

2018 ATLANTIC ANNIVERSARY REGATTA BERMUDA TO HAMBURG/CUXHAVEN

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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BLUEWATER OCEAN RACING GMBH
FOR **NORDDEUTSCHER REGATTA VEREIN**
ROYAL OCEAN RACING CLUB

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA & THE INTERNATIONAL MAXI ASSOCIATION
AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF:
ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB & SEGLER-VEREINIGUNG CUXHAVEN

	Race Committee	Coastguard	Race Office Address
Start only	<p>Callsign "Offshore One" VHF Channel 71</p> <p>Duty Phone 24/7: +44 1983 301-717</p> <p>Local Mobile Bermuda: (+1 441) 519 28 46</p>	<p>Maritime Operations Centre / RCC Bermuda Radio</p> <p>VHF Channel 16/27</p> <p>MMSI 003100001</p>	<p>Royal Bermuda Yacht Club</p> <p>15 Point Pleasant Road Hamilton HM11 Bermuda</p>
During Race & Finish	<p>Callsign "Offshore One" VHF Channel 71</p> <p>Duty Phone 24/7: +44 1983 30 17 17</p> <p>Local Mobile Germany: +49 1701 89 27 70 pro@anniversary- regatta.com</p>	<p>Bremen Rescue MMSI 00 211 1240 VHF Channel 16 +49 421 53 68 70 (for notification of retirements or in emergencies)</p>	<p>Cuxhaven Race Office and Race Club c/o Restaurant Wal</p> <p>Am Schleusenpriel 30 27472 Cuxhaven Germany</p>

Boats retiring from the race must immediately notify the Race Committee or the Coastguard.

THE ATTENTION OF EVERY PERSON IS DRAWN TO SPECIAL REGULATION 1.02 AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SUITABLE AND ADEQUATE PERSONAL INSURANCE

Sailing Instructions

In all sections the following abbreviations apply:

[SP] Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee

[DP] Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the International Jury

[NP] Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat

Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the Bluewater Ocean Racing GmbH on behalf of Norddeutscher Regatta Verein and the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC), in association with Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and the International Maxi Association (IMA), and with the support of Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and Segler-Vereinigung Cuxhaven.

1 Rules

1.1 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 (<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racing-rules.php>).

1.2 National Authority Prescriptions

The prescriptions of the RYA will apply (<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racingrules/Pages/the-rules.aspx>).

No other National Authority prescriptions shall apply.

1.3 [DP] Class Rules

The rules and regulations of IRC Rules Parts A, B & C, ORC and Class40 *Class* rules.

Boats competing under multiple rating systems or class rules shall comply with the most restrictive rule(s) in the event that these conflict.

1.4 [DP] World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)

The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 1 plus Satellite Phone and RORC Prescriptions.

When details of Special Regulations cannot be met the Committee may accept an alternative.

1.5 International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea

Between the times of local sunset and local sunrise, RRS Part 2 will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or by government right-of-way rules.

1.6 The Notice of Race (NoR)

1.7 These Sailing Instructions (SI)

If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be published on the Official Notice Board, available online on:

<http://anniversary-regatta.com/notice-board.html>

Notices may also be sent by Email to the Entrant and to the registered "Offshore Email Address".

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than

- For the Cruising Division, 1st of July 07:00 ADT (Atlantic Daylight Time)
- For the Racing Division, 8th of July 07:00 ADT

4 Classes and Class Flags

4.1 Class Flags

Class flags are not required for this regatta. For the purposes of RRS 26 (Starting Races), the Class Flag shall be the NRV Burgee, displayed to the right.



