

# ST. KATHARINE DOCKS, LONDON - RACE START

## RACE CREW SUPPORTERS GUIDE 1

### INTRODUCTION

With less than eight weeks to go until the Race Start festivities begin, we are looking forward to welcoming you to St. Katharine Docks, London. In the heart of the city close to historical landmarks, contemporary architecture and the main commercial and banking districts St. Katharine Docks is ideally situated and provides a wonderful backdrop as we celebrate the start of the 2019-20 race.

To give you a taste of what to expect in and around St. Katharine Docks please find below a link to a short [video](#) showcasing the best moments from when the Clipper Race visited London during the 2013-14 edition of the race.

### LOCATION

**Berthing:** [St. Katharine Docks Marina](#), 50 St Katharine's Way, St Katharine's and Wapping, London, E1W 1LA

### CLIPPER RACE KEY RACE START DATES

- **Departure from Gosport: 20 August**  
After a very busy Prep Week, the Clipper Race fleet will depart Gosport for London
- **Arrival: 22 August – 1730**  
Clipper Race Crew, Race Crew Supporters and Race Partners are informally invited to welcome the Clipper Race fleet into St. Katharine Docks. This is not an official event, but if you are in the area and want to come along to wave them in, we would love to see you.  
As the fleet will be arriving together, access to the pontoons will be restricted until the whole fleet are tied up and arrival procedures are complete.
- **Activation Window: 24 – 30 August**  
These are the days on which your Race Crew and yacht may be involved in corporate activation. In London, this can include; naming ceremonies, business networking events on board, hospitality events and open yacht tours.  
Schedules change frequently and each Skipper and AQP will be kept up to date on what activations your Race Crew member may have on each day.
- **Race Crew Changeover day: 28 August**  
This is the date that all crew participating in Leg 1 **must** register with the Race Office. Please make sure they bring their passport to the Race Office between **1100 and 1500** on this day. From this day forward Leg 1 crew may stay on board their yacht, if they wish. Outside of these dates – it is at the discretion of their Skipper.
- **Clipper 2019-20 Crew Party: 30 August**  
Venue: Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge, 45 Prescott Street  
Time: 1900 till 0000  
Race Crew: All Race Crew **must** register for a complimentary ticket before **25 Aug**. Tickets are available to book [here](#) from 18 July at 1200.  
Race Crew Supporters: Each Race Crew member may also register one Race Crew Supporter ticket as their guest, for free, by **1 Aug**. All Race Crew Supporters tickets must be registered for under the Race Crew member's name.

Any remaining tickets available, will be released on **1 Aug** for additional Race Crew Supporters to purchase at £10 each.

- **Race Crew Supporters drop-in Event: 31 August**

Come and meet other Race Crew Supporters who are in London, this is an event just for you while your Race Crew member is likely to be busy with yacht related activities.

Venue: Moretown Belle, 5 Thomas More Street, E1W 1YW

Time: 1000-1130

Race Crew Supporters: Please register for this free event via the Eventbrite link [here](#).

- **Race 1 Crew Brief: 31 August**

Overview: The Race Director will brief all Leg 1 crew on race features, expected conditions, details around the start and key information about Portimão and Punta del Este.

Venue: Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge, 45 Prescott Street

Time: 1530 – 1630

Race Crew: Leg 1 crew, compulsory attendance

Note: Immediately after this will be team on board team briefs led by their Skipper.

- **Clipper 2019-20 Race Start: 1 September**

We would love to see as many of you as possible down at St. Katharine Docks for the big day. Festivities will commence with each team's departure ceremony, where the teams are invited onto the main stage for their individual farewell.

Following this will be the slipping lines ceremony where each yacht will leave its berth in St. Katharine Docks - a great opportunity to soak up all of the event excitement and atmosphere.

