

TOPSL ROUND the ISLAND CHALLENGE

Start Time:

Must be within +/- 1 Hour Portsmouth HW. The intention is to sensibly replicate the Classic RTIR, hence the timing of the start. This makes the Western arm of the Solent always down tide. It also means that you can compare results from previous years directly with other yachts, by looking at the RTIR website results.

http://www.roundtheisland.org.uk/web/code/php/main_c.php?map=rir15&ui=rir4&style=std&override=§ion=results&page=results2015

Start Line:

RYS Flagstaff & Orange diamond on house behind-169° T. **This back mark may not always be raised, so use 169T to the flagstaff** – Williams Shipping is ODM (Outer Distance Mark). **The Start line may be close to a direct track between Thorn Knoll & RYS flagstaff. (169°T)**

Engine must be OFF 5 minutes prior to start.

Finish Line:

Must Finish East – West between Yellow Buoy Snowden & Trinity House Mooring Buoy (See Previous diagram).

While it might seem that a start / finish off Portsmouth entrance might have more utility, the RTIR always involves upwind / downwind sailing & down tide / up tide sailing. You usually need to “beat the tide” coming back up to the Cowes finish. This is a really important part of the course when much skill & judgment is needed to get a fast time. It gives a real yardstick to judge by.

Actually it doesn't take long to get back to home as it will be back with the flood every time, assuming a sensible elapsed time.

Recording:

Skippers must send me (chriswilliams@ntlworld.com) the following:

1. Yacht Name
2. Skipper Name
3. Date
4. Time of HW Portsmouth (Local Time).
5. Start Time – Nearest minute (Local Time).
6. Finish Time – Nearest minute (Local Time).

I will then input the data into a spreadsheet using the TCC for each yacht.

Carina: 0.919

Jocalia: 0.964

Elfida: 0.9672

The elapsed time taken is normally around the 9 Hour mark.

I await the figures with interest.

Bon Chance!

Chris Williams

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