



**ROYAL WESTERN**  
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

# **PLYMOUTH RACE WEEK 2024**

**Incorporating**

**2024 IRC SW Championships**

**2024 J24 National Championships**

**2024 YTC SW Championships**

**Notice of Race**

# Notice of Race

Organising Authority (OA) – Royal Western Yacht Club of England (RWYC)

*A supplement to this Notice of Race with specific details for the J24 National Championships will be issued in due course.*

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the ‘Rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and the following, as appropriate:
  - (a) The 2024 Rules of the IRC.
  - (b) The 2024 RYA YTC Handicap Policy and Procedures.
  - (c) Class Rules for One Designs including their crew limits (if any).
- 1.2 Where there is conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter a class rule. This changes Rule 63.7.
- 1.3 Plymouth is a Naval/ Commercial Port, shipping movements can be frequent and must have priority. Boats, at all times, must keep clear of ships leaving or entering the port and obey instructions from the Race Committee where avoiding action is necessary. Failure to obey Race Committee instructions may be treated as misconduct.
- 1.3 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Hearing/Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See the official website for details. See: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>
- 1.4 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard an IRC boat shall be the crew number printed on the certificate plus 2. There is no weight limit.
- 1.6 Competitors should note that the Royal Western Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and entrants will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found on the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

## **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1** Classes will be offered for IRC, J24 and RYA YTC. Boats entering the IRC class must have a valid IRC rating certificate. Boats entering the RYA YTC Class must have a valid 2024 YTC Handicap as listed on the RYA YTC Website under Port List for 2024. List of YTC handicaps can be found at <https://www.swytc.org.uk/portlist.asp>
- 3.2** Yachts wishing to enter the RYA YTC class without a valid 2024 handicap should apply for one at <https://www.swytc.org.uk/applications.asp>
- 3.3** All yachts shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, however any boats that cannot comply fully with those requirements may apply to the Organising Authority for written dispensation. The requirements of Appendix B can be found at: <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/>
- 3.4** Eligible boats may enter as follows.
- 3.4.1** The Regatta Website can be found at <https://rwytc.org/club-racing/plymouthraceweek/>
- 3.4.2** Entries should be made online using the PRW2024 Entry Form to be found at the website in 3.4.1
- 3.4.3** Entries should be received by 30th June 2024. Entries received after this date are considered to be late entries and will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.4.4** Details for entering the J24 National Championships including launching, recovery and berthing costs and arrangements will be issued in the supplementary Notice of Race issued for that class.

## 4. ENTRY FEES:

### 4.1

	Early Bird entry fee up to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Standard entry fee from 01 May 2024 to 30 June 2024	Late entry fee after 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024
IRC Southwest Championships	£90	£95	£120
J24 National Championships	See NoR 3.4.4		
RYA YTC Southwest Championships	£75	£85	£95

4.2 PPSA club Members will receive discount £10 off these entry fees.

## 5. SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	On-line Briefing for IRC Class and Plymouth Gin Fun Race
	1830	Plymouth Gin Fun Race (Not counting towards the final results)
	2000	Racing Supper
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	1025	First Warning Signal 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day.
		4 races scheduled for IRC Class.
		YTC Online briefing – time tbc
	1825	YTC Warning Signal – PYC start Line. 1 Race scheduled.
	1930	Social inc Hog Roast/ BBQ
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	1025	First Warning Signal 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day.
		4 races scheduled for IRC class; 3 races scheduled for YTC. class
	1930	Social - sponsor night; Band (tbc) / bar/ crew party
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	1025	First Warning signal 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day.
		2 races scheduled for IRC & YTC Classes.
	1600	Day and Overall Prizegiving

## 6. REGISTRATION

6.1 Competitors must register online at the club racing section of the website.

## **7. RACES**

- 7.1** For the IRC Class there will be, with 4 races scheduled for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July with 2 races scheduled for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The last race on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July will start no later than 1300.
- 7.2** For the YTC Class there will be one race scheduled for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 3 races scheduled for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July and 2 races scheduled for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The last race on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July will start no later than 1300.
- 7.3** At the discretion of the Race Committee, one extra race in any day may be sailed, providing races become no more than one race ahead of schedule and any change made is according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions.

## **8. MEASUREMENTS**

- 8.1** Changes to the rating of an IRC boat other than upwards will not be allowed after 18.00hrs on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July unless the rating change is:
- (a) Due to an error made by RORC. In such a case the rating shall be corrected for all races.
  - (b) The result of a rating protest, when RRS 64.3 will apply together with the rules applicable to that rating system.
- 8.2** IRC Rating protests by competitors may not be lodged after 1800hrs on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Regatta Office and on the Regatta website at <https://rwy.org/club-racing/plymouthraceweek/> by 1000 on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.

## **10. VENUE**

- 10.1** Racing will take place in Plymouth Sound (which extends 2.5nms South of Plymouth Breakwater) and surrounding waters. Refer Admiralty Chart 30: Plymouth Sound and Approaches

## **11. THE COURSES**

- 11.1** Types of course and location are class and weather dependent and will comprise Windward/ Leeward (W/L), Round the Cans (RTC) and a possible Short Coastal (SC) (~20nm).

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1** The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply to all classes.
- 12.2** IRC Classes will be scored using Spinlock IRC TCCs.
- 12.3** RYA YTC class will be scored using RYA YTC numbers as listed in the RYA YTC 2024 Port Lists
- 12.4** For IRC SW Championship class 6 races are required to constitute a series.
- 12.5** For RYA YTC SW Championship Class 4 races are required to constitute a series.

## **13 DISCARDS**

- 13.1** For IRC SW Championships.

(a) When 6 or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

- 13.2** For RYA YTC SW Championships

(a) When 4 or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

## **14 BERTHING**

- 14.1** Details of Berthing will be available on the Regatta Website in due course.

## **15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 15.1** Yachts shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1** All boats shall carry a suitable VHF radio. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **17 PRIZES**

- 17.1** Daily prizes will be awarded to all classes. Overall class prizes/trophies will be awarded to each class. A Yacht of the Week Prize will be awarded.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

- 18.1** 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”.
- 18.2** 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 they;
- 18.2a** 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;
- 18.2b** they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 18.2c** they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
- 18.2d** their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 18.2e** 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;
- 18.2f** provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 18.3** The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

## **19 INSURANCE**

- 19.1** Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold

insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000. It is the duty of each boat owner to have his boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of Plymouth Race Week 2024.

## **20 MEDIA WAIVER**

- 20.1** Competitors give their consent to the Royal Western Yacht Club and its sponsors, to use their name, comments, photograph and likeness in order to promote the Plymouth Race Week 2024 and subsequent events.

## **21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 21.1** For further information on IRC and YTC Classes, please contact Jerry Lock at [rcsail@rwy.org](mailto:rcsail@rwy.org)
- 21.2** For further specific Information on J24 Class, please contact: Sam Marshall at [rcs@plymyachtclub.co.uk](mailto:rcs@plymyachtclub.co.uk)

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