

Offshore Circuit Racing Drivers Association

2025 Generic Race Instructions



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Please note: - These generic race instructions apply to all events unless overridden by the event specific race instruction. All competitors are required to have a full and detailed understanding of them and have a copy with them whenever they compete in an OCRDA event.



1. Event Approval

All events are approved by OCRDA under the auspices of the British Power Boating Association (BPBA).

2. **Licence Approval**
OCRDA and any other licence from a BPBA affiliated club as formally approved by the OCRDA committee.
3. **Competitors' Responsibility**
By signing into any OCRDA event, all competitors agree to abide with all the event specific race instructions and all current rules. In particular, all competitors should make themselves fully aware of the safety information at the end of this document.
4. **Organising Committee, Race Officials & Race Administration**
These will be detailed in the event specific race instructions.
5. **Race Jury**
As and when a race jury is required then one will be appointed with the appropriate skills in order to deal fairly with any situation needing to be addressed.
6. **Race Administration and Registration**
On arrival at the race site, all competitors must report immediately to the Race Administration. All competitors must produce the documentation required under the Rules or as advised beforehand having signed the relevant OCRDA paperwork. Competitors not in possession of the correct paperwork will not be allowed to race. **Please note, any team who needs to complete any Race Admin procedures other than sign on to race for the day MUST be in Race Admin no less than 30 minutes before the start of the published race briefing time. Failure to comply may result in admin processes not being completed and the team not being able to race.**
7. **Arriving at an Event**
All boats / Ski's shall arrive fuelled and ready to race unless permission given by the Race Director / Manager. Failure to do so may incur a financial penalty.
8. **Refuelling and Smoking.**
 - a) The transfer of fuel is only permitted in the pit areas with the permission of a race official and only with a suitable fire extinguisher. Smoking is prohibited in the dry pits, wet pits, and the launching area. These rules must be adhered to at all times; offenders will be penalised.
 - b) Refuelling between races - Unless detailed in event specific race instructions, briefing or permission given by the race committee there is to be **no** refuelling between races on the same day. All competitors must ensure that their fuel tank has sufficient capacity to complete the days racing allowing for any delays and restarts.
 - c) **All boats and Jet ski's must have their own suitable fuel / oil spill kits.**
9. **Testing**
Whether signed in or not NO testing is to take place without permission from one of the Race Managers or the Race Director. Failure to comply will result in a financial penalty.
10. **Pre-Race Scrutineering**
All boats are to be scrutinised at each event prior to competing in any on water activity whilst signed on to the event. Any boat failing or not scrutinised will not be allowed to race. Scrutineering times will be as shown in the event specific race instructions timetable.
11. **Mandatory Briefing**
All competitors are required to attend a mandatory briefing, details of which will be given on the event specific race instructions.
Pre-event briefing notes will be issued prior to the event with event briefings as detailed in the event timetable or as advised otherwise. Penalty for absence will be disqualification from starting the race or other penalties as defined in Class Rules or by the race organisers.
Breathalyser and/or Drug tests may be given.
Whilst the race committee will consider the weather when assessing if it is deemed safe for a race to proceed, there will be no weather update included in the briefing and will be the responsibility of the competitors to check the weather conditions and how it may affect them and their safety.

12. **Course Details (including start run)**

A schematic drawing of the course will be provided with the event specific Race Instructions which is provided for guidance only and should not be used as a chart for navigational purposes. A description of the start run, the course and its marks will be given in the event race instructions as well as in the pre and event briefings. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure they identify all race marks and fully understand the course. **At some events a pit /extension lap may be introduced, if so, this will be clearly stated at the event briefing.**

13. **Course Familiarisation**

It is every competitor's responsibility to ensure they familiarise themselves and fully understand the course and its marks including the start run and any potential hazards. Should they need to familiarise themselves with the course on the water they should make a request to the Race Manager or Safety Control Officer either before or immediately after briefing. Some events may have a mandatory course familiarisation and if so, this will be detailed in the event specific race instructions.

14. **Launching**

Launching is the boat crew's responsibility and should not be undertaken before scrutineering, unless otherwise agreed. Crew members must escort their boat to and from the slipway to ensure a safe and clear path and to alert members of the public should they be at risk. **At no time are crew to be in or on the boat whilst going to and from the slipway or whilst any boat is being moved on the slipway. Please also ensure that at no time is there anyone behind a boat whilst it is on the slipway. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the safety and security of their boat at all times, especially during launch and recovery and keep in constant communication with the launch vehicle to avoid any accidents.** Competitors are reminded to comply with all local regulations concerning the use of the slipway. Details of launching and recovery for an event will be detailed in the event specific race instructions. Marshalling area and procedures will be given in the pre-event briefing.

15. **Noise and Speed Restrictions**

Competitors must obey all local regulations and Bye Laws relating to excessive speed and noise. Failure to observe local regulations may result in penalties being applied. All competitors are requested to refrain from starting their engines unnecessarily in both the dry and wet pits.

16. **Wet Driver Rule - (Does not include Jet Ski's)**

All competitors are reminded that if any crew member lands completely in the water (man overboard) the race will be stopped immediately in the same manner as a Red Flag which will be flown around the whole course.

17. **Flag Signals**

- a) Flag signals are fully described in the General Racing Rules. All Competitors must have a full understanding of all flag signals. If a competitor fails to acknowledge or take any appropriate action after passing 2 or more flags in any race they may be disqualified.
- b) **Any boat going within 10 Meters (Subject to available space) of a safety boat flying a RED or YELLOW flag WILL be penalised with a time penalty or a DQ.**

18. **Penalties**

All Infringements of the rules will incur a **minimum 2 minute penalty**. This may be increased by the Race Manager based on the nature of any infringement – For more details please refer to the rules.

19. **Post-Race Declaration**

At the end of the days racing all competitors must sign off in accordance with the rules and event requirements. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the results. Details of the signing off procedures will be given in the event specific race instructions or event briefing.

20. **Rules and Regulations**

All races will be run under current rules together with the event specific race instructions, race bulletins or event briefings. The Organisers reserve the right to change these Instructions at any time for safety reasons. Any infringement of the rules, Race Instructions, race bulletins or instructions issued at event briefings, may lead to disqualification or other penalties being applied. Organisers have the right to refuse entry to any boat which they consider unsuitable and/or which does not conform to the requirements of the current rules.

21. **Cancellation of an Event or Race**

The Organisers or race officials may cancel or postpone an event or a race at any time in the event of bad weather, equipment failure or otherwise. Should this happen, entry fees will not be refunded.

22. **Rubbish**

All boats shall have their own suitable means of storing their rubbish (e.g. black sacks) and shall properly dispose of it at the end of the weekends racing.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Safety takes priority over racing at all times.

All race boats MUST always observe the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCS).

- a) Swimmers, board sailors, private and commercial craft of all types may be encountered during a race and Competitors are reminded to keep a sharp look-out at all times and take the necessary avoiding action.
- b) Competitors are also reminded to keep a sharp look-out for any marine wildlife that may be encountered in the vicinity of the course and take the necessary avoiding action.
- c) Competitors are warned to remember their speed and the fact that other craft may not be fully aware or able to keep clear.
- d) Competitors are asked to bear in mind that official patrol and rescue boats have no power to insist that any craft or swimmer should keep clear of the course of the race and advice can only be given for the safety of other craft and swimmers.
- e) International Code Flag 'A' denotes DIVERS. Competitors must give a wide clearance of at least 100 metres.
- f) The course will be patrolled by official patrol and rescue boats with (if necessary) official observer boats.