



ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

Plymouth - Falmouth – Fowey Triangle Race

4th May to 6th May 2024

Notice of Race

Organising authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd
Plymouth U.K.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.2 RRS are changed as follows.
 - 1.2.1 RRS Appendix A Scoring: as changed in NoR 12.1 and 12.2.
 - 1.2.2 The Sailing Instructions may change other rules.
- 1.3 IRC Rules are changed as follows.
 - 1.3.1 Under RRS 87, IRC Rule 22.4.2 is replaced with (see also NoR 6.1):

“The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the crew number printed on the IRC certificate plus one. There is no weight limit.”
- 1.4 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2024-2025 Category 4 shall apply. <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/> Additionally, all boats shall carry a life raft in accordance with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 4.20.
- 1.5 Time limits for each leg will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions as applicable.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any boats that do not comply fully with the above requirements may apply to the Organising Authority for written dispensation.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board shall be <https://rwytc.org/club-racing/triangle-race/>
- 3.2 While racing, 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. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Race Control will operate on Channel 77 in each port.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 **IRC DIVISION** – for yachts holding a current IRC rating.
- 4.2 **MOCRA DIVISION** – for yachts holding a current MOCRA rating.
- 4.3 **CRUISER DIVISION** – unrated yachts under the RYA YTC scheme. Handicaps for the class can be acquired from <https://www.swytc.org.uk/applications.asp>
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter as follows:

4.4.1 The Regatta Website can be found at <https://rwy.org/club-racing/triangle-race/>

4.4.2 Entries should be made online using the PRW 2024 Entry Form to be found in the website in 4.4.1

4.4.3 Entries should be received by 1st May 2024. Entries received after this date are considered to be late entries and will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

4.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the race Committee.

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:

Entry fee for:	RWYC Members	Non-Members
All 3 legs	£70	£90
Plymouth – Falmouth (leg only)	£30	£45
Falmouth – Fowey (leg only)	£30	£45
Fowey – Plymouth (leg only)	£30	£45

5.2 To qualify for a RWYC Members race entry, the boat shall be owned or chartered by an RWYC member who shall be on board for each leg of the race. Evidence of this may be required by the Race Committee (RC).

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Under RRS 87, IRC Rule 22.4.2 is replaced with:

“The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the crew number printed on the IRC certificate plus one. There is no weight limit.”

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority

8 SCHEDULE

8.1

Date	Race	Time/ First Warning Signal
3 rd May 2024	Race Reception and Skippers Briefing	1830

	RWYC	
4 th May 2024	Plymouth – Falmouth	0825
	Leg Prize Giving at RCYC	1900
5 th May 2024	Falmouth – Fowey	1025
	Leg Prize Giving at RFYC	1900
6 th May 2024	Fowey – Plymouth	0955

- 8.2 There will be a Race Reception and briefing at the RWYC on Friday 3rd May 2024 at 1830.
- 8.3 There will be a reception and leg prize-giving at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club on Saturday 4th May 2024 at 1900.
- 8.4 There will be a reception and leg prize-giving at the Royal Fowey Yacht Club on Sunday 5th May 2024 at 1900.

9 RATING CERTIFICATES

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a current rating certificate.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Saturday 4th May 2024 Plymouth to Falmouth
 Sunday 5th May 2024 Falmouth to Fowey
 Monday 6th May 2024 Fowey to Plymouth.
- 10.2 Precise details of courses for each leg will be detailed in the SIs.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The Post-Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration system of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes> for details.
- 11.2 Discretionary penalties will be available to the Protest Committee (PC).

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Falmouth Triangle overall scores will be calculated using a high point (HP) weighted scoring system. The first boat in each leg will be awarded points equivalent to the number of starters multiplied by the race weighting. Second and subsequent places will be awarded one point less than the previous place multiplied by the race weighting. This changes RRS A4.
- 12.2 Each race will be weighted and categorised as follows:

Leg	WS OSR Category	Weighting
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Plymouth – Falmouth	4	1.5
Falmouth – Fowey	4	1.0
Fowey – Plymouth	4	1.0

- 12.3 A separate prize will be awarded for either single-handed, double-handed or half crew boats where there are 5 or more boats qualifying in each category.

13 BERTHING

- 13.1 The Organising Committee will ensure that the respective harbour authorities at both Falmouth and Fowey will be aware of the event and inform them of the expected number of yachts for berthing.
- 13.2 Finding a berth/ mooring at each port is each yacht’s responsibility.

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 RRS 3 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:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (iii) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (iv) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (v) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (vi) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (vii) 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 at the venue;
- (viii) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew];
- (ix) their boat is adequately insured.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or the foreign equivalent for the duration of the race or series.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

16.2 A 'leg' prize will be awarded to the winners of each class for the Plymouth to Falmouth and Falmouth to Fowey legs of the Series. Additional prizes will be awarded depending on the number of boats entered in each class, for 5-9 boats a second prize will be given, for 10-14 boats a third prize and so on. The Overall Triangle Series prizes for each class will be awarded and presented at the RWYC annual prize-giving.

16.3 Subject to sufficient entries, prizes may also be awarded on the same basis as described in NoR 12.3 to single-handed, two-handed and half crew entries that have declared their intention to race as such beforehand.

17 SELF STEERING GEAR

17.1 The use of self-steering devices is permitted.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information please contact the Secretary, Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne's Battery PL4 0TW – tel 01752 660077 or via email: admin@rwydc.org.

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