



Guernsey Yacht Club “Alderney Races” 2026



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

General

The Event

The Event comprises of two races:-

Race 1 is a Pursuit Race from Guernsey to Alderney on Saturday 8th August 2026

Race 2 is a Race from Alderney to Guernsey on Sunday 9th August 2026

A £20 entry fee will be payable per boat

Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the Guernsey Yacht Club LBG (GYC).

Rules and Safety Requirements

The Event will be governed by:-

- a) the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS) and the prescriptions of the RYA;
- b) the Notice of Race;
- c) Sailing Instructions and amendments thereto.

Minimum Safety Requirements:- ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 (with liferafts) or in accordance with GYC Sailing instruction number 18.

Eligibility, Entry and Entry Fees

The Regatta is open to yachts that satisfy the Minimum Safety Requirements above.

Multihulls shall only race in the Multihull Class.

Race Programme		Start (BST)	HW (BST)		
Saturday 8th August	Race 1 – Pursuit Race - Guernsey to Alderney	12.30*	Gsy	14.47	7.1
Sunday 9th August	Race 2 – Alderney to Guernsey	09.00	Gsy	16.21	7.4

* Approximate time of first start

Classes

All yachts shall start together, except for Race 1, the Pursuit Race, see separate instructions for this race. Should numbers allow there will be two Monohull Classes, Racer and Cruiser classes.

Handicaps, Scoring and Prizes

All races will be sailed using the Channel Island Handicap System (CIHS), the same handicap system used for the Inter Island race. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply and all races shall score equal points. Prizes will be awarded for each race and prizes will be awarded for the overall results. Both races will count towards the overall series results and there shall be no discard.



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Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the Race Organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

Insurance

Each yacht shall be insured for third party liability in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

PROVISIONAL SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Saturday 8 th August	Meal at “The Moorings” 1800 *
Sunday 9 th August	Individual races and Overall prizegiving at the GYC at 1600*
	*Times to be confirmed.

Race 1 - Guernsey to Alderney Pursuit Race on Saturday 8th August 2024

1. Notices

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Notice Board at the Guernsey Yacht Club.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Notice Board before 19.00 on the day before the race or posted on the GYC Yachts WhatsApp Group.

3. Course

Guernsey to Alderney, leaving Alderney to Starboard.

4. Start Times - Time of First Start 12.30 (approx)

The start time for each yacht will be posted at the GYC by 19.00 hours on Friday 7th August 2026.



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There may not be a race officer present, so it will be the responsibility of each Skipper to start on their allotted time using GPS times. If a Race Officer is present, a countdown for each yacht may be announced on VHF Channel 37 and a sound signal for each start may be made.

8. Starting Line - Guernsey

The Start Line is the usual GYC line, being an extension of a line indicated by triangles on the S.E. corner of Castle Cornet, the eastern end of the line is marked by a buoy, mark D, approximately 200 metres east of the castle, which must be left to starboard. If Mark D is missing use Mark U.

9. Finish Line - Alderney

The finish line is an extension of the outside (NW) wall of the main Alderney Breakwater, leaving the Breakwater within two cables to starboard.

10. Time Limit

The time limit is 16.30hrs but Rule 35 is modified in that any yacht still racing at 17.00hrs shall retire immediately.

All skippers must take their own GPS finishing times and subsequently complete and return the attached race declaration to the ASC as soon as possible on arrival in Alderney. Declarations can also be submitted on the GYC Yachts WhatsApp group. A boat failing to comply may be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). The race committee reserves the right to accept late declarations at its sole discretion.

11. Retirement

Any yacht which retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable, either by informing the Race Officer in Guernsey or in Alderney as the case may be, upon arrival.

12. Protests

Any protests must be handed in with the Declaration Form at the ASC within one hour of crossing the finishing line. An adhoc protest meeting will be arranged as soon as possible for immediate determination of the issue. Protestee and protestor must hold themselves readily available for the Protest Committee.