4.2 Classes:

Class	Rating Range
Cruising Division (for boats starting in the Cruising Division Start on 1 st July only)	IRC TCC 1.004-1.050 ORC OSN 0.950-1.000 or by application
IRC Zero	1.275 and above
IRC One	1.101 – 1.274
IRC Two	1.100 and below
ORC	0.9500 and above
Class40	n/a

5 The Course

5.1 [SP] Flexi-Course after the Start

Unless International Code Flag “D” (Delta) is displayed no later than the Warning Signal, the Course in SI 5.2 will be preceded by a Flexi-Course. It will be decided by the Race Committee on the day of the start. **No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee will announce the order in which marks are to be passed using the “Radio Designation” for their identification, and the side on which each mark is to be left using the words “port”, “starboard” or “gate” from the marks listed below:**

Mark	Radio Designation	Position (WGS84)*	
		Latitude	Longitude
Inflatable buoy	India Mike	TBA	TBA
Starting Line	Charlie Bravo	TBA	TBA
Safe-Water Buoy near Jacks Flats	Sierra Whiskey	32° 22'.9N	064° 37'.0W
East Cardinal Mills	Mike Echo	32° 23'.9N	064° 36'.9W
East Cardinal The Spit	Tango Sierra	32° 22'.65N	064° 38'.6W
The Narrows No 1 Stb Lateral	November Lima	32° 22'.9N	064° 38'.9W

* All positions are approximate.

5.2 [SP] Further Marks of the Course

Mark	Required Side	Position (WGS84)*	
		Latitude	Longitude
FLEXI Course	As instructed, see SI 5.1; unless "Delta" is displayed		
GATE Lizard Point & Ile D'Ouessant Créac'h Twr	Pass	49° 57'.6N 48° 27'.5N	005° 12'.1W 005° 07'.7W
GATE Dover Admiralty Pier Extension & Cap Griz-Nez	Pass	51° 06'.7N 50° 52'.1N	001° 19'.7E 001° 35'.0E
Finish	See SI 8.1		
Approximate Distance: 3,400 nm			

* All positions are approximate.

6 [SP] [DP] Areas that are obstructions

The following areas are designated as obstructions, and boats shall not enter them:

6.1 Areas prohibited for navigation

Any area prohibited for navigation, such as nature reserves, bird or sea life sanctuaries.

6.2 Areas with icebergs deemed dangerous for navigation

Boats shall not enter an area to the North of 45° N whilst West of 045° W. This limit takes into account the North American Ice Service (NAIS) bulletin from 22nd June 2018 and may be amended by a notice to competitors closer to the start.

6.3 Technical installations

Oil and Gas fields, production platforms and associated structures, including tanker moorings, storage tankers and platforms on pipelines. Technical installations generally exhibit Morse code "U" lights (2 FL & 1 LFL), Aircraft Obstruction lights, and audible fog signals.

Navigation is prohibited within 500 metres of all such structures, including storage tankers which can swing about their moorings. Vessels manoeuvring in the vicinity of platforms and moorings should be given a wide berth.

Wind farms under construction are generally prohibited for navigation, whereas completed farms may be navigable as long as a distance of 500 m to any individual installation can be maintained safely. Care should be taken to ensure that AIS is operable and a constant radio watch on VHF Ch 16 is maintained.

6.4 Areas reported by Notice to Mariners or by local authorities

Any area reported as prohibited for navigation in Notices to Mariners, or when instructed to avoid areas by local authorities such as naval, law enforcement or technical installation guard units.

7 [SP] The Start

7.1 Position of the starting line

The Committee vessel will be in the area of the Flexi-Course marks and broadcast her exact position by VHF frequently from at least 1 hour before the start.

7.2 Warning Signal

- 7.2.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal made 10 minutes before the starting signal.
- 7.2.2 The scheduled warning signal for the Cruising Division is
Sunday, 1st July 2018 11:55am ADT (Atlantic Daylight Time/Local Bermuda Time)
- 7.2.3 The scheduled warning signal for the Racing Division is
Sunday, 8th July 2018 11:55am ADT (Atlantic Daylight Time/Local Bermuda Time)

7.3 The starting line

The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and an inflatable mark at the port end of the line. No later than the warning signal, the colour and shape of the mark at the starboard end will be announced using VHF Ch. 71.

