



# Sigma 33 Offshore One-Design Class Championship 2024

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

concurrently with the

## Ballad UK Class National Championship 2024

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Organising Authority (OA): RCYC Sailing Ltd,  
Falmouth, Cornwall, UK

in conjunction with  
the Sigma 33 OOD Class Association

## NOTICE OF RACE FOR SIGMA 33

Abbreviations:

[DP] - Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee.

### 1 RULES

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- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).  
(a) RRS 63.7 will be changed to permit a rule in the sailing instructions to take precedence over a rule in the notice of race.
- 1.2 Local regulations will apply concerning safe navigation in close proximity of vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, including dive vessels. Full details will be given in the sailing instructions (SI).
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages then the English text will take precedence.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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SI will be available for download on the online official noticeboard from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Preliminary versions of the SI may be posted on the website before this date. Entrants will be informed by email and WhatsApp.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

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- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at:  
<https://www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org/official-noticeboard-sigma-33-and-ballad/>
- 3.2 There will not be a physical noticeboard.
- 3.3 Competitors may be alerted by WhatsApp to new notices being posted. The race committee will also use WhatsApp to make other courtesy announcements concerning the event. Boats should register at least one device to receive WhatsApp.
- 3.4 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on international channels.
- 3.5 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy and safety broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel(s) will be stated in the SI.
- 3.6 [DP] Except in an emergency, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race each day a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats, unless using equipment provided by the OA.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the Sigma 33 OOD class that comply with class rules, provided additionally that helms are fully paid-up members of the association.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter and pay the required fee by downloading and completing the class association entry form from the official noticeboard. The form will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
- 4.3 An entry is not finalised until entry fees have been paid in full and registration has been completed. The following information is required to be provided before completion of registration:
- (a) crew list;
  - (b) parent/guardian declarations (available for download from the official noticeboard) for competitors under 18 years of age at any time during the event;
  - (c) application for a boat to display national letters or sail number in contravention of class rules (see also NoR 15);
  - (d) personal details and declaration form, available at registration, signed by all members of the crew.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 There will be an early bird fee of £170 for entries received on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.
- 5.2 The standard entry fee for entries received after 31<sup>st</sup> May but before 15<sup>th</sup> June is £190. Entries received after 15<sup>th</sup> June will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and subject to a Late Entry Fee of £15.
- 5.3 The fee covers participation in the racing, and tickets for all boat crew and guests to the welcome drinks reception at the National Maritime Museum Cornwall (NMMC).

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

The number of crew onboard shall be no more than seven.

## 7 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority, in accordance with World Sailing regulation 20.4.1.

## 8 FORMAT OF RACING

The event will consist of a single series of twelve races over the four days 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June. Dependent on entries, and for the purpose of prizes only, boats may be designated as within “Gold” or “Silver” fleets prior to the last day’s racing. All boats shall start at the same time, sail the same courses and be subject to the same signals.

## 9 SCHEDULE

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Registration	1500-1700	Windjammer @ Falmouth Watersports Centre
	Event briefing	1800-1830	RCYC
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Final registration	0830-0900	Windjammer
	Morning briefing	0900	Pontoon
	Up to 4 races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	-
	Peer inspection	After racing	Marina
	Daily prize-giving	1900	NMMC
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Morning briefing	0845	Marina
	Up to 4 races back-to-back	First warning signal 1025	-
	Daily prize-giving	After racing	Pontoon
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Morning briefing	0845	Pontoon
	Up to 4 races back-to-back	First warning signal 1025	-
	Daily prize-giving	1830	RCYC

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Morning briefing	0800	Pontoon
	Up to 2 races back-to-back	First warning signal 1000*	
	Daily and series prize-giving	After racing (1430)	RCYC

\* No warning signal will be made after 1230 on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

## 10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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- 10.1** Compliance with Class Association Rules will be checked by use of the 2024 Class Association Standard Inspection Form, and will be by peer inspection in Falmouth Haven Marina, after racing, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Copies of the Standard Inspection Form will be made available via the Class Association and at registration and may be downloaded from the Class Association website [www.sigma33.org](http://www.sigma33.org).
- 10.2** Competitors are advised that the requirement for lifeline tension shall be complied with at all times during the regatta and may additionally be monitored on the water – see World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 (Monohulls) section 3.14.1 (i).
- 10.3** The Class Association in conjunction with the RCYC may nominate a person to act as Equipment Officer who may inspect boats at any time to ensure compliance with Sigma 33 OOD Class and Measurement Rules

## 11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

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Not applicable to this event.

## 12 VENUE

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The race office will be situated at the RCYC. Racing will take place in Falmouth Bay or adjacent waters to the east. If conditions in the Bay are unsuitable, racing may be held within the estuary (see Appendix 1).

