

## NOTICE TO MARINERS No 50(T) of 2024 Port of Southampton

### Round the Island Power Boat Race

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN jointly by the King's Harbour Master Portsmouth, the ABP Southampton Harbour Master and the Cowes Harbour Master that the United Kingdom Offshore Power Boat Racing Association will race Round the Isle of Wight on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
2. Approximately 25 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 United Kingdom Offshore Powerboat Racing Association website (<https://www.ukopra.co.uk>). The following summary is provided for information purposes:
  - a. Vessels are expected to muster in the vicinity of East Lepe buoy in the Western Solent from 1200.
  - b. All vessels will start at 1230.
  - c. The anti-clockwise course around the Isle of Wight will be from the Eastern Solent, turning points for the race include The Needles Lighthouse, St Catherine's Point, Bembridge Ledge Buoy, No Mans Land Fort, North Sturbridge Buoy and Prince Consort Buoy.
  - d. The race is expected to complete by 1630.
3. The fleet will be escorted by marshall vessels which will be identified by flying UKOPRA logo flags.
4. Competitors and race officials will be listening on VHF channel 37/M1.
5. All participants have been directed to proceed at a safe speed of less than 30 knots in Southampton Water to/from the main event and will proceed in escorted groups of no more than 10 vessels and obey the ABP Port of Southampton speed limits when outside of Southampton Water.
6. All mariners are requested to keep a good lookout and pass well clear of vessels participating in this event.
7. Cancel this Local Notice to Mariners 19 May 2024.

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

**Steven Masters  
Harbour Master**

10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.**