



ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

2026 CLUB INSHORE SERIES EVENTS

For
IRC, VPRS, YTC and Devon Yawl

Wednesday Evenings 1884 Twilight Series **YTC and Devon Yawl**

Part 1: 15th April to 17th June

Part 2: 24th June to 2nd September

Ullman Sails Regatta Series

Series 1 : 10th May

Series 2 : 28th June

Series 3 : 26th July

Autumn Series: Sunday mornings **IRC, VPRS, YTC and Devon Yawl**

6th September to 25th October

Icicle Series: Sunday Mornings **IRC, VPRS, YTC and Devon Yawl**

1st November to 13th December

NOTICE OF RACE

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1 RULES

- 1.1 Each Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Where there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 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.
- 1.4 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>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the club website no later than Monday 1st April 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice boards shall be the individual series Webpages on the RWYC Website.
- 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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 1884 Twilight Series is a no spinnaker series open to all boats of Devon Yawl and YTC Class. Ullman Sails Regatta Series open to IRC, VPRS and YTC Classes. Autumn and Icicle Series are open to Devon Yawl, IRC, VPRS and YTC Classes.
- 4.2 Entries should have a current IRC, VPRS or YTC rating. Unrated monohull boats should apply for a rating at <https://rorcrating.com/> and <https://vprs.org/>
- 4.3 Ratings may be varied during the Series.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form found on the Club Series Webpage on <https://rwy.org/race/1884-twilight-series-2026/> for the 1884 Twilight Series, <https://rwy.org/race/ullman-sails-regatta-series-2026/> for the Ullman Sails Regatta Series <https://rwy.org/race/autumn-series-2026/> for the Autumn Series and for the Icicle Series <https://rwy.org/race/icicle-series-2026/> . 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).

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

5.1.1 1884 Series

	RWYC Members	Non -Members
Whole Series (Part 1 & Part 2)	£70	£120
Individual day	£4	£6

5.1.2 Ullman Sails Regatta Series 1, 2 & 3

	RWYC Members	Non-Members
Ullman Sails Regatta Series (10 th May, 28 th June, 26 th July)	£70	£120
Individual day	£25	£40

5.1.3 Autumn and Icicle Series

	RWYC Members	Non -Members
Autumn Series (6 th Sept – 25 th Oct)	£55	£90
Icicle Series (1 st Nov – 13 th Dec)	£55	£90
Individual day	£10	£15

5.1.2 In addition to the 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://rwy.org/racing/#Club-Racing>.

5.1.3 To qualify for a RWYC Members Race Entry, the boat shall be owned or chartered by a RWYC member

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 For IRC classes only, 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.”

6.2 There are no crew limitations to the 1884 Twilight Series

7 ADVERTISING

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

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Dates of racing:

8.1.1 The 1884 Twilight Series will run on Wednesday evenings from 15th April 2026 to 2nd September 2026. The series will be split into 2 parts as indicated below with Part Series prizes being awarded to each class as per NOR 15.

Part 1: 15th April – 17th June 2026 (10 evenings)

Part 2: 24th June – 2nd September 2026 (11 evenings).

8.1.2 The Ullman Sails Regatta Series 1, 2 and 3 will be run on the 10th May, 28th June and 26th July 2026

8.1.3 The Autumn Series will run on Sunday Mornings from 6th September to 25th October 2026 (7 Mornings). No racing on 18th October.

8.1.4 The Icicle Series will run on Sunday Mornings from 1st November to 13th December 2026 (6 Mornings). No racing will be held on Sunday 8th November (Remembrance Sunday).

8.2 Schedule of races, at the discretion of the Race Officer

8.2.1 1884 Twilight Series 1 race is scheduled for all classes

8.2.2 Ullman Sails Regatta Series 4 races scheduled each day

8.2.3 Autumn and Icicle Series 2 races are scheduled each day for all classes

8.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is:

8.3.1 1884 Twilight Series 1825 YTC/VPRS, 1835 Devon Yawl with 3,2,1 go countdown

8.3.2 Ullman Sails Regatta Series 1025

8.3.3 Autumn and Icicle Series 1025 IRC, VPRS and YTC, 1035 Devon Yawl with 3,2,1 go countdown

9 COURSES

9.1 If two races are held, the first will be a short windward/leeward course. The second race will be either another windward/leeward, or a Round the Cans (RTC) course.

9.2 If one race is held, the course will Windward/Leeward or round the cans with option of a club line finish

9.3 Ullman Sails Regatta series each day 4 Windward/Leeward races back to back with option of last race to finish on the club line

9.4 All races will start off a committee boat line

9.5 Where appropriate, the race committee may 'average lap' slower boats.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 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>

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

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores less one discard for each four (4) races completed. This changes RRS A2
- 11.2 The 1884 Twilight Series will be scored using the boats YTC/VPRS No Spinnaker Rating plus dual scored under NHC performance handicap
- 11.3 Ullman Sails Regatta Series (12 races), Autumn Series and Icicle Series will be dual scored under NHC performance handicap.

12 POST RACE BERTHING STOPOVER

- 12.1 Free berthing (subject to space) at QAB Marina will be available for up to 3 hours to all competitors taking part in the 1884 Twilight Series, Ullman sails Regatta series, Autumn and Icicle Series to participate in the post-race prize giving's and receptions. Please contact QAB Marina direct on the day if you wish to use this facility informing them you are part of these RWYC races.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 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.

14 INSURANCE

- 14.1** 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 each series.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1** Prizes will be given as follows:

At the discretion of the Race Committee a daily prize will be awarded to each class after the days racing.

- 15.2** Overall and Part Series awards will be presented at the annual prize giving

A trophy will be awarded to the overall winner in each class.

- 15.3** All boats sailing under IRC, VPRS and YTC will be 'dual scored' under NHC. Daily prizes will be awarded based on all NHC results.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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