



ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

Wolf Rock Race

Friday 12th June 2026

Notice of Race

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

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except that between sunset and sunrise the Internal Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (Colregs) shall apply
- 1.2 Where boats are racing within the boundaries of the Port of Plymouth they are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020, a copy of which can be downloaded from the website <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1261/made> and Local Notices to Mariners. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1(a), Allegation of Misconduct.
- 1.3 Racing Rules (RRS) are changed as follows.
Rule 44.1 Taking a Penalty. The Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.
- 1.4 Under Rule 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.”
- 1.5 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2024-2025 Category 3 shall apply.
(<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/>)
Additionally, boats shall carry a life raft in accordance with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 4.20.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event page at <https://rwyg.org/race/wolf-rock-challenge-2026/> by 1800 on Friday 5th June 2026.

3 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The Race Committee shall use VHF Channel 77.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 IRC DIVISION – for yachts with a current IRC rating.
- 4.2 VPRS DIVISION – for yachts with a current VPRS rating
- 4.3 YTC DIVISION – for yachts with a current YTC rating.
- 4.4 MOCRA DIVISION – for multihulls with a current MOCRA rating.

4.5 Eligible boats may enter as follows.

4.5.1 The Regatta Website can be found at <https://rwyc.org/race/wolf-rock-challenge-2026/>

4.5.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry or downloadable form found on the website in NOR 4.5.1

4.5.3 Entries should be received by 5th June 2026. Entries received after this date are considered to be late entries and will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows: RWYC members £40, Non-members £50.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Under Rule 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 It is intended that the warning signal shall be given at 1855hrs on Friday 12th June 2026.

9 RATING CERTIFICATES

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

10 COURSE

10.1 The course will be from a start line in Plymouth Sound, rounding Wolf Rock to Port and proceeding to the finish on the RWYC club line.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 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 <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>

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

12 SELF STEERING GEAR

12.1 The use of self-steering devices is permitted.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1 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.

11. 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.

12. PRIZES

- 11.1 A prize will be awarded to the winner of each class on corrected time. Depending on the numbers of entries received other prizes may be awarded.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Race Director, Wolf Rock Race, Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne’s Battery PL4 0TW – or email at rcoceanic@rwy.org.

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