

VOLVO OCEAN RACE



ROUND THE WORLD 2008-2009

Race Committee Memorandum Memorandum Number 5

To All entries and potential entries

From Andy Hindley, Racing Director

Date 21st December 2007

Re CREW MEMBER SAFETY TRAINING COURSE FOR THE
VOLVO OCEAN RACE 2008-2009

**Change of date and reduction to one location to create an enhanced
safety training course**

OVERVIEW

Feedback from the course run in 2005 suggested more emphasis on sea survival and a more realistic in water environment would be beneficial. The South Tyneside College in Newcastle has been selected for its environmental pool which includes very realistic light, sound, wind and wave controls and is used in life raft drill, life saving techniques, helicopter ditch and helicopter rescue training for the North Sea oil rigs. It also has a fire training centre on site which we will utilise.

The course, designed around the ISAF Special Regulations Appendix G requirements but modified to include all equipment supplied by the Organising Authority, is being run by KTY Yachts in conjunction with Ocean Safety, the team that ran the safety training course for the 2005-2006 race and who also took on board crew feedback during that time.

The course, which lasts two days, will include classroom sessions, a sea simulation pool session and a fire fighting session. Lunch on site will be provided.

LOCATION

South Tyneside College
Marine Safety Training Centre
Wapping Street
South Shields
Tyne & Wear
NE33 1LQ

DATES AND TIMES

The dates and times have been arranged to allow for the minimum time away from other activities.

Course # 1 0830 2nd August – 1600 3rd August

Course # 2 0830 4th August – 1600 5th August

Course #3 1500 6th – 1400 8th August (NB. course starts afternoon of the 6th due to flight restrictions on the 8th)

Course #4 0830 9th August – 1600 10th August

TRANSPORT

The college is located 30 minutes from Newcastle Airport. Direct flights are available from Alicante (as well as many other European airports) with Easyjet Thompson Fly, My Travel and Excel. Flying time from Alicante is 3 hours. Coach transport between the airport and the Little Haven Hotel can be arranged if we are given enough notice and the majority of team members travel on the same flight.

ACCOMODATION

The Little Haven Hotel is 200m from the training centre.

<http://www.littlehavenhotel.com/>

There are many other hotels in the Newcastle metropolitan area.

BOOKING COURSES AND CONTACT PERSON

Courses will be allocated on a first come first served basis and can be booked with Jim Allen, Racing Manager from the 21st January when Jim returns from holiday.

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The Notice of Race will be amended to reflect the above information relating to the dates and location of the courses.

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