

Notes for Race Officers

- Refer to the [Start Guide and Courses](#) to remind yourself of fleets etc.
- **Print off** the [RO Pocket GUIDE](#)
- Arrive WSC **at least 1 hour** before the start. All RIB crews must wear a buoyancy aid and be ready to go into the water in case of emergency.
- Check **weather forecast** and **tide** before selecting a course. Often it is necessary to be on the water and outside of the river to **check true wind direction**.
- **Consider combining starts** if less than 3 boats in any fleet.
- Target race duration is for each fleet is **75 minutes** for the **middle of each fleet** and all boats to be finished by sunset. When sunset is earlier this dictates race duration.
- Set an **appropriate course** and lap number for each fleet. For example, Medium should have same course as Fast with less laps or shorten to suit.
- It is easier to **set more laps** than needed **and shorten**, than it is to set the right number of laps before the start.
- **Brief RIB crews** of the local dangers and or risks for the session and where you would like each RIB positioned on the course before and during the race.
- **RIB crews MUST** have **Class** flags, **Shorten** course flags, means to **record finishers**.
- For outside finishes, consider downloading the free Timestamp Camera app to video the finish on your phone.
- Last RIB must not return to shore until all sailing **boats are safely accounted for**.
- **Report RIB defects** to defects@warsashsc.org.uk