7.4 [NP] Late at the start

If a boat which has not previously come to the starting area, and comes to the starting area under power or being towed after her preparatory signal, she shall stop her engine (or drop the tow) and complete a Two-Turns penalty as specified in RRS 44.2 after starting.
No penalty will be imposed for an infringement of RRS 42 or RRS 45. This changes RRS 42 and 45.

8 The Finish

8.1 The finishing line

The finishing line will be formed by a flag staff, displaying a blue flag under an NRV burgee (displayed to the right), at the western end (approximate position 53° 52.6'N 008° 42.3'E) and a yellow barrel buoy "Medem-Reede 4" at the eastern end (approximate position 53° 52.8'N 008° 43.5'E).



The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast your finishing time once you have finished – if in doubt, please ensure that you are South of 52° 52.55' N before dropping sails and using your engine.

8.2 [NP] On approach

All boats are requested to call "Offshore One" on VHF Ch.71 when about 5 nm out from the finish line to assist with identification when finishing, especially at night.

8.3 [NP] [DP] After finishing – Immigration/Customs, Declaration, Mooring

After finishing, boats shall comply with any instructions by the Race Committee or local authorities, especially Immigration and Customs. The display of flag "Q" is strongly advised upon entering German territorial waters and until Customs and Immigration officials have cleared the boat for entry.

Boats shall complete a Declaration form, which shall be signed by every crew member.

Berthing will be provided in Cuxhaven for 48 hours, after which boats are welcome to join a convoy to the Race Village in Hamburg where they may remain in the assigned berth free of charge until the day after the Prizegiving.

Mooring instructions in Hamburg may be obtained or clarified by calling "Offshore Two" on VHF 71.

8.4 Return of the YB Tracker

The tracker shall be returned in the Race Village in Hamburg. In exceptional circumstances and upon written request, the tracker may be returned in Cuxhaven or by tracked parcel to YB Tracking.

9 Penalty System

9.1 Discretionary Penalties

When the Protest Committee decides that a boat that is party to a protest hearing has broken a rule marked [DP], or rules other than RRS Part 1 and 2 provided that no serious damage or injury was caused and no significant advantage has been gained, it may, according to the breach of the rule, apply a time penalty in steps of 5% or, should the Protest Committee decide that the breach was minor and unintentional it may at its discretion apply no penalty.

9.2 Standard Penalties

- 9.2.1 When a boat may have broken a rule of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or of government right-of-way rules (or RRS Part 2 rules between the times of local sunset and sunrise, where Part 2 is replaced, see SI 1.5) she may take a Scoring Penalty as specified in RRS 44.3. The penalty shall be 10 minutes added to the boat's corrected time for each such penalty. This changes RRS 44.3(c).
- 9.2.2 When at a boat's starting signal she is subject to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) and she fails to comply with RRS 29.1 to start correctly, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a time penalty of 5%. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 9.2.3 RRS 63.1 and A 5 are changed. For a minor breach of RRS 28 (Sailing the Course) the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply
 - 9.2.3.1 a time penalty of 30 minutes added to the boat's corrected time if the breach occurred on the Flexi-Course (SI 5.1)
 - 9.2.3.2 or a time penalty of 5% on any other part of the course.
- 9.2.4 [SP] For a breach of any area designated an Obstruction or for breaches of RRS 48, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 5%, unless the breach was unavoidable and unintentional and no advantage was gained. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 9.2.5 Should the Race, Technical or Protest Committee consider a standard penalty to be inappropriate, it shall protest the boat.

9.3 [DP] Outside Assistance

Rule 41(c) is replaced by:

"A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide, current or servicing information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription. However, specifically excluded is the application of human intelligence to the particular position or situation of the boat in the race to obtain advice on strategy or tactics.

10 Protests and Requests for Redress

10.1 Protest forms

Protests may be written on plain paper, but Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

10.2 Protest time limit

The protest time limit is 24 hours after the boat wishing to protest finishes. In the case that a boat is being protested after the time limit expires, it shall be extended to 24 hours from receiving notification thereof.

10.3 Notices / Hearing schedule

10.3.1 Notices or hearing schedules will be posted within the protest time limit of the interested parties and witnesses (if any).

