

FBOR'26 – OPEN – Intended Course Description

START

. . . from the beach to the east of Ocean Lab (SA64 6DE) and Inner Breakwater. All craft to line up on beach for final checks. Competitors stand knee deep in the water with boat on your right side. Start signal – siren at one minute – Race Officer in RIB raise start flag – flag dropped = START.

Leg 1) Start to Lighthouse.

The breakwater is to your left - ahead is the lighthouse at the end of the outer breakwater.

Leg 2) Lighthouse to Cow & Calf.

Turn left around the lighthouse and stay close to the breakwater – there are often plenty of reflections. Cow & Calf are the inner and outer rocks - head between them and turn hard right back to the East when in clear water.

Leg 3) Cow & Calf to Dinas Head.

With winds from the west quadrant this leg will give you wind waves and ground swell - happy surfing – 5.4km.

There are usually multiple reflections of swell and chop bouncing off the cliffs at Dinas Head. Cutting close will give the straightest line to the finish but the flood tide runs faster 200-300 hundred meters further out - the choice is yours!

Leg 4) Dinas Head to Finish Line.

Cross over Newport Bay and aim for the left hand, east, side. The finish line is on the FAR LEFT (East) side of the beach – NOT where you see the buildings of Newport town in the centre.

FINISH line is directly under the SLSC building, the only one on the beach. There will be feather flags to show the exact location.

Leave your craft at waterline, run up through the finish gate with paddle.

Remember to hand in your **GPS TRACKER** and **Bib!**

Caffi Mawr Café is right in the carpark to top up your caffeine and carbs!

Newport Sands SLSC car park is run by National Parks and is about **£8/day** - make sure you pay when you drop off your car BEFORE the race. Fees are cheaper than fines!

Note: It takes a good 25 mins to get there by road from Goodwick so allow AT LEAST an hour for the round trip to be sure you're back for briefing and pre-race checks.

This course is weather dependent and may have to be changed a few days before the race!