



“FAST CATS” SHEARWATER TROPHY

Saturday 17th June 2017

Carey Olsen is delighted to sponsor for its second year, the **Carey Olsen “Fast Cats” Shearwater Trophy**, as a part of the **Carey Olsen Inter-Island Yacht Race** which this year will start in Jersey and finish in Guernsey.

The Inter-Island Yacht Race has achieved its status due to the dedicated efforts of the organisers and sponsors past and present. We are very grateful to Clive Le Tissier and his team at the Guernsey Yacht Club (“GYC”) for organising the race, for their enthusiastic support for Carey Olsen and for providing the facilities of the GYC for the award evening. Our thanks also to Steve Pearl and Chris Parlett of St Helier Yacht Club (“SHYC”) for use of their facilities for the race briefing and the start. Once again we hope to encourage as many participants as possible to join in what will be a fun-packed event for competitive as well as leisure sailors and in the evening there will be a meal, prize-giving, music and dancing.

There are separate Sailing Instructions for anybody interested in entering for the Shearwater Trophy and a separate Entry Form will need to be filled in which can be found on-line at www.gyc.org.gg from 1st May 2017.

Race Packs for both Jersey and Guernsey skippers for both races will be available on Thursday 16th June 2017. Guernsey entrants can collect them from the GYC before crews sail over to Jersey on the Friday and Jersey entrants from the SHYC.

The Champagne prizes have been donated by  Inventia Limited a Guernsey based financial services consultancy.

2017 PROGRAMME

Friday 16th June at St Helier Yacht Club

- **19:00 hrs** - the race briefing will be held at the SHYC.

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- **08:30 - 10:30 hrs** – bacon rolls, croissants, coffee etc. can be purchased at the cafés on the Albert Quay.
- **11:30 hrs** – the race will start. In accordance with the Sailing Instructions the time limit is 18:00 hrs.
- It is important to remember to submit your Declaration Form on arrival at the GYC **BEFORE** you relax and enjoy the bar facilities or the delights of St Peter Port.
- **15:00 hrs** Live Jazz on the Balcony at the GYC.
- **18:00 – 20:00 hrs** Supper will be available for holders of the supper vouchers between these hours – no set seating is allocated. Tickets can be booked on Part 2 of the Entry Form. The Supper Ticket price of £10 per head includes: a choice of Beef Goulash, Bean Jar, Chicken Curry or a vegetarian option plus a variety of Ice Cream.
- **20:00 – 20:45 hrs** Alex Ohlsson, Managing Partner, Carey Olsen, will present the prizes accompanied by Clive Le Tissier, Commodore of the GYC, and Steve Pearl, Commodore of the SHYC.
- **20:45 - 24:00 hrs** Live Music from the Space Pirates of Rocquaine at the GYC.

Last Year's Winners 2016

Shearwater Trophy Winner	Raven Russia – J Hamilton / B Garnham
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Photographs / Video

Louise Bennett-Jones will be taking photographs during the race. You will have the opportunity to place your orders on the night or alternatively orders can be placed lbennettjones@hotmail.com.

We are so looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces taking part in the race this year and look forward to your company during the evening's entertainment.

The Carey Olsen Team

CAREY OLSEN



“FAST CATS” SHEARWATER TROPHY NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority: Guernsey Yacht Club LBG (“GYC”)

HW St Peter Port: 12:30, 7.4m HW ST Helier: 12:20, 8.60m

PART ONE- GENERAL

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (“ISAF RRS”)
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association will apply
- 1.3 IRC Rules 2017 will apply
- 1.4 ISAF RRS 26, 29.1, 29.2, 35, A4 & A5 and 62.1 have been changed. The changes appear in full in Part Two – Race Instructions in clauses 12, 20, 21, 22 and 25.
- 1.5 IRC Rule 8.2 has been changed. The change appears in full in Part One – General clause 6.

2 ADVERTISING

ISAF Regulation 20.3 will apply

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Entry is open to all Catamarans with a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap (“PY”) faster than 814 and which comply with 3.1 below:

- 3.1 Each Catamaran shall:
 - a) comply with the safety requirements in their respective class rules,
AND
 - b) comply with IRC rule 24.3.5, however, under IRC rule 24.3.5 the term “life jacket” may be substituted with “adequate personal flotation device”;
AND
 - c) carry a working VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on CH 16 and CH 37/M1, a GPS or GPS chart plotter, 3 flare pack and a paddle.
- 3.2 All safety equipment must be in date and/or serviced in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions including, but not limited to, all lifejackets/personal flotation devices and flares.
- 3.4 Catamarans will not be permitted to race if, in the opinion of the Organising Authority, the weather conditions are unsuitable. The decision of the Organising Authority shall be final.

4 SAIL NUMBERS

All Catamarans are required to carry sail numbers on the mainsail. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

5 INSPECTIONS

The Organising Authority reserves the right to board and inspect any catamaran’s compliance with the Notice of Race at any time on the day of the race. Any catamaran refusing to allow the Organising Authority to inspect it or any non-compliance with the terms of the Notice of Race (in particular, Clause 3) by a catamaran will result in the immediate disqualification of the catamaran concerned.

6 ENTRY

Entry Forms can be found on-line at www.gyc.org.gg from 1st May 2017. Payment, of the Entry Fee must be made in accordance with the instructions on the Entry Form prior to the Closing Date which shall be:



Saturday 10th June 2017 at 12:00

Entry Fee £30 per Catamaran

Late entries will be accepted if received by 12:00 on Wednesday 14th June 2017 together with a Late Entry Fee of £60.

