowes race start at 10:15. The start chute off Cowes will be lined with laid marker buoys to the south and the same buoys mounted to the bows of marshal boats to the north. The Cowes Harbour Master Launch will be stationed in the Outer Fairway monitoring VHF Channel 69.

Any vessels including commercial vessels and ferries wishing to use the Outer Fairway between 09:50 – 10:30 shall contact Cowes Harbour Radio on VHF Ch69 for clearance to proceed.

Finish

Both races will finish across a line between the Gurnard north cardinal buoy and a Committee Boat stationed approximately 1 cable to the north. Boats competing in the Poole race are expecting to finish between 11:15 - 13:30 and Torquay boats between 16:00 - 18:30. A safety patrol will be in the area; however, spectators or mariners who are not associated with the event are requested to keep well clear of the line. Craft participating in the race will be observed to ensure that they have come off the plane as soon as possible after crossing the finish line and proceed below 6 knots before entering Cowes Harbour.

Spectator Craft

These are high-speed races taking place on a potentially busy summer Sunday and, in the interests of safety, all craft not participating in the event are advised to keep well clear of the start and finish areas. All vessels should proceed with caution and keep a good look out whilst navigating in or near the areas of racing.

Race Marshal Patrol Boats

Race Marshals will patrol the area between the Muster Area and Gurnard Buoy for both starts. For the finishes, the area between the finish line and Cowes Harbour entrance will be patrolled by Race Marshals to ensure that the race boats are off the plane once over the line and at less than 6 knots before passing south and east of the Gurnard Buoy.

Race Marshall boats shall be identified by carrying a large yellow 'MARSHALL' flag as shown below:



The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (1972) as amended will take precedence over all other considerations at all times.

For further information on the event please visit <http://cowestorquaycowes.co.uk/>

This notice will be self-cancelling on 26th August 2019.

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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.