



ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

Allspars
Final Fling Dinghy Regatta

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th October 2026

Organizing Authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd
PLYMOUTH, U.K.

Notice of Race

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Western Yacht Club of England.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, RYA Prescriptions, current class rules and the Sailing instructions for the event.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 Racing rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 2.3.1 RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.
- 2.3.2 RRS 44.1 – The Two - Turns Penalty is replaced by the One - Turn Penalty.
- 2.4 The exoneration penalty and Arbitration Procedures of the RYA will be available at this event.
- 2.5 Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter a class rule.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND REGISTRATION

3.1 Sailing Instructions

3.1.1 The sailing instructions will be published on the event Website at:

<https://rwy.org/race/final-fling-dinghy-regatta-2026/>

no later than Friday 8th October 2026

Printed copies may be collected from the Regatta Office at registration

3.2 Registration

3.2.1 Registration will be held at the Royal Western Yacht Club on Saturday 17th October 2026 from 0900 to 1100

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://rwy.org/race/final-fling-dinghy-regatta-2026/>
- 4.2 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.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 Dinghy Classes

- 5.1.1 The regatta is open to all national and international Dinghy and Multihull Classes.
- 5.1.2 All boats shall compete under their registered sail numbers to comply with RRS 77.

5.1.3 Entrants by those under 18 years of age on the day of the event must be countersigned by a parent/guardian and presented at registration.

5.2 Entry

5.2.1 Eligible boats shall enter online at <https://rwyc.org/race/final-fling-dinghy-regatta-2026/>

6. ENTRY FEES

6.1 Entry fee shall be £50 including berthing at QAB, to include trailer and car parking, launching and Facilities (showers situated opposite the RWYC Entrance).

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 No restrictions, but all advertising must comply with World Sailing Regulation 20/ Appendix 1, Advertising Code.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 Regatta Competitor Briefing

8.1.1 A competitor briefing will be held at the Royal Western Yacht Club at 1100hrs on Saturday 17th October 2026, and may also be published online.

8.1.2 Sat 17th Oct - First Warning Signal not before 1255 with 3 races scheduled.

8.1.3 Sun 18th Oct - First Warning Signal not before 1025 with 3 races scheduled.

9. REGATTA OFFICE

9.1 The Regatta Office will be located at the Royal Western Yacht Club

9.2 The Regatta Office will be open between the following times:

9.3 Saturday 17th October 0800 – 1800

Sunday 18th October 0800 – 1700

9.4 The Official Noticeboard (ONB) will be the RWYC website as stated in NOR 4.1 and notices will also be displayed on the clubhouse noticeboard.

10. VENUE

10.1 The racing area for the regatta will be Plymouth Sound.

10.2 Details of dinghy berthing will be given on the Regatta Website in due course.

11. COURSES

11.1 Format of Racing

11.1.1 Saturday: 2 Average Lap Handicap Races, plus one handicap race around Plymouth Breakwater (weather permitting).

11.1.2 Sunday: 2 Average Lap Handicap Races, plus one longer distance handicap race. The race committee may revise the schedule/or course on the water if required by weather or daylight conditions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13. SCORING

- 13.1** Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 13.2** (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 13.3** (b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score

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:
 - 14.2.1** 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;
 - 14.2.2** They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 14.2.3** They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 14.2.4** Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 14.2.5** The 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;
 - 14.2.6** The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million pounds.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1** A day prize giving will be held at the Royal Western Yacht Club at 1900 on Saturday 17th October 2026.
- 16.2** The day and overall prize giving will be held at the Royal Western Yacht Club after the final race on Sunday 18th October 2026.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1** For further information please contact the Race Director at:
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