The price of Supper Tickets can be found in the letter accompanying these Sailing Instructions or on the Entry Form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

7 HANDICAPS

A PY handicap will be allocated to each Catamaran by the GYC Sailing Committee. The decision by the Organising Authority on handicaps shall be final. It is the responsibility of the Catamaran owners to bring to the notice of the Organising Authority any alterations which may affect handicaps.

8 ENTRY LIST

An Entry List will be posted at the St Helier Yacht Club ("SHYC") and on the GYC Website at www.gyc.org.gg as soon as possible after the close of entries, but no later than 21:00 hrs on the day before the race.

9 SCHEDULE OF RACE

Racing shall take place on Saturday 17th June 2017.

The scheduled time of the warning signal shall be 11:20 hrs.

10 PRIZES

10.1 The Shearwater Trophy is perpetual and will be awarded to the overall winner using the PY handicap system. Prizes will also be awarded to the Catamarans placed first, second and third.

10.2 A minimum of two starters is necessary to be eligible for a prize.

11 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 this 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 catamaran to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their catamaran 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 catamaran is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, support boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of support 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 familiarize themselves with any risks specific to the venue drawn to their attention in any rules and/or information produced and to attend any race and/or safety briefings held for the event;
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their catamaran is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and
- (i) Their catamaran is adequately insured with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims;



Neither the establishment of these conditions, their use by the Organising Authority, nor the inspection of a catamaran under these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor.



PART TWO – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

12 THE START

12.1 ISAF RRS 26 is modified as follows:

- 11:20 hrs Ten minute warning signal, International Code Flag C.
- 11:25 hrs Five minute preparatory signal, International Code Flag P.
- 11:30 hrs Start signal, Flags lowered.

The start may be counted down on VHF CH 37/M1

- 12.2 The start line will be between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and a large orange buoy as an outer limit mark. There will be an inner limit mark at the Committee Boat. Boats shall not pass between the inner limit mark and the Committee Boat at any time.
- 12.3 For identification purposes all Catamarans must, prior to the warning signal, pass through the start line with mainsail hoisted and clearly showing the Catamaran's sail number.

13 THE COURSE – The course will be **from Jersey to Guernsey** as follows:-

Start (See Rule 12.2 of these Sailing Instructions)
Grune De Port buoy to Starboard
Corbiere Lighthouse to Starboard
Lower Heads Buoy to Starboard
Finish (see Rule 14.1 of these Sailing Instructions)

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line is an extension of a transit through two triangles mounted on the east side of Castle Cornet. The outer limit mark will be the northern most yellow buoy (of two) approximately one cable east of Castle Cornet. The yellow buoy marks the outer limit of the finish line but does not necessarily form part of the finish line transit.
- 14.2 Each Catamaran shall record their elapsed time and finishing time and complete the Declaration Form noting the Catamaran (or boat) ahead and astern of them. The form shall be presented to the Race Office at the SHYC no later than one hour after finishing. Catamarans not declaring may be disqualified.

15 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the GYC and the SHYC

16 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 21:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

17 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the SHYC

18 CLASS FLAGS

The warning signal for shall be flag C



19 MARKS

The marks shall be the fixed navigational marks specified in the course described in Rule 13 of these Sailing Instructions.

20 TIME LIMIT

Catamarans failing to finish before 18:00 hrs shall retire immediately and will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes ISAF RRS 35, A4 and A5

21 INDIVIDUAL RECALL

ISAF RRS 29.1 is modified as follows: premature starters shall be recalled by display of International Code Flag X and one sound signal. The flag will be concealed when all Catamarans have started correctly.

22 GENERAL RECALL

ISAF RRS 29.2 is modified as follows: Catamarans shall be recalled by the display of first substitute and two sound signals. The five minute preparatory signal for a new start shall be made one minute after the flag is removed. Any Catamaran failing to start correctly may have 10% added to their elapsed time if they are not disqualified by the Organising Authority.

23 RETIREMENT

Any Catamaran retiring from the race shall:-

- 23.1 notify the Race Officer and their respective safety boat by informing them on VHF CH 37/M1 and advising the Organising Authority either in Guernsey or Jersey;
- 23.2 if proceeding to Jersey, pass close to the finish line whilst clearly showing sail number; and
- 23.3 hand in a Declaration Form at the GYC or SHYC within two hours of arriving in port.

24 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 24.1 Protest forms will be available from the SHYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit and all protests lodged must be accompanied by a £25 deposit that will be refunded unless the protest is found to be frivolous or vexatious.
- 24.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last Catamaran has finished the race. The same time limit applies to protests by the Organising Authority about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress
- 24.3 Notices will be posted within 90 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings to which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the SHYC as soon as possible after the Protest Time Limit
- 24.4 Notices of protests by the Organising Authority will be posted to inform Catamarans under ISAF RRS 61.1(b).

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 25.1 Prior to the start of racing Catamarans should maintain watch on VHF CH 37/M1 for any communication from the Organising Authority. Such communication may include a verbal countdown during the starting sequence. Non-reception of any message by any Catamaran shall not provide grounds for redress against the Organising Authority. This changes ISAF RRS 62.1
- 25.2 Boats are to maintain watch on VHF CH 16 whilst racing
- 25.3 Except in emergency, a Catamaran shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all Catamarans. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.



“FAST CATS” SHEARWATER TROPHY Declaration

Sail number	
Catamaran name	
Skipper's name	
Team name (if applicable)	

Finishing time (BST) (Please use an accurate time source such as GPS)	hrs	mins	secs
Elapsed time	hrs	mins	secs
Sail number and name of Catamaran (or boat) ahead			
Sail number and name of Catamaran (or boat) astern			

Did Not Start	YES / NO	Retired	YES / NO
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Signature of Skipper

Failure to complete a Declaration and deliver it to the GYC in accordance with Clause 14.2 may result in disqualification.