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# The Peters & May FAST BOAT RACE

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43 of the fastest UK catamarans entered for the inaugural Peters & May 'Fast Boat Race' at Weston Sailing Club, Southampton on the weekend of 5-6th August.

With a wide expanse of sailing water available right outside the Club and large field alongside, Weston proved to be the ideal venue for this long distance race.

For the practice race on Saturday a short course was arranged from Weston to a mark in the mid Solent and back. In the light conditions this proved to be a tricky tactical race, testing the fleet with changing tide and wind conditions.

After a general recall forced by the competitive sailors, the Fast Boat Race on Sunday got away on a downwind leg, in very light conditions. The long first leg soon spread the fleet, but they closed again at the turning mark at Portsmouth. Early leaders went for the Island shore but lost out to others sailing in fresher winds on the mainland shore.

By Beaulieu the wind had built to a fresh force 4 sea breeze and the fleet turned onto a fast, three sail reach for home. Leaders were frustrated when the wind turned off in Southampton water and they had the unenviable task of watching the fleet close from behind at 17 knots!

Most of the main fleet finished within 20 minutes of the leaders, making for a close finish at Weston's line, and giving the advantage to the lower rating catamarans.

This first Long Distance Catamaran Race, sponsored by Southampton based Peters & May Ltd. (specialists in Marine Shipping) has proved to be a great success and dates for the 2007 race will be announced shortly.

### Fast Boat Race Results

1st	Spitfire	Chris Sproat	Georgina Burke
2nd	F18	Chris Rashley	Alan Sign
3rd	F18	Stuart Gummer	Ellen Forshaw

1st	Tornado & Line Honours		
	Grant Piggott & Greg Windle		
1st	F 18	Chris Rashley	Alan Sign



Pictures: Wide selection available.

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## 4.0 BRIEFING & START TIMES

- 4.1 There will be a briefing WSC Clubhouse 12.00 hrs on Saturday 5th May 2006
- 4.2 Sat. 5th Start Practice Race : 14.30 HW: 8.35 Height: 3.7m
- Sun 6th **FAST BOAT RACE** : 11.00 HW: 09.51 Height: 3.8m

## 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

Notices will be placed on the official notice board in the foyer of WSC. WSC boats will fly Peters & May Flags and may be used to shorten or finish the race. The Race Committee may broadcast to support boats on VHF Channel M 1/2 or 77.

## 6.0 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 Safety disks will be issued on launching and **MUST** be returned after the race. If you do not return to WSC then you **MUST** ring the Club and confirm that you have retired.
- 6.2 Wetsuits or drysuits and buoyancy aids must be worn whilst racing.
- 6.3 A length of line at least 15 metres long and suitable for towing must be carried.
- 6.4 All competitors are required to carry a compass and mobile phone (secure & watertight ) for emergency use. Security telephone numbers will be issued at the briefing.
- 6.5 GPS units may be used. This changes the RRS.
- 6.6 A small emergency flare pack is strongly recommended.
- 6.7 A safety knife to cut ropes or trampoline is strongly recommended.

## 7.0 CLASS FLAGS

Class Flag for the start will be code flag C.

## 8.0 START AREA, COURSE & MARKS

- 8.1 The start area will be off Weston Shore to the North of the Clubhouse. There will be one start. Start line marks will be yellow triangular inflatable marks.

## 8.2 PROPOSED COURSE:

	(LAT / LONG - GUIDE ONLY)
WSC Start	Off Weston Shore
Coronation (std)	5049.55N 00117.62W
Browndown (std)	5046.57N 00110.95W
Gilkicker - Royal Albert (std)	N50.46.26 W01.08.76 .
Mother Bank (std)	5045.49N 00111.21W
Prince Consort (std)	5046.42N 00117.59W
Peters & May Gate (P&M port - WSC yellow mark Std)	5046.13N 00122.19W
Hurst - Echopilot (port) Yellow spherical buoy with X topmark, 0.4 miles NE of Hurst Light.	
Peters & May Gate (P&M Std - WSC yellow mark Pt)	5046.13N 00122.19W
Weston Finish Line	Weston Sailing Club
Total course length	Approx 40nm

## SHORTENED COURSE:

- 8.3 The course may be shortened at the P&M westbound gate. If an S flag is flying from a WSC boat - the race is shortened, go through the gate and proceed to the WSC finish line. If an S flag is flying with a BLUE flag from a WSC boat - the race is shortened and will finish here.
- 8.4 The course with any modifications will be announced at the briefing on Saturday.

## 9.0 NAVIGATION

- 9.1 It is strongly recommended that all competitors stay outside the deep water navigation channel in Southampton Water on their way to Coronation Mark. Keep clear of, and give way to all shipping.
- 9.2 When crossing from Gilkicker to Mother Bank Spit, and when passing Cowes, keep clear



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of all ferries and other shipping movements.

From Peters & May Mark and Weston Finish, you MUST remain to the WEST side and OUTSIDE of the deep water channel until you have passed Calshot Tower, after which you should cross over to the Hamble side as quickly as possible before passing Fawley.

## 10.0 STARTING

10.1 Starting signals will be in accordance with ISAF Rule 26, System 1.

10.2 The Start Line will be between two WSC yellow tetrahedron inflatable marks.  
The Committee boat and a Rib will be positioned at each end.

## 11.0 RECALLS

Individual recall will not be made.

