

RACE OFFICIALS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th February 2015



**COURSE SETTING
(OCEANIC, OFFSHORE AND INSHORE RACING)**

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Course Setting

- Some basics about wind and tide
- Long distance course issues
- Offshore in and around the UK
- Around the cans



Course Setting

- Long distance issues
- Weather forecasting and remote routing
- Navigating – dead reckoning
- Making decisions early



Course Setting

Offshore in and around the UK

- Focus on the English Channel
- Need for accurate course planning, particularly tides
- Tricks of the tide near the French coast
- Approaching marks
- Weather forecasting – safe havens, delaying the starts, etc



Course Setting

- Around the cans – focus on the Solent
- Think like a navigator!
- Effects of tide – which way to round marks
- Other classes also rounding – removing conflicts
- Depth of water – state of tide!
- Reaching versus running legs
- Rocky versus sandy sea bottoms
- Coming off the shore on port tack!