



Coves yacht club

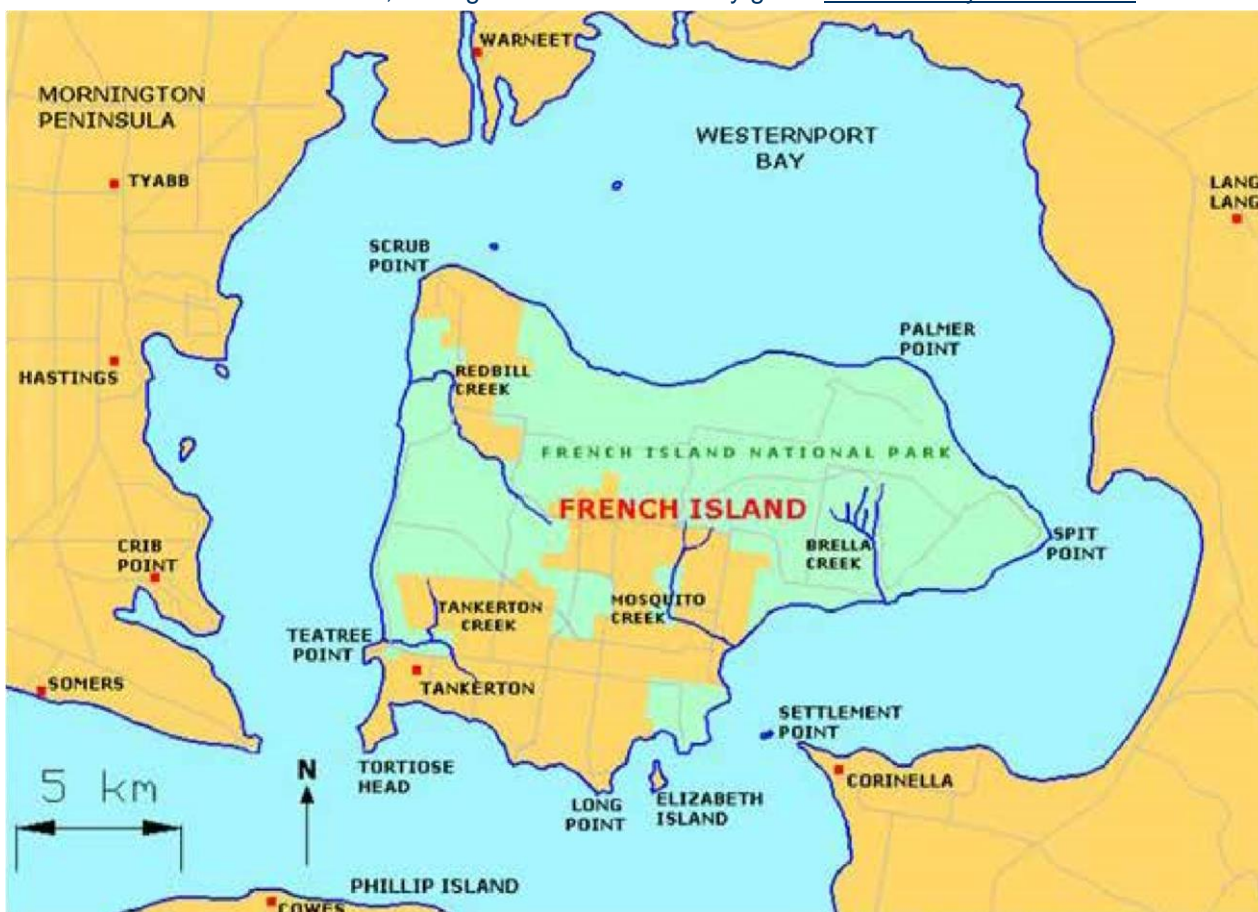


## NOTICE OF RACE

### Around French Island Catamaran Challenge

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 1200hrs

For all Off the Beach catamarans with a handicap of 82 and under  
For more information, Sailing Instructions and entry go to: [www.covesyachtclub.com](http://www.covesyachtclub.com)



#### 1. Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Officer of the Day on the first floor of the club approximately 45 minutes before the scheduled race start time.

#### 2. The Race

The Race will start Le Mans Style in front of Cowes Yacht Club at 1200hrs with a warning signal at 1155hrs ESDST. The aim is to circumnavigate French Island within a 7.0 hour time limit. (With a 3 1/4hour cut off at the approximate half way rounding mark). The time limits may be extended at the discretion of the Race Officer of the Day.

#### 3. The Rules

The race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing and the Australian Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats plus each Class Association regulation, except as any of these are altered by Cowes Yacht Club sailing instructions.

#### 4. Eligibility

4.1 All boats entered must be multihulls and have a current Australian Sailing yardstick of 83 or under and must carry three litres of water per crew person plus one waterproof LED torch as a minimum. Catamaran righting lines must be installed and functional.

4.2 The installation and use of the Traccar GPS position tracking system is mandatory. All craft must have on board a waterproof mobile phone capable of sustained operation for the duration of the race that can run the Traccar GPS positioning client. Entry in the race will be refused if this eligibility criteria is not met. Details regarding how to install the Traccar client are on the [cowsyachtclub.com](http://cowsyachtclub.com) website.

4.3 The carrying of a VHF marine handheld waterproof radio and/or a Personal Locator Beacon is highly recommended but not mandatory for this event.

#### 5. Entry fee and form

The entry fee is \$50.00. Late entry Fee is \$75, this must be paid in full to Cowes Yacht Club no later than 60 minutes before the start of the race. Online entry and fee payment is available, please see [cowsyachtclub.com](http://cowsyachtclub.com) website for online entry links. In the case of a late Entry the entry form must also accompany the entry fee.

#### 6. Presentations

Results will be held at 7:00pm at Cowes Yacht Club.

A perpetual trophy called the "Cowes Isle of Wight" trophy is presented for first prize at the Yachting Westernport AGM. Other prizes and trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee and the Officer of the Day.

#### 7. Boats and trailers

To assist competitors, boats may be left at Cowes Yacht Club on the weekend before the race through to the following Sunday after the French Island Catamaran Challenge.

#### 8. Provision for resail

Provision for resail due to extreme weather will be **advised by the Officer Of the Day {OOD} or advised in the Cowes Yacht Club Sailing Calendar.**