

Provisional NOR dated 16/08/26

Event: IOS Round the Island Race

Dates: Saturday 12th September 2026 - 'Round the Cans' racing

Sunday 13th September 2026 - Island Race

Place: IOS Sailing Club, Marine Parade, Sheerness ME12 2BE

Organising Authority: IOS Sailing Club <https://www.iossailingclub.com/>

1 Waiver of liability

1.1 IOSSC is providing this race only on the understanding that nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of helms and crews for their own safety and welfare; nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of a boat taking part in the race. The term organisers includes everyone helping to run the race and the event, and includes the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats, beachmasters and any volunteers assisting with the event.

1.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be entirely the responsibility of the helm racing the boat. Nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. In particular, helms shall: (a) accept full responsibility for their crews and for the seaworthiness and safe navigation of their boats and shall use their own judgment whether to start, continue or retire from the race in the existing or forecast conditions (see RRS Decision to Race); (b) draw the attention of their crews to the risks of racing and to this Waiver of Liability before the start of the race

1.3 Every boat should be capable of completing the course in whatever conditions are encountered. Particular note should be made of the possibility of being reliant upon your own resources for a protracted period, even returning after dark or in fog.

1.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the helm of his/her responsibilities.

1.5 All craft must have third party liability insurance (min. £3,000,000).

2 The Rules

Racing will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing the prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions and/or by the relevant class rules.

3 Conditions of entry and eligibility

3.1 The race is open to all dinghies, catamarans and sailboards, but any dinghy or catamaran without a Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) from either the [Current PY](#) list or the [Limited Data List](#) should contact the club before the day of the race to arrange a provisional number.

3.2 Helms must be 16 or over unless brief written evidence of competence/experience is submitted to, and approved by IOSSC beforehand. Under 18s should have an adult in the boat or be accompanied by their own dedicated safety boat. All dedicated safety boats must report to the Registration Desk when entry registers.

3.3 The organising authority reserves the right to reject any entry without stating a reason.

3.4 How to enter:

Entries will be only be accepted online via the Isle of Sheppey Sailing Club WebCollect website <https://webcollect.org.uk/iossc> .

3.5 Entry limit: 80 boats allocated on a first come/first served basis.

3.6 In the event of the race being cancelled, the organising authority may entirely at its discretion offer either a 50% refund of the entry fee and/or a discount to the following year's race.

3.7 Competitors must carry a GPS tracker provided by TracTrac location of tracker to be advised at registration.

3.8 Competitors must carry a suitable tow line and recommended to take an anchor.

3.9 It is recommended that a mobile phone is taken with them throughout the Island Race, details of phone number must be entered during online entry.

4 Fees

£55 before 1st September, £110 after 1st September. No entries will be accepted after 23.59 on the 9th September.

5 Advertising

A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

6 Safety

6.1 Adequate personal buoyancy for all crew members shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40.

6.2 Safety boats will give priority to the safety of competitors over preventing damage to boats or equipment.

6.3 All competitors shall sign by collecting their relevant wrist band for each sailor that is entered. The wrist bands are colour coded to denote helm/crew and medical information. They have the phone number of the sailing club which is to be used in the event of an emergency. All wrist bands must be returned once the person has either completed the race or retired. Until the wrist band is returned, the person will be deemed to be still at sea.

7 Registration

Saturday 12th September 10.00 Registration will take place in the main hall of the club from 10.00 for 'Round the cans' racing

Sunday 13th September Registration will take place in the main hall of the club from 7.30am on Sunday for the IOS Round the Island Race.

All competitors must register.

8 Event Schedule

Saturday 12th September 2025: Pre-Island Race 'Round the Cans' racing off the club, 3 races back-to-back. Sailing Instructions issued at registration.

Sunday 13th September Island Race: Competitors shall register with the Race Office at IOSSC from 07.30 on Sunday. The warning signal for the first start on Sunday will be at 09.55, with further staggered starts as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9 The Course

Saturday : Courses will be detailed in the clubhouse.

Sunday Island Race: The course will be a clockwise circumnavigation of the Isle of Sheppey starting and finishing through a line off IOSSC.

10 The Start

10.1 Saturday : First start not before 12noon.

10.2 Sunday: Island Race: The first start for sailing craft will be at 10.00 hrs, followed by 10.30, and 11.00 as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

11 Island Race Time Limit

Competitors must complete the course by 19.30 to be included in the final results.

12 Penalty System

Penalties shall be in accordance with RRS 44 excluding 44.3

13 Scoring

The current RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme will be used to score the event for dinghies and cats. Sailboards will be scored on elapsed time only.

14 Declaration

14.1 All competitors shall make their declaration by correctly returning their allocated wristband as instructed in the sailing instructions within 30 minutes of finishing, or within 30 minutes of coming ashore after retiring from a race before finishing.

14.2 Competitors who go ashore other than at the sailing club shall immediately telephone the race committee on 01795 663052 to report this.

15 Prizes

15.1 Island Race:

1st, 2nd, 3rd overall on PY

1st over the finish line

1st Sailboard on elapsed time

1st Multihull on SCHRS

1st Singlehander

1st Female helm

1st Under 16 helm

1st Monohull from each start on PY

1st IOSSC member over the line

1st IOSSC member on PY

15.2 Island Race: the organising authority hopes to award prizes by 20.00 hrs at the latest on the day, but reserves the right to allocate prizes after the event if necessary.

15.4 Saturday event prizes:

1st, 2nd, 3rd overall in series results.