



SPIRIT YACHTS REGATTA 2024
Guernsey
Saturday 15th to Friday 21st June

Notice of Race (NoR)

Organising Authority – Guernsey Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The national prescriptions of the RYA.
- 1.3 The 2024 IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C.
- 1.4 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2024-2025 for Category 4 except as changed by this Notice of Race.
World Sailing OSR 3.09.1(a) (cockpit self-draining capability), 3.09.1(b) (cockpit sole above LWL) and 3.14 (pulpit, stanchions and lifeline) do not apply.
- 1.5 All boats shall comply with St Peter Port regulations and byelaws including VTS and traffic management regulation (see 'Port Information' at www.harbours.gg). Note that additional obligation apply to vessels over 20 metres (67').

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website at www.spirityachts.com/regatta from 1st June

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on the regatta website at www.spirityachts.com/regatta.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on international VHF channels 16, 37A (M1), 72 and 77.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats or that would constitute outside assistance.



4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The event is open to all monohull boats with a minimum of 30 feet length overall and designed by Sean McMillan and built for recreational purposes in wood/epoxy technique by Spirit Yachts between 1993 and 2024.
- 4.2** The event is open to all boats with valid IRC Racing Certificate and the IRC rating system applies to all boats racing in the event.
- 4.3** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form found at www.spirityachts.com/regatta-entry and submitting it online, together with a copy of the current IRC Rating Certificate and the required fee by 31st May 2024 to helen@spirityachts.com or:

Spirit Yachts Regatta 2024 Office
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- 4.4** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5** Late entries will be accepted until 1700 on 8th June 2024 on payment of an additional late entry fee of £250.
- 4.6** The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
- Maximum number of entries – 20 boats
 - Minimum number of entries – 9 boats..

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees, which exclude berthing costs, are £55 per metre or part metre of length overall and £150 per crew member for all social events.



6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1** [DP] All yachts shall be helmed during racing by the owner or a member of the regular crew, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 6.2** No World Sailing categorization requirements apply (see RRS 79).
- 6.3** [DP] One race in the series must be completed with a female helm who must helm from the preparatory signal until after the finish of the race. Race to be selected by the boat's regular helm and crew and the race committee shall be notified before the start of the selected race.

7 ADVERTISING [DP]

- 7.1** Boats and competitors shall only display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 7.2** The organizing authority will supply Spirit Yachts flags to be flown by participating boats whilst berthed in St Peter Port Harbour.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1** Not used.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1** Registration:

Date	From	To	Location
Saturday 15 th June	1200	1800	Marquee at Guernsey Yacht Club

- 9.2** Dates of racing, type of race, time of warning signal and target time for first boat:

	Race description	Warning signal from	Start line	Target time for first boat
Sunday 16 June	Inshore races 1 & 2	1055 & 1355	CV or castle line	2 hours per race
Monday 17 June	Coastal race	1055	CV or castle line	3 hours
Tuesday 18 June	Round Guernsey	0855	Castle line	5 hours
Wednesday 19 June	<i>Lay day/reserve day/match racing challenges</i>			
Thursday 20 June	Round Sark & Herm	0855	Castle line	5 hours
Friday 21 June	Long inshore race	0955	CV or castle line	3 hours

All times are British Summer Time (UTC+1).

On each day of scheduled racing no warning signal will be made after 1430.



- 9.3** For all races except the 'Round Guernsey' and 'Round Sark and Herm' races, entries are expected to be split into two fleets of approximately equal numbers – a 'big boats' fleet and a 'smaller boats' fleet, with the split based on IRC rating. In split races, the warning signal for the 'smaller boats' is expected to be displayed 10 minutes after the start of the 'bigger boats' fleet.
- 9.4** There will be one start for the 'Round Guernsey' and 'Round Sark and Herm' races.
- 9.5** The Organising Authority may amend the schedule of races if weather conditions dictate, in order to deliver the priority of races as shown below:

