



2026 SUNBEAM ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 30th May and Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September

Organising Authority: RCYC Sailing Ltd

in conjunction with the Sunbeam Association

NOTICE OF RACE

Preamble

For 2026 the championship will be scored by combining the results of the FSC Silver Sunbeam on Saturday 30th May and the Championship Regatta over Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September. The FSC 2026 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be amended to make the Silver Sunbeam a series of 3 races in Carrick Roads. This Notice of Race applies to the Championship Regatta and overall scoring of the championship.

1. RULES

- 1.1** Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** RRS 35, 37, 54, 60.1, 61.1, A4 & A5 will be changed as follows:
- (a) RRS 35, A4 & A5 - a Finishing Window will be applied;
 - (b) RRS 37 will be deleted;
 - (c) RRS 54 will be deleted;
 - (d) RRS 60.1 & 61.1 - a boat's right to protest or request redress will be limited.
- The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3** [NP][DP] All boats shall comply with Falmouth Harbour Commissioners bye-laws: [Falmouth Harbour \(General\) Bye-Laws](#).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on Monday 31st August and will be sent to entrants by email.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** The online official notice board is located at [Class Events – Sunbeam](#). WhatsApp will be used to alert competitors that notices have been posted, and to make other announcements. Competitors are strongly advised to register at least one phone with the Sunbeam Association WhatsApp group.
- 3.2** [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on international channels.
- 3.3** On the water, the race committee will make official broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4** [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, boats shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5** [DP] Boats may be required to carry positioning equipment supplied by the organising authority. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes rule 61.1.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** Entry is open to boats that comply with Falmouth class rules. Entrants are particularly reminded of class rule requirements in relation to an owner's (or owners') membership of the class association and payment of the annual subscription.
- 4.2** As well as fulfilling the requirements of RRS 75, a person entering a boat shall be a fully paid-up member or associate member of the class association.
- 4.3** An entry is not completed until:
- (a) a completed entry form has been submitted online;
 - (b) entry fees have been paid in full;
 - (c) A parent/guardian consent form has been submitted for sailors age 18 and under (not required if the parent/guardian is onboard);.
- 4.4** Entry to the Championship Regatta shall be made via the online entry form available from Monday 20th July at [Class Events – Sunbeam](#). Entry shall be completed no later than Sunday 30th August.

5. FEES

The entry fee is **£60**, payable by BACS to a/c 40288853, sort code 20-87-94 quoting sail number.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

A person helming a boat shall be a member or associate member of the class association, and a member of a PoFSA club or of Itchenor Sailing Club.

7. ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organising authority. This will not include hull stickers.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply to this event.

9. SCHEDULE

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Fri 4 th Sep	Up to three races back-to-back	No warning signal before 1055	-
	Tea and daily prize-giving	After racing	FSC
Sat 5 th Sep	Up to three races back-to-back	No warning signal before 1055	-
	Tea and daily prize-giving	After racing	RCYC
Sun 6 th Sep	Up to three races back-to-back	No warning signal before 1055	-
	Tea and prize-giving	After racing	RCYC

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]

- 10.1** Spot checks on compliance with relevant class measurement requirements (which may include safety equipment) may be undertaken immediately after any race by the race committee. Failure of a boat to comply with the relevant requirements will be grounds for disqualification from the race or series of races. Spot checks do not reduce the absolute and exclusive responsibility of the Person-in-Charge of a boat to comply with any safety requirement.
- 10.2** All boats are required to have valid sail and mast measurement certificates issued by the class measurer, with a copy provided to the class association.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Does not apply to this event.

12. VENUE

The Championship Regatta will take place in Falmouth Bay or adjacent waters to the east. If conditions in the Bay are unsuitable then racing may take place in the estuary. Indicative course areas are shown in the appendix.

13. COURSES

- 13.1** Courses will usually be Windward/Leeward as described in the sailing instructions. Races will be between approximately 50- and 80-minutes duration.
- 13.2** One race may be a long-distance race around PoFSA fixed marks in the Bay.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two-Turns Penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. SCORING

- 15.1** Boats' individual race results from the Silver Sunbeam will be carried forward to the Championship Regatta.
- 15.2** Up to eleven races are scheduled for the championship series. Four races will be required to be completed to constitute the series.
- 15.3** When 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4** When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst and second worst scores.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

Not applicable to this event.

17. CHARTED OR LOANED BOATS

A chartered or loaned boat may carry a sail number in contravention to her class rules.

18. BERTHING

Not applicable to this event.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

[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

Participants' personal information will be protected in accordance the UK GDPR policy of the organising authority.

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".
- 22.2** 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 any safety briefing held for the event.

22.3 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.

23. INSURANCE

[DP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1 For the Championship Regatta, Sunbeam Association perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

Race 1	The Silver Sail
Race 2	Falmouth Boat Construction Silver Salver
Race 3	Tudor Rose Bowl
Race 4	RCYC Challenge Cup
Race 5	Polly's Plate
Race 6	J S Tripconney Cup
Race 7	HMS Maidstone 1921 Trophy
Race 8	Vanity Mirror

In addition, the first three boats in each race will receive "keeper" prizes.

24.2 For the overall championship (Silver Sunbeam and Championship Regatta combined), Sunbeam Association perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

1st overall series	Jubilee Trophy
Highest placed visitor/woman	Glass Decanter

In addition, "keeper" prizes will be awarded to the first five boats overall.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the regulations governing the event may be obtained from the Class Captain:

Tel: 07977 456 111

Email: e.mantle8@icloud.com

Appendix

Indicative course areas

