



ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

2026 CLUB COASTAL EVENTS
For
IRC, VPRS, YTC and MOCRA Classes

Plymouth – Falmouth – Fowey
Triangle Race
2nd May, 3rd May, and 4th May

25 Miler Coastal Race
14th June

Torbay Weekend
4th and 5th July

Notice of Race

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

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, 12.2 and 12.3.
 - 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://rwy.org/race/the-25-miler-2026/> for the 25 Miler, <https://rwy.org/race/triangle-race-2026/> for the Triangle Race and <https://rwy.org/race/torbay-weekend-2026/> for the Torbay Weekend
- 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, VPRS and YTC DIVISIONS** – for yachts holding current IRC, VPRS and YTC ratings.

4.2 **MOCRA DIVISION** – for yachts holding a current MOCRA rating.

4.4 Eligible boats may enter as follows:

4.4.1 The Event Website can be found at <https://rwyc.org/race/the-25-miler-2026/> for the 25 Miler, <https://rwyc.org/race/triangle-race-2026/> for the Triangle Race and <https://rwyc.org/race/torbay-weekend-2026/> for the Torbay Weekend

4.4.2 Boats may enter by completing the online entry form under the specific event found on the Club Webpage under the Club Racing section <https://rwyc.org/racing/#Club-Racing> or by downloading and completing the paper entry form from the website

4.5 A yacht's racing result will only be accepted when a **fully completed entry form** (either on-line or paper) and **payment has been received** by race administration at the RWYC prior to racing. All entries **must** comply with RRS 75 (Race Entry & Qualification)

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

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Entry fee for:	RWYC Members	Non-Members
Triangle - All 3 legs	£70	£120
Plymouth – Falmouth (leg only)	£25	£40
Falmouth – Fowey (leg only)	£25	£40
Fowey – Plymouth (leg only)	£25	£40
25 Miler Coastal Race	£20	£30
Torbay Weekend (both legs)	£40	£60
Plymouth – Torbay (leg only)	£20	£30
Torbay – Plymouth (leg only)	£20	£30

5.2 In addition to the above discounted RWYC member entry fees there are 3 special price member packages with further discounts for All Inshore Events, All Coastal Events and All Inshore and Coastal Events. These can be found on the website under the club racing section <https://rwyc.org/racing/#Club-Racing>. To qualify for a RWYC Members race entry, the boat shall be owned or chartered by an RWYC member.

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 Triangle Race

Date	Race	Time/ First Warning Signal
1 st May 2026	Race Reception and Skippers Briefing RWYC	18.30
2 nd May 2026	Plymouth to Falmouth	08.25
3 rd May 2026	Falmouth to Fowey	10.25
4 th May 2026	Fowey to Plymouth	09.55
	Overall and each leg prize giving at RWYC after racing	16.00

8.2 25 Miler

Date	Race	Time/First Warning Signal
14 th June	25 Miler	10.00

8.3 Torbay Weekend

Date	Race	Time/First Warning Signal
4 th July	Torbay Weekend (Plymouth to Torbay leg)	08.25
5 th July	Torbay Weekend (Torbay to Plymouth)	09.25

8.4 There will be a Race Reception and briefing for the Triangle Race at the RWYC on Friday 1st May 2026 at 18.30.

8.5 The overall and each leg prize giving for the Triangle Race will be at the RWYC straight after racing at approximately 16.00 on the 4th May 2026.

- 8.6 The prize giving for the 25 Miler Coastal Race will be at the RWYC straight after racing at approximately 15.00 on the 14th June 2026.
- 8.7 The overall and each leg prize giving for the Torbay Weekend will be at the RWYC straight after racing at approximately 17.00 on 5th July 2026
- 8.8 Free berthing (subject to space) at QAB Marina will be available for up to 3 hours to all competitors competing in the Triangle Race, 25 Miler Coastal Race and Torbay Weekend after racing on the 4th May 2026, 14th June 2026 and 5th July 2026 to participate in the post-race prize giving and reception. Please contact QAB direct on the day if you wish to use this facility informing them you are part of these RWYC races.
- 8.9 In addition to the Triangle, 25 Miler Coastal Race and Torbay Weekend prize giving's after racing on the 4th May, 14th June and 5th July. As these races are part of the Ullman Sails Coastal Series (USPRS) additional Ullman Sails and Plymouth Gin random prizes may be awarded to those taking part.

9 RATING CERTIFICATES

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

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Saturday 2nd May 2026 Plymouth to Falmouth
Sunday 3rd May 2026 Falmouth to Fowey
Monday 4th May 2026 Fowey to Plymouth.
Sunday 14th June 2026 25 mile coastal race (start and finish in Plymouth)
Saturday 4th July 2026 Plymouth to Torbay
Sunday 5th July 2026 Torbay to Plymouth
- 10.2 Precise details of courses for each leg and race 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 Only for the Falmouth Triangle (not the 25 Miler or Torbay Weekend) overall scores will be calculated using a high point (HP) 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. This changes RRS A4.
- 12.2 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

- 12.3 The Triangle, 25 Miler and Torbay Weekend will additionally be scored as a 6 race RWYC Coastal Series where each boats series score will be the total of her race scores less one discard for each four (4) races completed. All boats will be dual scored in the series under NHC performance handicap.

13 BERTHING

- 13.1 The Organising Committee will ensure that the respective harbour authorities at Falmouth, Fowey and Torbay 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.
- 13.3 Free berthing (subject to space) at QAB Marina will be available for up to 3 hours to all competitors competing in the Triangle Race, 25 Miler Coastal Race and Torbay Weekend after racing on the 4th May 2026, 14th June 2026 and 5th July 2026 to participate in the post-race prize giving and reception. Please contact QAB direct on the day if you wish to use this facility informing them you are part of these RWYC races.

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, Falmouth to Fowey and Fowey to Plymouth legs of the Triangle Series on Monday 4th May 2026 after racing at the RWYC. 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 A prize will be awarded to the winners in each class for the 25 Miler Coastal Race on 14th June 2026 after racing at the RWYC. 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 25 Miler prizes for each class will be awarded and presented at the RWYC annual prize-giving.
- 16.3 A "leg" prize will be awarded to the winners of each class for the Torbay Weekend on Sunday 5th July 2026 after racing at the RWYC. 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 Torbay Weekend prizes for each class will be awarded and presented at the RWYC annual prize-giving.

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.