10.3.2 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

10.4 Right to appeal

Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

10.5 Hearings

Hearings may be scheduled within 48 hours of the interested parties and witnesses, if any, finishing the race. Hearings will be held through a teleconference system (such as Skype) under supervision of a local International or National Judge.

11 Scoring

The scoring system will be the *High Points System* as detailed on the Official Notice Board:
<http://anniversary-regatta.com/notice-board.html>

12 [NP] [DP] Safety Regulations

12.1 Check-In Procedure before the start

Before the start, boats shall slowly and in close vicinity drive past the starboard side of the Race Committee boat, with the full crew lined up and visible on deck in lifejackets. Any late changes to the crew list shall be communicated to Offshore One.

12.2 VHF

Competitors are reminded of their legal obligation to keep a listening watch on VHF Ch 16. The radio should be set to dual watch, or changed to Channel 16 when leaving the last mark of the Flexi-Course.

12.3 AIS, YB Trackers

Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their AIS is operating, and shall do nothing to inhibit transmissions from their AIS or YB Trackers. Instructions by the Race Committee for e.g. tracker resets shall be followed.

12.4 Satellite Phone

Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their Satellite phone is operating and shall check for text messages at least twice a day, at noon and midnight (local time). The Satellite phone may be a most important asset to the Race Organiser and/or Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres should a situation arise where a boat would be asked to help those in danger.

12.5 Notification of retirement

Retirements and non-starters must immediately inform the Race Committee or the Coastguard (see contact details on the cover page), using any means (VHF, Satellite Phone, SMS or Email). It is imperative that boats that are no longer competing can be excluded from any Search and Rescue

operation. The report should contain the reason for retirement and the alternate location to which the vessel is heading. Please remember that Customs & Immigration protocols have to be followed. The Satellite phone should be checked frequently in the case that further queries by the Rescue Authorities or by the Race Committee arise.

12.6 Temporary discontinuance of racing

- 12.6.1 If a boat temporarily stops racing, or before re-joining the race, she shall immediately inform the Race Committee explaining the circumstances and their plan by telephone, text message or email.
- 12.6.2 If a boat makes fast in order to take shelter or in an emergency, the crew may temporarily leave the boat to handle her moorings. If she uses her engine for propulsion she shall, on re-joining the race, return to the spot where she began to use her engine, turn off her engine and continue to race from that spot. She shall report the circumstances on her Declaration Form. This changes RRS 45 and 47.2.
- 12.6.3 A boat that is secured in harbour may receive any assistance necessary to effect repairs. This changes RRS 41.

12.7 Use of Engine for propulsion

When a boat uses its engine for propulsion, e.g. to avoid collision, in a grave emergency or as per SI 12.6, she shall report the facts on her Declaration Form.

13 Trophies and Prizes

The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the NRV Prize Committee, whose decision is final. When no boat qualifies to win a particular trophy, the NRV Prize Committee may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.

The list of trophies will be available in "Appendix A" to the Sailing Instructions on the Official Notice Board (<http://anniversary-regatta.com/notice-board.html>) in due course. A notification will be sent to the registered entrants' Email as well.

Do not forget to support the people, who support your sport:



Appendix B - Contact Details

Race Office at the Start

Royal Bermuda Yacht Club; 15 Point Pleasant Road; Hamilton HM11, Bermuda

Duty Phone 24/7 (throughout the entire regatta):

+44 1983 30 17 17; whilst in Bermuda, a local mobile number is active: +1 441 519 28 46

On the water:

Callsign "Offshore One"

VHF Channel 71

Email: pro@anniversary-regatta.com

Atlantic Anniversary Race Website: <http://www.anniversary-regatta.com/>

Race Office at the Finish

Cuxhaven Race Office & Race Club; c/o Restaurant Wal; Am Schleusenpriel 30; 27472 Cuxhaven

Duty Phone 24/7 (throughout the entire regatta):

+44 1983 30 17 17; whilst in Cuxhaven, a local mobile number is active: +49 1701 89 27 70

On the water:

