

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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ThunderCat Powerboat Race Saturday 30th September 2017

This notice is issued jointly with the Cowes Harbour Commission to advise mariners that the Solent Long-haul ThunderCat Powerboat Race will take place on Saturday, 30th September 2017. Race Control will be at the Rising Sun in Warsash and Race Officials will operate from there throughout the event. Up to 12 boats (4m in length) are expected to take part in the Endurance event and the faster race boats may approach speeds of 50 knots.

Practices

There are no official practice sessions ahead of the race.

Starts

Participating vessels will depart Warsash at approximately 1200hrs, conduct a low speed convoy towards the Lepe Spit Buoy and then muster north east of the buoy before starting at approximately 1230hrs.



Figure 1: Muster and pre-start formation

Course

The vessels will race west from the Lepe Spit Buoy to Hurst Point, around the Sconce Buoy off Yarmouth and then back to the east passing Saltmead, around the Gurnard Buoy and back to the Lepe Spit. The race consists of two laps and then a short lap from Lepe Spit, West Lepe, Saltmead and Gurnard Buoys. See figure 2. There will be

a shortened course in poor weather conditions.



Figure 2: Race course

Finish

The finish will be at the Lepe Spit and the latest estimated finish time will be around 1500hrs.

Spectator Craft

These are high-speed races taking place in a potentially busy area of the Solent, in the interests of safety, all craft not participating in the event are advised to keep well clear of the start and finish area. 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 racing area and Cowes Harbour Patrol Officers will also be monitoring the area in the vicinity of the Gurnard Buoy.

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://www.thundercatracing.com/>

This notice will be self-cancelling on completion of racing on 30th September.

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre
Ocean Gate, Atlantic Way
Southampton**

**Captain M Phipps
Harbour Master**

26th September 2017

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.