

World Pilot Gig Championships

How the races are organised

There are three main categories of races:

Veterans (or Vets), Super Veterans (or Supervets) and the Main (or Open) races. Each category is sub-divided into Men's and Women's. There are no mixed races or crews.

Vets (aged 40+) and Supervets (aged 50+) races begin on the Friday of the racing weekend - please check the current year's timetable for the schedule of all races.

The Open races begin on Saturday.

The first race in each category begins just off St Agnes and finishes in St Mary's Harbour.

Gigs are arranged alphabetically and the start line is setup so that no crew has an unfair advantage in terms of distance raced.

The positions across the finish line are then arranged into groups with Group A being the first 12 gigs across the line, Group B the next 12 and so on.

All subsequent races are from Nut Rock to St Mary's Harbour.

In the case of the Vets and Supervets races, the next round is the final in which just the top 12 from Fridays races will compete.

In the Open races, the gigs in each group are then raced against each other in the next round - Round 2. The fastest two gigs in each group are moved to the group above and the slowest to the group below for the next round - Round 3.

Similarly, the fastest two gigs in each group at the finish of Round 3 are moved to the group above and the slowest to the group below for the next round, the final, which decides the ultimate positions for the Open Championships.

See maps of races below.

First race (Vets, SuperVets, Open) St Agnes to St Mary's Harbour



All other races from Nut Rock to St Mary's Harbour