Race description	Priority
Round Guernsey	1
Round Sark & Herm	2
Coastal race	3
Long inshore race	
Inshore race 1	4
Inshore race 2	

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1** Boats shall register on Saturday 15 June and send an electronic copy of their IRC Certificate to helen@spirityachts.com prior to this date
- 10.2** [DP] Boats shall be available for measurement checks by an official IRC measurer and for equipment inspection from 0800 to 1800 each day. This period may be extended in the case of a protest.
- 10.3** The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the Notice of Race.
- 10.4** [DP] Boats shall carry a copy of their valid Certificate of Insurance (which must be in English) on board at all times during the event.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1** RRS 50.1 (b) (re weight of competitor clothing and equipment) does not apply.



12 VENUE

- 12.1** The venue of the event is St Peter Port and the race office will be in the Guernsey Yacht Club LBG, Castle Emplacement, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 1AU..
- 12.2** The location of the racing areas will be the Little Russell and surrounding waters of Guernsey, Herm and Sark.

13 COURSES

- 13.1** The types of courses to be sailed are shown in NoR 9.2.
- 13.2** The marks that may be used are a selection of specially laid inflatable marks, fixed racing marks, navigation marks and virtual marks.
- 13.3** World Sailing RRS Appendix WP (Rules for racing around waypoints) will apply if virtual marks are used in a course.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** RRS 44 (Penalties at the time of an incident) will be changed to a combined system of scoring penalties and penalty turns, details of which will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 14.2** RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

15 SCORING

- 15.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2** (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.



16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 There is no requirement for support person vessels to be marked.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18 BERTHING

18.1 [DP] All boats unless constrained by draught or length, or with the written permission of the organising authority, shall be berthed on the walk-ashore pontoon in the pool area of St Peter Port Harbour from 1200 on Saturday 15 June to 2359 on Friday 21 June. Additional fees are payable for berthing.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event, except with the written permission of the race committee for the purpose of checking for damage.

20.2 Diving or swimming in the confines of St Peter Port Harbour is strictly forbidden, except by diving companies licensed and authorized by Guernsey Harbours. Diving or swimming around boats is allowed at anchor in Havelet Bay.

21 DATA PROTECTION & PRIVACY

21.1 Spirit Yachts Ltd and Guernsey Yacht Club LBG, in compliance with General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR) will use information provided by competitors for the purpose of Spirit Yachts Ltd and Guernsey Yacht Club LBG event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.

21.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, filmed video or television of or relating to the event, provided they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.



22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their yacht to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Racing prizes will be given as follows:

- Overall winner – between series winners of Class 1 and Class 2, based on result in Priority 1 race or, if neither boat finishes that race, the Priority 2 race. If neither boat finishes the Priority 2 race, the winner will be decided at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- Class 1: winner, 2nd place and 3rd place
- Class 2: winner, 2nd place and 3rd place



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- Highest placed female helm – in the event of a tie, the result will be decided in favour of the result in the highest priority race.

Social prizes will be given as follows, assessed at the discretion of the Organising Authority:

- Spirit Cup winner: 'entering into the spirit of the regatta'
- Social animals
- Furthest travelled
- In need of a stiff drink

Prizes will be presented at the Regatta Dinner to be held in the Regency Room of the Old Government House Hotel on Friday 21st June.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1** Berthing for valid entries has been reserved on the 'walk ashore' pontoon in the pool area of St Peter Port Harbour from 1200 on Saturday 15th June to 1200 on Saturday 22nd June inclusive. See the entry form for berthing cost details. Additional nights before or after the event are to be paid direct to Guernsey Harbours.
- 25.2** The recommended charts of the racing area are Admiralty charts 807 and 808 or Admiralty Leisure Portfolio SC5604.
- 25.3** Social event tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be guaranteed for late entries.
- 25.4** For further information please contact Helen Porter helen@spirityachts.com +44 (0) 1473 214715 / +44 (0) 7544 701715 .

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