

Willis Towers Watson 50th Sark2Jersey Rowing Race 2016

Briefing Sheet

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Race Particulars

#### Willis Towers Watson 50th Sark to Jersey Rowing Race 2016

Race Date: Saturday 2nd July

Start Time: 12:20

Race Procedures

#### Start Line

Dix Cart Bay, Sark from between La Conchee Rock (east end) and a 1.6m Yellow ‘Can’ Buoy at the west end.

#### Starter Signals

​5 minute warning: horn sounded and VHF Announcement (channel 6)

2 minute warning: large flag (western end) and VHF Announcement (channel 6)

​Start of race: a cannon gunshot/horns and VHF Announcement (with count down 10 to Go, on channel 6)

A start boat will control / patrol the starting line. Phil Carter will take on the duties of Race Starter

#### Paternosters Turn

North 49.17.500 West 02.13.320 – North 49.17.500 West 02.13.320

You must pass between the Paternosters turn-buoys which is marked by two 1.6m Yellow Can Buoy. The turn channel is 150 metres wide. Only rowing boats are to pass through so that your number can be checked off. Guard boats to remain outside this channel and stay to the south & west of the bouys (to the right-hand-side of the channel as the boats travel).

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#### Cheval Rock Turn

From the Paternosters Turn, competitors should travel easterly direction along Jersey’s north coast until Bonne Nuit Bay. In Bonne Nuit Bay, competitors must pass to the East (left-hand side) of Chavel Rock (large rock toward the centre of the bay) make a right-turn and then head for the finish line.

#### Finish Line

The finish line is in line with the Pier / Breakwater of Bonne Nuit harbour, between the wall and the beach (i.e. to the left-hand-side of the wall).

Competitors are advised to take a course reasonably close to the Pier as low-lying rocks are present further out.

Check in is automatic and occurs by passing the finish line, your number will be recorded at the finish (No tag required).

A hooter will sound as you cross the finish line.

Entry, Ticketing and Social Matters

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Entries can be made by completing an entry form and purchasing a ticket for all competitors (including coxes).

Refer to [www.jerseyrowing.com](http://www.jerseyrowing.com)

#### Awards Party

Entries can be made by completing an entry form and purchasing a ticket for all party goers. Tickets are limited; please purchase early to avoid disappointment.

After party is at The Royal Yacht Hotel, St. Helier (please remember there is no ticket refund in the case of race cancellation for bad weather).

Refer to [www.jerseyrowing.com](http://www.jerseyrowing.com)

Contacts

S2J Race Coordinator: jerseyrowingclub@hotmail.com

Facebook: Jersey Rowing Club Page

Twitter: sark2jersey

Checking in at Dix Cart Bay

#### Overview

The VHF 'book in' with the Race Control on arrival at Sark proved very successful and remains the same. So for this year’s race there is no requirement to land on the beach and have a ‘face to face’ book in. Safety equipment is your responsibility and you will have had scrutiny advice prior to the race.

To confirm, 'Booking In’ at Dixcart Bay by VHF radio only.

#### Checking in with Race Control

Please make sure your Guard Boat and Crew book in with the Race Controller on arrival, using the VHF radio Channel 6. Give your boat name and number, crew names (emphasising any changes), and guard boat name. The Race Controller will answer and give any further instructions.

For example, "Hello Race Controller, Hello Race Controller this is [your Guard Boat name] booking in with Crew [Boat number and name]".

It is vital to know who is actually starting and accompanied by what guard boat should we have an emergency.

REMEMBER IF YOU DON'T BOOK IN YOU ARE NOT IN THE RACE

#### Withdrawing

Those not completing the course or unable to finish must contact and confirm with the RACE CONTROLLER by VHF.

Clearing Bonne Nuit Beach

You will be expected to get your boat out of the water as quickly as possible to allow other finishers in (if early finishers can help it will be greatly appreciated). A Beach Controller will be on hand to give direction. Please keep in mind that the wheels will often jam on the stony beach, so take care.

There will be light refreshments (hot drinks and sandwiches) available on the beach as part of your race entry fee.

Guard Boat Etiquette

Please ensure that your Guard Boat Captain is briefed to avoid interference with other competitors; nothing upsets a (tired, sore and thirsty) crew more than being disrupted by the wake of an inconsiderate captain.

Guard Captains must:

* Travel behind and to the west (right) of ALL competitors in the vicinity of the crew they are escorting.
* Leave a gap of at least 30 meters between themselves and all nearby competitors
* Ensure that their wake does not interfere (positively or negatively) with competitors
* Wait at least 15 minutes after the start of the race before looking for their crews (your crew will know where in the race order they’re expecting to be)
* Cross behind competitors, never in front of them
* Respond in a prompt (and safe) manner to requests by coxes / crews to reposition their Guard Boat.