Callsign "Offshore One"

VHF Channel 71

Race Office at the Race Village in Hamburg

Race Office on board "Seute Deern"; Sandtorhafen between pontoons 5 & 6

+49 1724 17 17 64

On the water:

Callsign "Offshore Two"

VHF Channel 71

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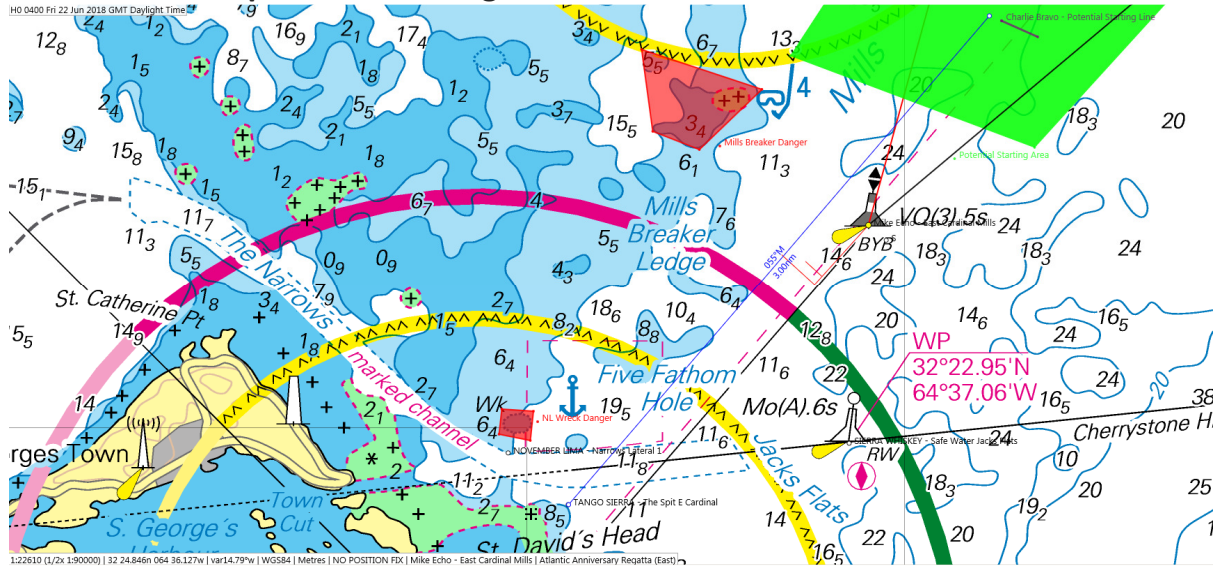
During times of travel of the Race Team, the Duty Phone may be answered by the Royal Ocean Racing Club's duty officer in England.

Should for any reason the duty number be unavailable, please ask Bremen Rescue to relay your message:

