



ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

Mirror Western Championships
2nd 3rd and 4th May 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd

Notice of Race

Competitors should note that The Royal Western Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing), or at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), national prescriptions and Class Rules.
- 1.2 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: <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.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website no later than Saturday 25th April 2026.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The event website can be found at <https://rwyc.org/race/mirror-western-championships-2026/>
- 3.2 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be the RWYC website as stated in 3.1. During the event notices will also be displayed on the clubhouse noticeboard.
- 3.3 Whilst racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make nor receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to the Mirror class.
- 4.2 Only fully paid-up members of the Mirror Class Association may enter the Mirror National Championships. The helm stated on the entry form shall helm for all the races of the event.
- 4.3 Eligible boats can enter by submitting the on-line entry form on the event website. Entries should be received by 1800 on Saturday 25th April 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising committee
- 4.4 Checks may be carried out to test the compliance of competitors with their Class Association Measurement Rules.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for the event is £50. This will include berthing/storage during the event, car parking and use of the MDL Marina Berth Holder facilities.
- 5.2 There may be an additional fee for motorhomes, but this is down to the discretion of Queen Anne's Battery Marina.
- 5.3 A full social program from 2nd May to 4th May with breakfast baps/tea/coffee each morning before racing and bar and food catering available throughout the event, payable locally at the bar.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 No restrictions, but all advertising must comply with world Sailing Regulation 20 Advertising Code.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 7.1 Registration will be available at the RWYC on Saturday 2nd May 0900 -1300.
- 7.2 A competitor briefing will be held on Saturday 2nd May at 1300 and may also be published on-line.
- 7.3 7 races are scheduled over the 3 days (2 Saturday, 3 Sunday and 2 Monday) with 1st warning signal at 1500 on Saturday, 1100 on Sunday and 1100 on Monday.
- 7.4 The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race on Monday 4th may 2026.

8. REGATTA OFFICE

- 8.1 The Regatta Office will be located at the Royal Western Yacht Club.
- 8.2 The Regatta Office will be open between the following times
Saturday 2nd May 0800 - 1800
Sunday 3rd May 0800 - 1700
Monday 4th May 0800 onwards

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The racing area for the regatta will be Plymouth Sound which extends to 2.5nm south of Plymouth Breakwater.
- 9.2 Details of dinghy berthing, storage and parking will be promulgated on the regatta website in due course.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. Racing will take place in Plymouth Sound; location will depend on weather conditions.
- 10.2 Courses will be windward/ leeward using laid marks.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2 2 Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12. DISCARDS

- 12.1 (a) When 3 or fewer races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 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".
- 14.2 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:
- 14.2a 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;
- 14.2b they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 14.2c they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions.
- 14.2d their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 14.2e 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.
- 14.2f provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 14.3g the fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor as set out in this notice of race.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1 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/her (or their boat) adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the event.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 For further information please contact via email at info@rwyg.org
- 16.2 Event Director, Jerry Lock; jerry.lock@gmail.com

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