

Local Notice to Mariners

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UKOPRA Solent 80 Powerboat Race

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN jointly by the King's Harbour Master Portsmouth, ABP Southampton Harbour Master, Langstone Harbour Master and the Cowes Harbour Master that the United Kingdom Offshore Power Boat Racing Association (UKOPRA) will conduct the Solent 80 powerboat race on Saturday 12 July 2025.

Approximately 20 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. The following summary is provided for information purposes:

- Vessels are expected to muster in the vicinity of the Roway Wreck beacon in the Eastern Solent from 1155.
- All vessels will start at 1215.
- The course will be from the Roway Wreck beacon, Pullar buoy then around the Isle of Wight. Turning points for the race include St Catherine's Point, Bridge buoy, North Head and other buoys in the Western Solent and its approaches. The race will finish in the vicinity of a special mark 3G Cowes Week 2026 to the south of the Beaulieu River entrance.
- The race is expected to complete by 1430.

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.

Mariners should be particularly vigilant and should maintain an efficient lookout, as per COLREGS Rule 5, for large vessels and sailing vessels and, at all times, navigate with extreme caution in these areas. Mariners are also reminded to not impede large ships displaying constrained by draft as per COLREGS Rule 9.

Mariners are reminded of the "Moving Prohibited Zone" as referred to in [Southampton Harbour Byelaws 2003 No11](#) and [General Direction 10](#) which refers to Clear Channel Vessels and Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel). More Information on this can be found in Local Notice to Mariners 2025 [No.06 Precautionary Area \(Thorn Channel\)](#).

This notice will be self-canceling on completion.

**Steven Masters,
Harbour Master**