

TEAM FIREBALL

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FIREBALL RACING CAMPAIGN FOR THE

2027 FASTNET

2 YEAR PROGRAMME

PROPOSAL

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Concept

Rather than just grab a crew, do 3 qualifiers and a training weekend. We want to load on more racing experience. Working together, understanding the yacht, home on skills, including learning to race helm, good efficient kite work. Sail trim and understanding every role so you and the TEAM can identify problems before they happen. **BECOME AWESOME.** Not just passengers

New Sails

In 2019 we were the fastest of 9 stock 40.7s by a country mile. We want to hold that honour again. We have got to buy new sails and we want the best again, North 3Di. We keep the same sail plan as it optimises our rating. Plus other new gear and upgrades.

Attitude

Since 2019 we have been less focused, partially due to our aging sails and in part to crew strength. We will race with two experienced race helms. However we need 4 x good racing helm, a crew that are reactive, (training & building race experience). Reduce weight, go light on kit, sharp on tactics and weather routing. Plus more TEAM feedback.

2026

Start an early season opener in March, then an offshore race May Bank Holiday to Alderney A mid May training weekend and we have got the basis to build a competitive TEAM. Instead of RORC racing we will enter the JOG series. Shorter courses to fit into the weekends, with a couple of exceptions. The Taittinger Regatta, the first weekend of Cowes Week. 1 x RORC race to Cherbourg to finish off the season. and

2027 Fastnet Year

Start with a May training weekend then start racing. 3 RORC offshore Races. Round the Island Race
A pre Fastnet training weekend and then Fastnet Race

Pricing

Our nearest and cheapest competitor on an identical yacht would charge over £9.600 for all the above and for the Fastnet alone £4.850

Our Cost £5,725 essentially loads more sailing for almost £4,000 less than our closet competitor. Note *(they may negotiate discounts but its not advertised)*

Plus other events discounted by 50% to encourage you to race more, learn more, develop your skills and just become awesome.

Not for profit. Income funds the race campaign, boat maintenance and anything that can make us go faster.

WHATS INCLUDED



RACING

11 Events with over 20 Yacht races both inshore & offshore. Including

2026

INSHORE	JOG	Lonely Tower Race
INSHORE	JOG	The Great Escape
COASTAL.	JOG	Weymouth
INSHORE	JOG	Cowes - Yarmouth and Yarmouth -Cowes
OFFSHORE	JOG	Cowes Alderney
INSHORE	RSC	Taittinger Regatta
INSHORE.	CCC	First Weekend of Cowes Week
OFFSHORE.	JOG	Cowes Dartmouth
OFFSHORE	RORC	Cherbourg Race

2027

OFFSHORE	RORC	Morgan Cup
INSHORE	ISC.	Round the Island Race
OFFSHORE	RORC	St Malo Race
INSHORE.	Training	Weekend
OFFSHORE	RORC.	FASTNET RACE

NOTE

All JOG & RORC are TBC and therefore are subject to possible change.
Alternate dates or races may need to be considered

TRAINING

1 Training weekend in May 2026 and two in 2027

FOOD & DRINK

All food and drink onboard. *(Please note if you have specific dietary needs please provision for yourself)*

TEAM KIT

Specifically for the Fastnet Campaign and available from April 2027 consisting of a unique design Polo Shirt and our well received unique Jackets.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Life jacket, harnesses and Personal AIS beacons supplied. *(If you choose to wear your own life jacket it must be to RORC specification, recently serviced or new and include your own Personal AIS).*

FOUL WEATHER KIT

We have a selection of Musto Jackets and Trouser to loan at no additional cost.

NOT INCLUDED

A sleeping bag, kit bag, decent footwear, wash gear etc.
You will also need for the Fastnet only your RYA/ISAF Sea Survival and First Aid.

SCHEDULE



RACE SCHEDULE 2026

	EVENT	DATE (TBC)	Est Start	Distance
JOG	Lonely Tower Race	Sat 21 March	10:00	35
JOG	Great Escape	Sun 22 March	10.00	28
JOG	Cowes Weymouth	Sat 18 April	10:00	46
JOG	Cowes St Vaast	Fri 01 May	19:00	76
RORC	Gervantes	Sat 02 May	Clashes with JOG	
RORC	Guingand Bowl	Sat 02 May		
FIREBALL	Training	Sat 16 May - Sun 17	9:30	
RORC	Myth of Malham	Sat 23 May		
JOG	Cowes Yarmouth	Sat 13 June	10:00	35
	Yarmouth Cowes	Sun 14 June	10:00	35
JOG	Cowes to Alderney	Fri 26 June	19:00	84
RORC	Morgan Cup	Fri 26 June		
YCG	Tour des Ports	Sun 5 July - Fri 10	OPTIONAL EXTRA EVENT LIMITED NUMBERS	
RORC	St Malo Race	July TBC		
ISC	Round The Island	Sat 11 July		
RSYC	Taittinger Regatta	Fri 24 July - Sun 26		
RORC	Channel Race	July TBC		
CCC	Cowes Week	Sat 1 Aug - Sun 2	11:00	
	Extra Days per/day	Mon 3 Aug - Fri 7	11:00	
JOG	Cowes Dartmouth	Sat 24 July	10.00	95
RORC/JOG	Cowes Cherbourg	Sat 4th Sept	10.00	75
ISC	NAB Tower Race	Sat 12 Sept	10:00	35
JOG	Cowes to Poole	Sat 12 Sept	10:00	50
JOG	Poole to Cowes	Sat 13 Sept	10:00	24
JOG	Cowes Lymington	Sat 26 Sept	10.00	25
	Lymington Cowes	Sun 27 Sept	10.00	20