All those identified as being over the line during 1 minute before the start who do not return will carry a 15 minute penalty to their overall time.

Those over prior to the 1 minute rule, who do not return **will be disqualified**.

This changes ISAF Rule 29.2.

General recall will be as in ISAF Rule 29.3.

## 12.0 FINISHING

The finish line will be between the Start Box at WSC and an orange inflatable mark laid offshore.

## 13.0 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the Fast Boat Race will be 7 hours (Last finish 18.00 hrs)

Yachts finishing outside this time limit will be scored DNF (This alters ISAF Rule 35).

## 14.0 FLAG SIGNALS

There will be no flag signals ashore.

There may be flag signals from WSC Ribs flying the Peters & May Flag

## 15.0 RETIREMENTS

Yachts retiring MUST inform the Race Committee as soon as possible, either by mobile to Safety Control: (Numbers TBA) or to any WSC RIB, or to the WSC Start Box.

Failure to do this may cause considerable effort by our safety team searching for you!

## 16.0 PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged, in writing, within 30 minutes of your finish together with a fee of £40 (as a donation to the Safety Team or RNLI).

Protest will be heard at a date and time to be notified in writing to the relevant parties.

## 17.0 SCORING

Scoring for overall position will be based on the SCHRS handicap system

## 18.0 RESULTS & PRIZE GIVING

Results will be issued as soon as possible after the finish of the race.

The PRIZE GIVING will be held as soon as possible after the event.

## 19.0 SAFETY NOTICES

Nothing contained within these Sailing Instructions removes the onus on all competitors to acquaint themselves with both navigation charts and notice to mariners appropriate to waters to be sailed.

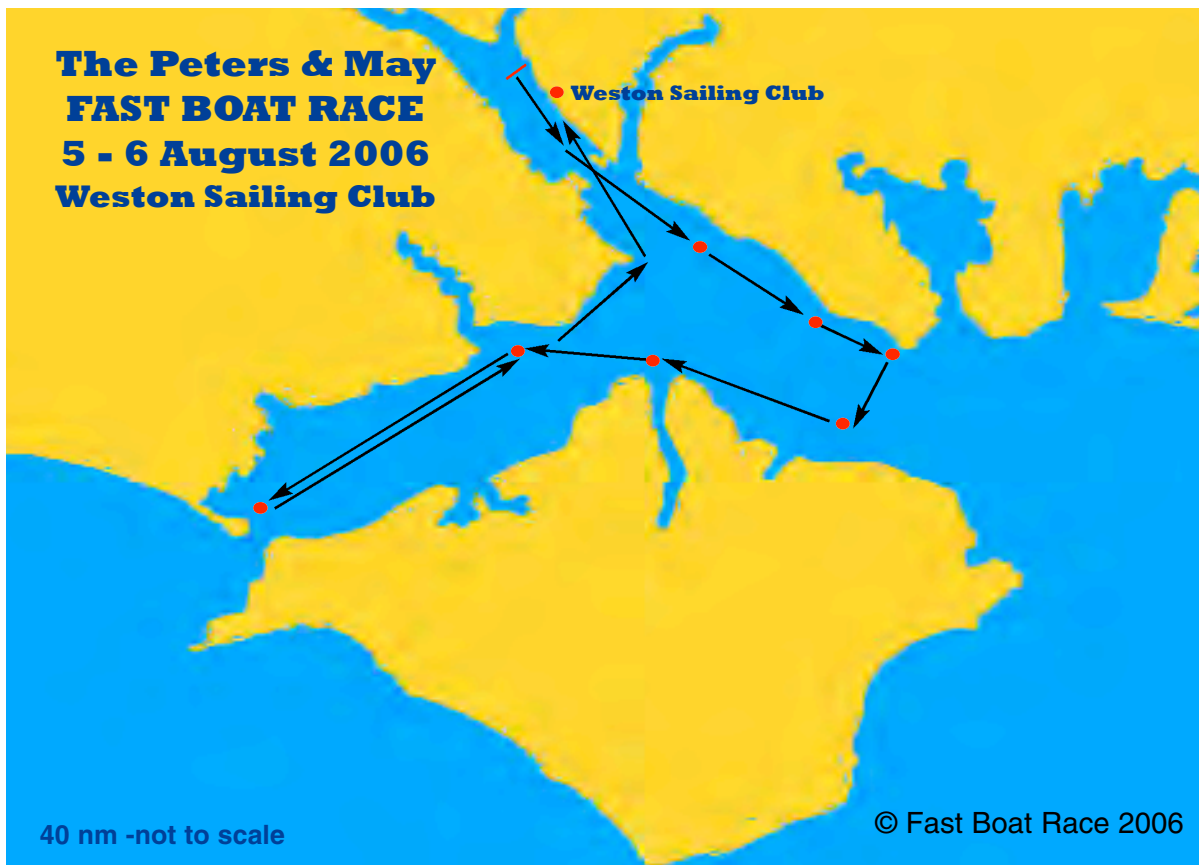
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## OTHER INFORMATION

Plans of the Solent and Shipping areas of concern  
<http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/plans.htm>

Live weather stations around the solent  
<http://www.sotonmet.co.uk/default.shtm>

Inshore forecast  
<http://www.meto.gov.uk/datafiles/inshore.html>

Wind Map  
<http://www.XCweather.co.uk>

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