



RCYC Sailing Ltd

ROYAL CORNWALL YACHT CLUB **INSHORE CLUB RACING 2026**

*Organizing Authority:
RCYC Sailing Ltd
Greenbank, Falmouth, Cornwall, UK*

1st, 2nd and 3rd Points, Stewards Cup, Challenge Cup and Joint Pursuit Series

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1 RULES

1.1 Club racing is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Appendix B for Inshore Racing shall apply except that:

- (a) For One Designs their own class association rules will apply.
- (b) Adding to OSR 4.06.2, anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring.

Local regulations will apply concerning safe navigation in close proximity of commercial and military vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and dive vessels. Full details will be given in the sailing instructions.

1.3 The following rules are changed:

- (a) RRS 26 is changed as follows: No visual start signals will be given.
- (b) RRS 29.2 is changed as follows: Classes recalled will be restarted after the last scheduled start of other classes.
- (c) RRS 35, A3, A4 & A5 are changed as follows: Boats not finishing within 30 mins of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF without a hearing.
- (d) RRS 37 is changed as follows: Flag V for Search and Rescue will not apply.
- (e) For the MOCRA Class only RRS 40.1 is changed as follows: The wearing of personal flotation devices will apply at all times.
- (f) RRS 44.1 is changed as follows: A two turns penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.
- (g) RRS 61.1(a) is changed as follows: Failure to receive a radio signal will not be grounds for redress.
- (h) RRS 63.5(c) is changed as follows: in the event of conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI's) then the SI's will prevail.

These changes will appear in the SI's.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** The sailing instructions for all races except the Joint Pursuits will be available after 12:00 on 16 March 2026 and may be downloaded from the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club (RCYC) website (www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org "On the water/Club Racing/Club Racing 2026") or collected from the RCYC main office during normal club hours. Joint Pursuit Sailing Instructions will be available after 1st September 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** The official notice board is located on the RCYC website and notices may be displayed on the "Sailing Notice Board" in the main hall of the RCYC.
- 3.2** [DP] All boats shall carry:
- (a) A VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels 72, 77 and 16 for emergencies.
 - (b) A mobile phone loaded with the WhatsApp application.
- 3.3** On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4** [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the race (except in an emergency) a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** Racing is open to all boats owned by members of a Port of Falmouth Sailing Association Club (POFSA). Boat classes will be MOCRAS (multihulls), Sunbeams, IRC handicap yachts and Royal Yachting Association AERA Yacht Time Correction System (YTC) handicap yachts.
- 4.2** All boats must have a valid IRC/MOCRA or YTC handicap certificate apart from One Designs who must conform to their class association rules. The IRC handicap rating system applies to classes 1 & 2. The YTC handicap rating system applies to classes E & W. IRC and YTC rating certificates are available at <https://www.rorcrating.com>.
- 4.3** Classes are defined as follows and boats shall display their class flags accordingly:

Class Flag	Class	Handicap range
Not req	MOCRA (multihull)	n/a
1	IRC Class 1	TCF 0.986 and above
2	IRC Class 2	TCF 0.985 and below
E	E Class YTC yachts	YTC 1030 and below
Not req	Sunbeams	n/a
W	W Class YTC yachts	YTC 1031 and above
	Any other class on request	

The Organising Authority (OA) reserves the right to allocate boats to classes and to amalgamate, sub-divide, change handicap splits or re-arrange classes at its discretion.

- 4.4** Eligible boats shall enter by:
- (a) Completing the entry form available from the RCYC main office where they can submit it, together with the required fee (please see RCYC website for office opening hours).
 - (b) Registering and paying online at www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org "On the water/Club Racing/Club Racing 2026".
- Entries must be received 24 hours prior to the race starting and can be made before or during a series.
- 4.5** Final entry will only be confirmed when the entrant has completed and submitted the following:
- (a) A completed entry form which includes a declaration that the entrant has read and fully understands the details in this NOR and the insurance requirements.
 - (b) A parent/guardian consent form for sailors under 18 (available online from the RCYC website or from the RCYC main office).

- (c) A valid IRC/MOCRA signed rating certificate or a current YTC certificate as applicable sent to contact@rcycsailing.org
- (d) The appropriate entry fee.

4.6 Late entries may be accepted under exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the OA.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows and are free from VAT:

Races	Boats entered by a RCYC member	Boats entered by a non RCYC member
All races for the season	£55.00	£105.00
One series	£30.00	£55.00

6 CREW LIMITATIONS – not used

7 ADVERTISING – not used

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – not used

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration: The race entry form will be available to download from the RCYC website from Sunday 1st March or will be available from the RCYC main office during normal office hours from that date.

9.2 Dates of racing.

Event	Dates
Series 1	April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8
Stewards Cup	May 15
Series 2	May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3
Challenge Cup	July 10
Series 3	July 17, 24, 31 Aug 7, 21, 28, Sep 4, 11
Joint Pursuit Series	RCYC 18 and 25 Sep FSC 15 and 22 Sep (Prize giving at RCYC after racing)
Prize giving RCYC	Saturday October 10

9.3 On each day of racing the first warning signal shall be at 18:05hrs.

9.4 The race target time will be 90 mins with a time limit of 120 mins.

9.5 Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A3, A4 & A5.

9.6 A Skippers Briefing will be given on Friday 27th March at 18:30hrs at RCYC.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid IRC or YTC rating certificate.

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NOR.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT – not used

12 VENUE

12.1 Racing will take place in Carrick Roads and Falmouth Bay.

13 COURSES

- 13.1** Regatta style courses using navigational buoys, fixed POFSA marks and marks laid on the day will be set according to wind direction and will generally be chosen from a list as set out in the SI's. The RO may, at his discretion, choose a course of his choice.
- 13.2** Course information will be announced by VHF radio prior to the warning signal for that race. Failure to hear or receive a VHF broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 SCORING

- 15.1** Excluding stand-alone races (Stewards Cup and Challenge Cup), 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2** (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 4 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 15.3** RRS Rule A5.3 will apply.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS – not used

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS – not used

18 BERTHING – not used

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – not used

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – not used

21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1** The personal information you provide to the OA will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the events and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1** 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". 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) The 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) The 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 INSURANCE

- 23.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1** Trophies. In addition to Club Trophies for first boats, keeper prizes will be awarded as follows:

- (a) Average 7 or more starters – prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- (b) Average 4 – 6 starters – prizes for 1st & 2nd
- (c) Less than an average of 4 starters – prizes for 1st

All the season's prizes will be presented at RCYC at 20:00hrs on Saturday 10th October 2026.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1** For further information please see the RCYC website, visit the main office or contact the Sailing Secretary via email: contact@rcycsailing.org