## 13 COURSES

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Courses will be of Windward/Leeward type as described in the sailing instructions.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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RRS 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 15 SCORING

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- 15.1** A minimum of 3 races shall be completed to constitute the series. If less than 3 races are completed then no result shall be declared and the Championship Trophy shall be returned to the Class Association.
- 15.2** When fewer than 5 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.
- 15.3** When 5 or more races are completed each boat's worst score shall be excluded.
- 15.4** A boat that did not start, did not finish, or retired after finishing shall score points one more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. A boat disqualified shall be scored additional points equal to 10% of the number of boats registered, fractions to be raised to the highest whole number. This changes RRS A4.2.
- 15.5** RRS A8.2 shall not apply. When RRS A8.1 fails to break a tie it shall stand as the final result and each of the joint winners shall hold the Championship Trophy for an equal part of the next year, the exact dates to be decided by the OA.

## 16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

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- 16.1** [DP] All support person vessels (SPV) shall register with the OA and comply with event regulations that will be published with the sailing instructions.
- 16.2** Small SPV arriving by road may be launched and recovered from the public slipway at the Falmouth Watersports Centre after paying the applicable fee. Larger SPV arriving by sea should book in with Falmouth Haven [www.falmouthhaven.co.uk](http://www.falmouthhaven.co.uk) Tel: +44 (0) 1326 310 990.

## 17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

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A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race in which she participates.

## 18 BERTHING

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- 18.1** [DP] From after racing on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June until after racing on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June all competing boats shall be berthed at Falmouth Haven marina. Depending on the number of entries boats may need to raft up.
- 18.2** The Class Association has negotiated a 15% discount for competing boats but owners should book directly with Falmouth Haven ([www.falmouthhaven.co.uk](http://www.falmouthhaven.co.uk) Tel: +44 (0) 1326 310 990) to ensure their requirements both before and after the event are addressed.
- 18.3** The race committee may give permission in writing for a boat to be removed from the marina during the event, e.g. to undergo repair.

## 19 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

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[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during either event except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race committee.

## 20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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[DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

## 21 DATA PROTECTION

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RCYC Sailing Ltd, in compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (UK GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of this event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the UK GDPR and shared with the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, the Class Association and, if necessary, the emergency services. It will not be shared with any other third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future Sigma 33 events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.

## 22 MEDIA RIGHTS

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Competitors and/or their Guardians automatically grant to the organising authority and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.

## 23 RISK STATEMENT

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- 23.1** Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 23.2** Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - (b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - (c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
  - (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - (e) provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - (f) provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
  - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend a safety briefing held for the event
- 23.3** The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

## 24 INSURANCE

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Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration to this effect at registration.

## 25 PRIZES

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Prizes will be awarded as follows, except that if any day's racing is lost the relevant daily trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the OA:

- The Sigma Championship Trophy for the overall winner.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Iceberg Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the runner-up and 3<sup>rd</sup> place positions overall.
- The Force Four Trophy will be awarded to winner of the first race on the first day.
- The RNCYC Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the first race on the second day.
- The Shadowfax Trophy will be awarded for the winner in Gold Fleet of the first race on the final day.
- The Quaich Quaich Trophy will be awarded to the highest-placed "newcomer" helmsman of the championships.
- The David Thomas Trophy will be awarded to the first owner / helmsman in the championships.
- Daily prizes will be awarded after racing each day.

## 26 FURTHER INFORMATION

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For further information about the venue please visit [www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org](http://www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org) or contact the office: Tel: +44 (0)1326 312 126, Fax: +44 (0)1326 211 614, E-mail: [events@royalcornwallyachtclub.org](mailto:events@royalcornwallyachtclub.org).

For further information on Falmouth and its environs, including accommodation, please visit [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk).

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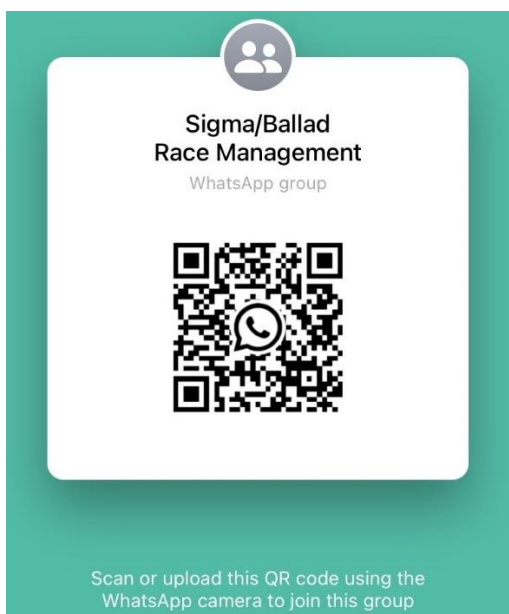
Local Sigma 33 contact: Toby Claridge