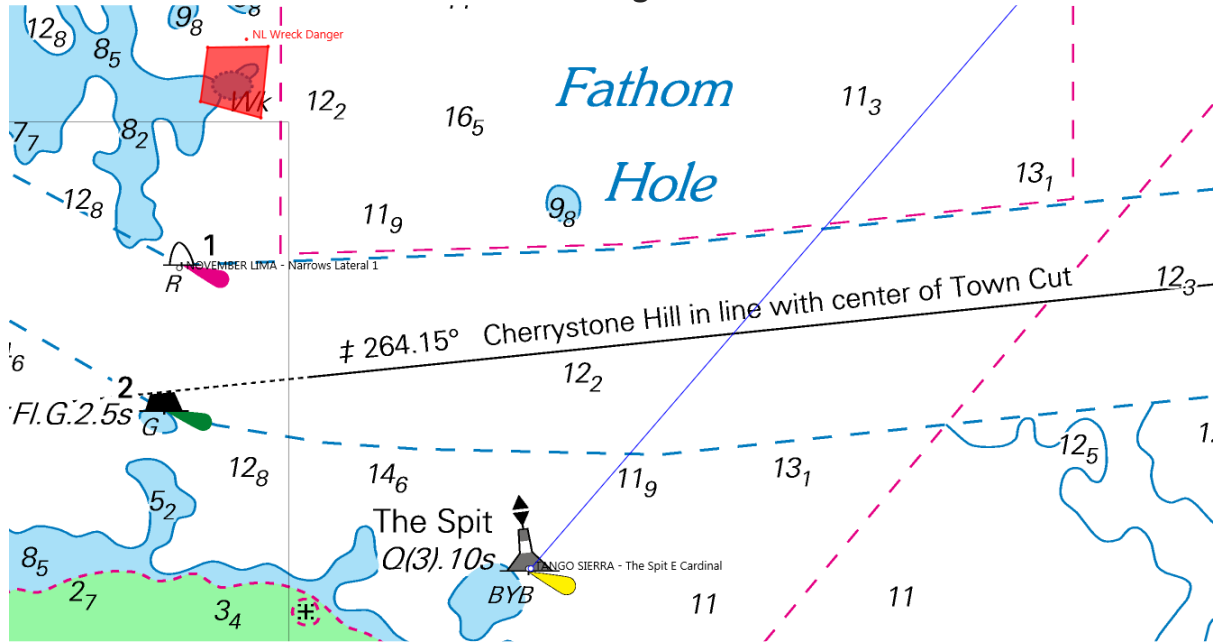
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Appendix C – Chartlets

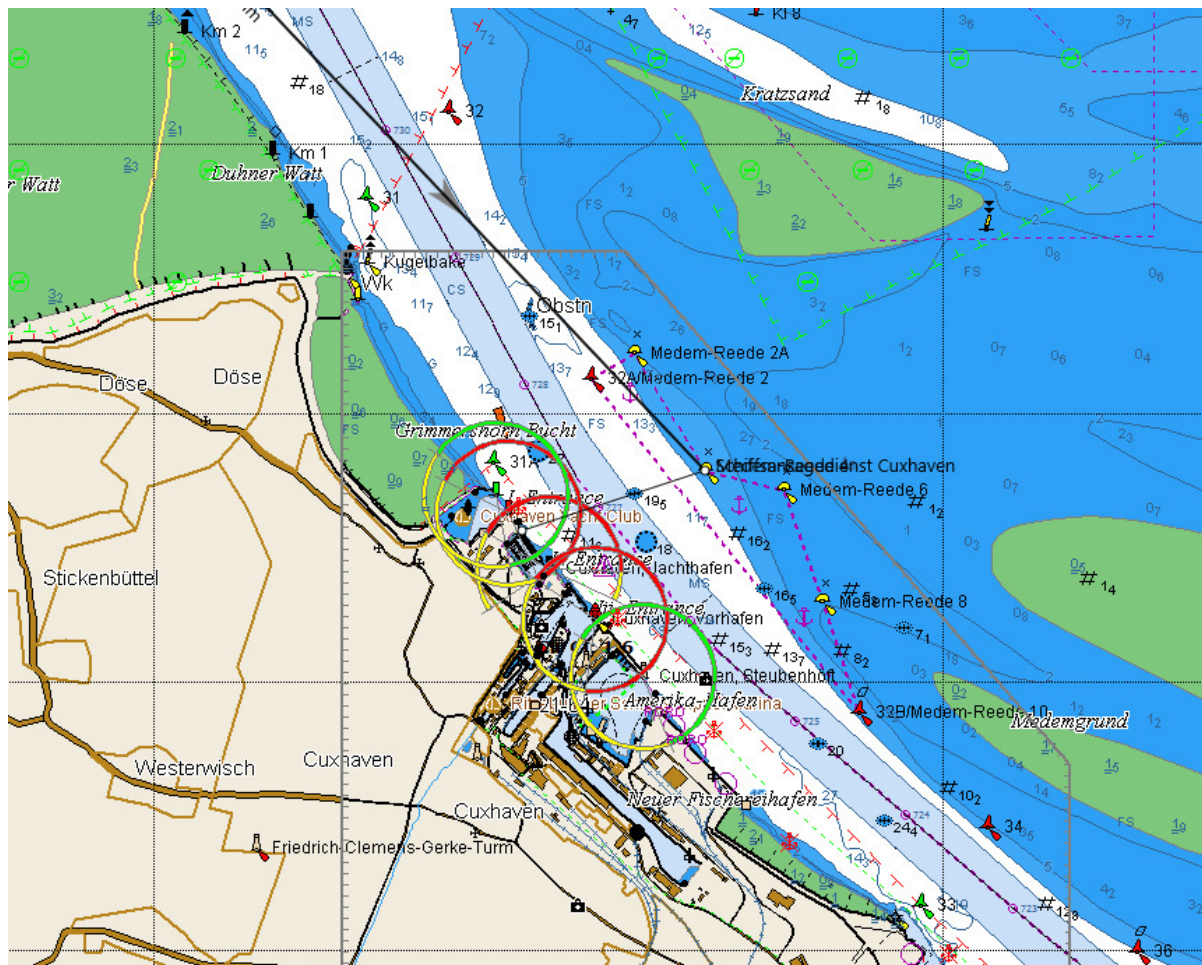
Overview of the potential starting area, and course marks in SI 5.1 Flexi-Course



