



ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

**Plymouth - Falmouth – Fowey
Triangle Race**

4th to 7th May 2018

Notice of Race

Supported by



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).

1.2 RRS are changed as follows..

a RRS 44.1 Taking a Penalty. The Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

b RRS Appendix A Scoring. See NoR 8.

(The Sailing Instructions (SI) may change other racing rules).

1.3 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 two. There is no weight limit.”

1.4 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 4 shall apply. (www.sailing.org/specialregs). Additionally, boats shall carry a life raft in accordance with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 4.20.2.

1.5 The Race Committee may inspect any boat to ensure compliance with OSR.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 We are trialling the South West Yacht Time Correction System (SWTCS) in a number of races. Boats may be requested to provide certain information prior to the event, to allow a comparison of the results with our current handicapping systems. See link

<http://www.swytc.org.uk/EntryForm.asp?grp=RWYC>

2.2 IRC DIVISION – for yachts with a current IRC certificate.

2.3 MOCRA DIVISION – for yachts holding a current MOCRA certificate.

2.4 CRUISER DIVISION – for yachts holding a current Port Handicap issued by the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association (PPSA).

The current list of Port Handicaps (Port TCF) can be found at -

<http://plymouthsailingassociation.org.uk/racing/handicap-list>

If an entrant does not have a PPSA Port Handicap, they should apply to the PPSA Port Handicapper, Tony Head; email tony-head@lineone.net with as much advance notice as possible before the event.

2.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form (separate attachment) and sending it, together with the required fee, to the Secretary, Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne’s Battery PL4 0TW or by email to admin@rwyc.org by 12.00 on 3rd May 2018. Entry forms are downloadable [here](#) or at the club.

2.6 Late entries may be accepted on receipt of a late entry fee of 25% in addition to the entry fee.

3 FEES

3.1 Required fees are as follows:

Entry fee for:	RWYC members	Non Members
All 3 legs	£50	£80
Plymouth – Falmouth (leg only)	£25	£35
Falmouth – Fowey (leg only)	£25	£35
Fowey – Plymouth (leg only)	£25	£35

3.2 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).

4 SCHEDULE

4.1

Date	Race	First warning signal
3 rd May 2018	Skippers Briefing RWYC	1830
4 th May 2018	Informal Briefing RWYC	1830
5 th May 2018	Plymouth - Falmouth	0825

6 th May 2018	Falmouth – Fowey	1025
7 th May 2018	Fowey – Plymouth	0955

There will be a race reception and briefing at the RWYC on Friday 4th May 2018 at 1830.

There will be a reception and leg prize-giving at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club on Saturday 5th May 2018 at 1900.

There will be a reception and leg prize-giving at the Royal Fowey Yacht Club on Sunday 6th May 2018 at 1900.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Triangle Series page of the RWYC website at least 72 hours before the first warning signal of the first leg from Plymouth to Falmouth.

6. COURSES

- 6.1 Saturday 5th May 2018 Plymouth to Falmouth

Sunday 6th May 2018 Falmouth to Fowey

Monday 7th May 2018 Fowey to Plymouth.

Precise details of each separate leg will be shown in the SIs.

7. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 7.1 The Exoneration 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 www.rya.org.uk/racing/raceofficials/Pages/RulesDisputesProcess.aspx for details.

- 7.2 Discretionary penalties will be available to the Protest Committees (PC).

8. SCORING

- 8.1 The Falmouth Triangle overall scores will be calculated using a high point weighted scoring system. The first boat in each leg will be awarded point's 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.

8.2 Other than as in NoR 8.1, RRS Appendix A shall apply.

8.3 Each Race will be weighted and categorised as follows:

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

9. BERTHING

The OA will make the respective harbour authorities / marinas at Falmouth & Fowey aware of the event and the number of yachts expected for berthing. Finding a berth / mooring is each yacht's responsibility.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 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. Race Control will operate on Channel 77 in each port.

11. PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

11.2 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.

11.3 Subject to sufficient entries, prizes may also be awarded on the same basis as described in NoR 11.2. to single-handed and two-handed entries that have declared their intention to race as such beforehand.

12 SELF STEERING GEAR

- 12.1 The use of self-steering devices is permitted.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 RRS 4 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.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 or the foreign equivalent for the duration of the race or series.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Secretary, Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne's Battery PL4 0TW – tel 01752 660077 by email at admin@rwy.org.

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