



Coves yacht club



NOTICE OF RACE

Around French Island Catamaran Challenge

Saturday 5th January 2019 at 1000hrs

For all Off the Beach catamarans with a yardstick handicap of 83 and lower.
For more information, Sailing Instructions and entry go to: www.covesyachtclub.com



1. Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Officer of the Day on the first floor of the club approximately 30 minutes before the scheduled race start time.

2. The Race

The Race will start Le Mans Style in front of Coves Yacht Club at 1000hrs with a warning signal at 0955hrs 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 Yachting Australia Special Regulations and each Yacht Class Association concerned, except as any of these are altered by the race 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 fully charged 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 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.

4.4 Each boat or skipper in charge of a boat must have valid racing insurance that provides third-party legal liability cover to a minimum level of \$10,000,000.

5. Entry fee and form

The entry fee is \$50.00 up until 24 hours before race start time. Late entries will be accepted from 24 hours before race start time up until 1 hour before race start time. The late entry fee is \$75.00. It must be paid in full to Cowes Yacht Club no later than 1 hour before the start of the race. Online entry and credit card fee online payment is available but not for late entries, please see cowsyachtclub.com website for online entry links. In the case of an on the day late Entry the entry form, the late entry fee and a photocopy of the boat insurance must also be attached to the late entry form.

6. Presentations

Results will be presented at Cowes Yacht Club as advised by the Race Officer on the day.

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.

A social event will commence on conclusion of the race at Cowes Yacht Club.

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 resale

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