13. Individual Recall

ISAF Rule 29.1 is modified as follows: If a race Officer is present, premature starters shall be recalled by the display of an orange disc and one sound signal to draw attention. The yacht's name or sail number may be announced on Channel 37, VHF. The orange disc will be displayed for 5 minutes or up to the time of the next start, whichever occurs first.

Any yacht failing to start correctly may have 10% added to their elapsed time if they are not disqualified by the Race Committee. Responsibility for correct starting rests with the Yacht Helmsman.

14. Two boats to start or no Race



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Race 2 – Alderney to Guernsey Race on Sunday 9th August 2026

1. **Notices**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Notice Board at the Alderney Sailing Club.

2. **Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Notice Board before 19.00 on the day before the race or posted on the GYC Yachts WhatsApp Group.

3. **Course**

Alderney to Guernsey, leaving Alderney to Port.

4. **Start Time**

The start time is 09.00 on Sunday 9th August 2024.

The start will be counted down on VHF Channel 37 and sound signals may be made.

All yachts shall start together.

8. **Starting Line - Alderney**

The Start Line is the Alderney Sailing Club line between the end of the breakwater and Fort Albert Bunker. Yachts shall leave the Alderney Breakwater to Port.

9. **Finish Line - Guernsey**

The Finish Line is the usual GYC line, being an extension of a line indicated by triangles on the S.E. corner of Castle Cornet, the eastern end of the line is marked by a buoy, mark D, approximately 200 metres east of the castle, which must be left to port. If Mark D is missing use Mark U.

10. **Time Limit**

The time limit is 15.00hrs but Rule 35 is modified in that any yacht still racing at 1530hrs shall retire immediately.

All skippers must take their own GPS finishing times and subsequently complete and return the attached race declaration to the GYC by 16.00. Declarations can also be submitted on the GYC Yachts WhatsApp group. A boat failing to comply may be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). The race committee reserves the right to accept late declarations at its sole discretion.

11. **Retirement**

Any yacht which retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable, either by informing the Race Officer in Guernsey or in Alderney as the case may be, upon arrival.



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Any protests must be handed in with the Declaration Form at the GYC within one hour of crossing the finishing line. An adhoc protest meeting will be arranged as soon as possible for immediate determination of the issue. Protestee and protestor must hold themselves readily available for the Protest Committee.

13. Individual Recall

ISAF Rule 29.1 is modified as follows: Premature starters shall be recalled by the display of Flag X and one sound signal to draw attention. The yacht's name or sail number may be announced on Channel 37, VHF.

Any yacht failing to start correctly may have 10% added to their elapsed time if they are not disqualified by the Race Committee. Responsibility for correct starting rests with the Yacht Helmsman.

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DECLARATION - Race Number 1 - Guernsey to Alderney Pursuit

Sail Number _____

Boat Name _____

Skipper _____

Finishing Time _____ Hrs _____ mins _____ secs

Please take time from GPS or other accurate source

Sail No. and name of boat ahead _____

Sail No. and name of boat astern _____

Family Crewed Boat? YES / NO Bilge Keel? YES / NO

Double Handed? YES / NO Multihull? YES / NO

Signature of skipper _____

Failure to complete declaration will result in disqualification

Please whatsapp this form to Chris Sharp and hand in to Alderney Sailing Club when you arrive.



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DECLARATION - Race Number 2 – Alderney to Guernsey

Sail Number _____

Boat Name _____

Skipper _____

Finishing Time _____ Hrs _____ mins _____ secs

Please take time from GPS or other accurate source

Sail No. and name of boat ahead _____

Sail No. and name of boat astern _____

Family Crewed Boat?	YES / NO	Bilge Keel?	YES / NO
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Double Handed?	YES / NO	Multihull?	YES / NO
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Signature of skipper _____

Failure to complete declaration will result in disqualification

Please Whatsapp this form to Chris Sharp and hand in at the GYC when you arrive.