These timings are **a guide only**, specific details will be issued by to each team by their Skipper ahead of arrival in to London:

1350 Departure ceremony begins

1500 First yacht slips. The remaining yachts will follow at four-minute intervals

1600 Parade of Sail begins, all yachts to proceed down River Thames

- **Clipper 2019-20 Race 1 Race Start: 2 September**

Although the departure celebrations will take place on Sunday 1 September, the actual Race Start for Race 1 will take place on Monday 2 September from Southend Pier. All are welcome to come and watch from the pier and have one last glimpse of the Clipper Race fleet before they head for Portugal.

These timings are **a guide only**, specific details and exact start line location will be issued nearer the departure day.

Time: 1000

Location: In the vicinity of Southend Pier

## PONTOON ACCESS

During event hours wristband access only:

[RED] Race Crew – Access at all times

[BLUE] Race Crew Supporters - As numbers on the yachts and the pontoons need to be monitored for safety and respected for those living on board, access for Race Crew Supporters will only be between 0900 and 1900 each day. Crew will be able to take up to two visitors [wearing a Race Crew Supporter wristband] down to their yacht at a time. However, this is always at the discretion of the Skipper.

Outside of event hours access by key card only, each team will be allocated a number of marina key cards.

### SPECTATOR BOATS

If you haven't already purchased your Spectator Boat tickets for the Race Start these can be purchased [here](#). If you have already purchased your tickets on-boarding details will be shared with you shortly.

### CLIPPER RACE OFFICE

Location: Floor 6. Tower Bridge Business Centre. 46-48 E Smithfield, Whitechapel, London E1W 1AW  
Dates open: 23 August – 01 September  
Times: 0900 – 1700 daily

### SITE SERVICES

All crew facilities [showers and toilets] will be located in St. Katharine Docks, there are six washrooms located in the marina reception building and a floating unit of five washrooms in the north west corner of the East Dock. Marina facilities including showers will be accessible via key card at all times except between 0730 – 0930 when it will be restricted to members only. However, during this time public toilets will be available.

### LAUNDRY

Two self-service washing machines and two dryers are available in the laundry room in the marina reception building. The machines are coin operated. A standard wash is £2 and £1 will provide 30 minutes drying time.

Further information on Marina facilities can be found within the St. Katharine Docks Visitor Marina Guide: [St. Katharine Docks Visitor Marina Guide](#)

### ATM/CASH POINTS

There is an ATM in the wall of the Tower Hotel, facing the blue Coronarium Bridge – between the Centre Basin and West Dock. There are also ATMs at the Tesco and Waitrose supermarkets.

### MONEY EXCHANGE

- Travelex UK, Tower Hill, London, EC3N 4AB (Open 0930 – 1600 Tue – Sat, 1000 – 1600 Sun and Mon)
- International Currency Exchange, London Bridge, SE1 2SX (Open 0745 – 1830 Mon – Fri)

### VICTUALING

A number of large supermarkets are located close to St. Katharine Docks:

- Waitrose & Partners, St Katharine's & Wapping, London E1W 1YY
- Tesco Extra, Surrey Quays Centre, Redriff Rd, London SE16 7LL
- Morrisons, 264 Walworth Rd, Walworth, London SE17 2D

### TRANSPORT

London is served by a number of International airports, the closest being London Heathrow **[LHR]**, London City Airport **[LCY]** and London Gatwick Airport **[LGW]**. All airports have good transport links into Central London, please find below links with further information on how to get to and from each airport:

- London Heathrow <https://www.heathrow.com/transport-and-directions>
- London Gatwick <https://www.gatwickairport.com/to-and-from/>
- London City Airport <https://www.londoncityairport.com/getting-here>

### **GETTING HERE**

Information on how to get to St. Katharine Docks can be found in the below link:  
<http://www.skdocks.co.uk/location>

### **CREW OFFERS**

The Team at St. Katharine Docks have kindly extended access to the SKD Privilege Club to Race Crew members and Race Crew Supporters. By using your Race Crew Supporters wristband, you will receive discounts in cafes and restaurants within or close to St. Katharine Docks. More information on the offers available can be found [here](#).

### **MAP**

The online map of St. Katharine Docks can be found [here](#).