



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 26(T) of 2024

ROUND THE ISLAND POWER BOAT RACE - 18 MAY 2024

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN jointly by the King's Harbour Master Portsmouth, the ABP Southampton Harbour Master and the Cowes Harbour Master that the United Kingdom Offshore Power Boat Racing Association (UKOPRA) will race Round the Isle of Wight on **Saturday 18 May 2024**.

2. Approximately 25 power boats are expected to take part in the race. Competitors are expected to be travelling in excess of 50 knots. A full description of the race and its participants is available from the UKOPRA website (<https://www.ukopra.co.uk>). The following summary is provided for information purposes:

a. Vessels are expected to muster in the vicinity of East Lepe buoy in the Western Solent from 1200.

b. All vessels will start at 1230.

c. The anti-clockwise course around the Isle of Wight will be from the Eastern Solent, turning points for the race include The Needles Lighthouse, St Catherine's Point, Bembridge Ledge Buoy, No Mans Land Fort, North Sturbridge Buoy and Prince Consort Buoy.

d. The race is expected to complete by 1630.

3. The fleet will be escorted by marshal vessels which will be identified by flying UKOPRA logo flags.



4. Competitors and race officials will be listening on VHF channel 37/M1.

5. All participants have been directed to obey the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth speed limit and must be at least 1000 yds from the MLWS line when exceeding 10 knots.

6. All mariners are requested to keep a good lookout and pass well clear of vessels participating in this event.

This local notice to mariners will self-cancel on 19th May 2024.

Capt. Jon Kidd

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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.