

## Doldrums Corridor

- The Doldrums Corridor is a compulsory corridor that is defined as lying between the virtual waypoints; Doldrums Corridor NW, Doldrums Corridor NE, Doldrums Corridor SW and Doldrums Corridor SE.
- The Doldrums Gate North is defined as the line of latitude between the Doldrums Corridor NW and Doldrums Corridor NE.
- The Doldrums Gate South is defined as the line of latitude between the Doldrums Corridor SW and Doldrums Corridor SE.
- Each yacht is permitted the use of its engine whilst in the Doldrums Corridor subject to the following criteria:
  1. All yachts are ONLY allowed to motor-sail for a maximum of 4° of latitude which must take a minimum time of 36 hours to complete.
  2. All yachts MUST cease motor-sailing at 04° S regardless of whether they have completed 4° of latitude under engine.
  3. All yachts MUST declare their intention to motor-sail a minimum of 3 hours before doing so. 36 hours elapsed time will begin to be calculated from this declared time regardless of whether the engine is being used or not.
  4. When a yacht's engine is started or stopped a declaration MUST be made to the Race Office within 3 hours, stating the time UTC, latitude and longitude and a digital photograph taken. This will allow the calculation of 4° of latitude to be made.
  5. If 4° of latitude is covered by the yacht before 36 hours has elapsed, the yacht must remain as close as possible to that position of latitude. A declaration MUST be made to the Race Office within 3 hours and a digital photograph taken.
  6. If a yacht must wait for 36 hours to elapse then before resuming racing it MUST return to its declared latitude. A declaration MUST be made to the Race Office within 3 hours after resuming racing and a digital photograph taken so that the restart position can be verified.
  7. Once a yacht has declared their intention to motor-sail to the Race Office the request cannot be rescinded.
  8. All yachts MUST report their time of crossing the latitude of 08° S within 3 hours of doing so regardless of whether they are sailing or not. This is so an elapsed time of 36 hours can be calculated, if for example you decide to start motor-sailing at 05° S and clearly cannot complete 4° of latitude before 04° S is reached.
- For the avoidance of doubt, Skippers MUST record the GPS time (UTC) of crossing a line of latitude and email / contact the race office with these timings within 3 hours. A digital photograph must also be taken which clearly shows time and position. This photograph is NOT to be sent to the Race Office unless specifically requested and must be retained on board for verification as requested.