RACE SCHEDULE 2027

2027. RORC FASTNET. CAMPAIGN	Morgan Cup	June TBC		
	Round Island Race	June/July TBC		
	St Malo Race	July TBC		
	Training Weekend	July TBC		
	Fastnet 2027	July /August TBC		

We will participate in all events highlighted. Other events are optional and entry subject to at least 6 of the TEAM able to participate.

Additional events are an additional cost but discounted by 50% to encourage more time on the water as a TEAM.



COSTS

STAGE PAYMENTS

Because this is a 2 year program we appreciate circumstances can change and life gets in the way.

Therefore we have decided to break down the costs in to stage payments.

Deposit. £1,600 Secures your place now for the 2026/27 Fastnet Campaign

2nd Instalment. £1,375 Due on the 1st September 2026

3rd Instalment. £1,375 Due on the 1st January 2027

Final Instalment £1,375 Due on the 1st April 2027

Total Cost. £5,725

Should you wish to withdraw

Once a stage payment is made its non refundable however should circumstance mean you can no longer participate you are under no obligation to pay any additional monies.

Example 1

Say after the Round the Island Race (our 4th event) your plans change. You can just resign from the team knowing that the value of the events completed exceed your deposit.

Example 2

Say you paid the second deposit and its now Christmas 2026 .Your plans have changed. You would be £125 down on our commercial rate for events completed, however still better value than our nearest competitors.

COST COMPARISON

We are offering a 2 year Fastnet Campaign for **£5,725** worth **£9,220** (thats a lot of sailing)

2025 Prices by our competitors for a basic Fastnet Campaign inc 3 qualifying races

London School of Sailing	Reflex 38	£ 4,850
Prometheus Sailing	First 40	£ 4,995
Clipper Events	Clipper 68	£ 5,250
Irish Offshore Sailing	Sunfast 37	£ 5,300

(Assuming their prices remain the same as in 2025)

Average Cost quoted by RORC for a typical 3 race qualifying campaign is £5,000

ABOUT US



TEAM FIREBALL is you and a 40ft Racing Yacht.
Fireball is a proven competitor in the Offshore and Inshore Yacht Racing circuit.

As the owner and skipper with a proper job, sailing Fireball is a passion & not my core business. Hence we do need to make a profit.
The income we generate goes straight back into the yacht.
FIREBALL is meticulously maintained and improved. She has had tens of thousands of pounds spent on her in recent years a process that is ongoing

As skipper I have completed 7 Fastnet Races, 5 of them on Fireball.
I've raced Fireball across the Atlantic and around the Caribbean on Fireball.
21 Round the Island Races
More RORC race than I can possibly Remember.
JOG Racing, Cowes Week, Polypipe, Ports des la Manche, C600, ARC and so much more

Fully qualified Yachtmaster since 2007
Yacht Racing since 2001
Sailing since the age 6.



LOCATION

We are based in Cowes on the Isle of Wight.
Operating out of both Cowes Yacht Haven and Shepards Marina.

Our contact address is
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Previous FASTNET RACES



THE YACHT

FIREBALL GBR9949T

One of the last 40.7s built in 2007. She is the two spreader Distinction model with a slightly taller rig than the previous variant.

Electronics

New state of the art Raymarine instrumentation, clear big Alpha Mast displays, new wind and Tridata, new log transducer and wind vane, new Axiom Chartplotter, weather routing software, Lower energy consumption. Lithium Batteries half the weight and twice the power. New VHF fixed and handheld.

Safer

New Life Jackets, Personal safety beacons, EPIRB, YB Satellite tracking, New Flares, Liferaft, Radio, recovery systems, harnesses and more.

Comfort

New heads, new oven, new Lee Cloths, new Fusion Radio, LED red/white cabin lights

Rigging

All running rigging has been replaced with Dyneema, Standing rigging replaced or tested. Harken Windward Traveller installed.

Faster

Hull preparation using Nautix T4 Speed antifoul smoothed down to 2000 grit. Smoother is faster. Faired in keel. Hull wrapped in Dark Grey/ Bronze Seldon Carbon Bowsprit.

Sail Wardrobe

We have an extensive NORTH sail wardrobe which includes:

North Helix Code Zero (an absolute weapon)

North Masthead Kite

North Asymmetric kite

North 3Di Main

North 3Di Genoa

Quantum Heavy Masthead kite

New for 2026/2027

North 3Di sails

3Di Main 760 1400 Dpi

3Di Genoa 760 1900 Dpi



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