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### JOIN THE EVENT WHATSAPP GROUP

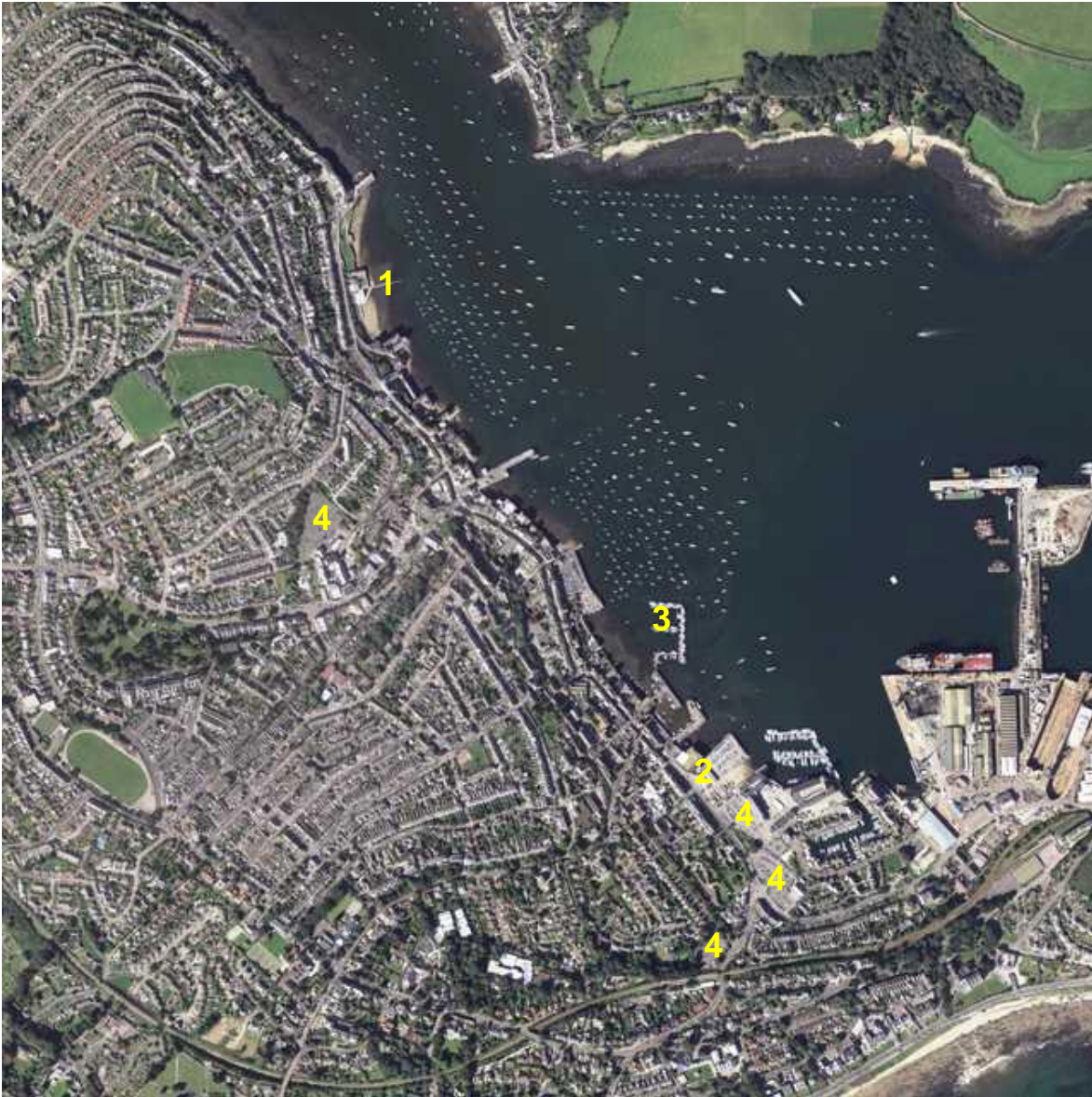
The organisers and race committee will use this group to alert competitors to notices being published on the official noticeboard, and to make other courtesy announcements.

Please note that this is not a discussion group.



## Appendix 1

### Venue



- 1 - Royal Cornwall Yacht Club (race office, protest hearings)
- 2 - Falmouth Watersports Centre (spare equipment storage, public slipway)
- 3 - Falmouth Haven (pontoon berthing & signals mast)
- 4 - Public car parks

Indicative course areas