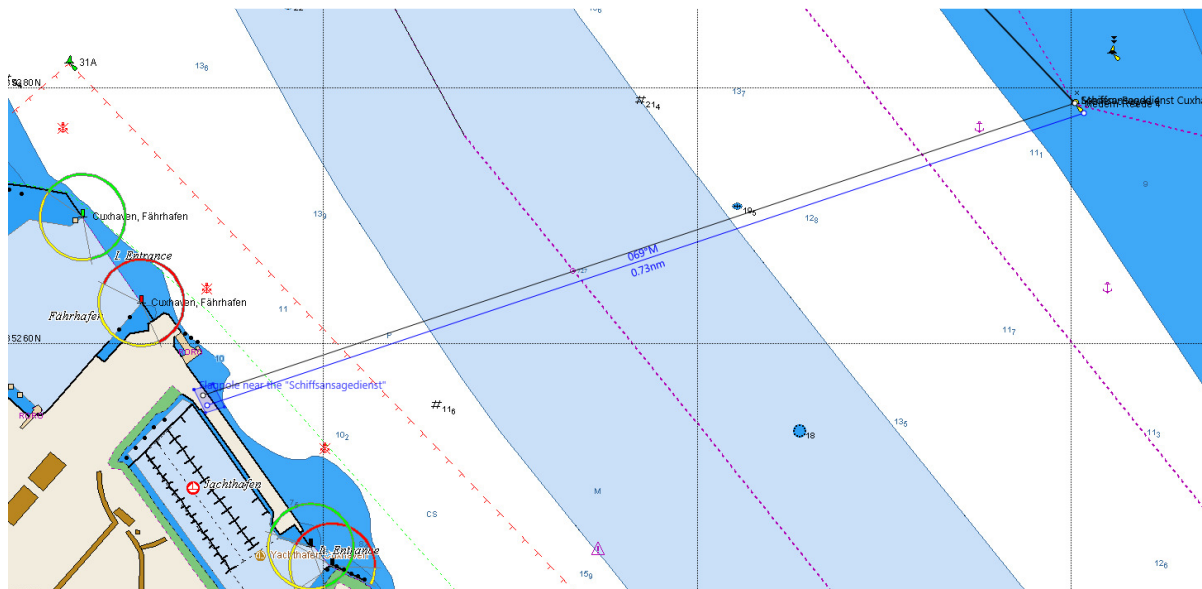
Detail view of marks November Lima & Tango Sierra



Overview of the Finish off Cuxhaven



Detail view of the Finish



The flag pole will be displaying a blue flag under an NRV burgee, which will be lit. The Race Committee will also attempt to wrap the whole pole in highly-reflective material for increased visibility. The blue bearing line showing 069°M and a distance of 0.73 nm is approximate and for illustration purposes only.