

Local Notice to Mariners

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Round the Island Power Boat Race

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN jointly by the ABP Southampton Harbour Master, the Kings Harbour Master Portsmouth and the Cowes Harbour Master that the United Kingdom Offshore Power Boat Racing Association (UKOPRA) will race Round the Isle of Wight on Saturday 3 May 2025.

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 1330.
- b. All vessels will start at 1400.
- c. The anti-clockwise course around the Isle of Wight will be from the Eastern Solent, turning points for the race include Sconce Buoy, Bridge Buoy, St Catherine's Point, West Princessa, Bembridge Ledge Buoy, No Mans Land Fort, North Sturbridge Buoy, South Ryde Middle Buoy and Prince Consort Buoy, finishing at East Lepe.
- d. The race is expected to complete by 1600.

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

Competitors and race officials will be listening on VHF channel 37/M1 & 12.

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.

This Notice to Mariners is self-cancelling on the 4 May 2025.

**Steven Masters,
Harbour Master**