



**ROYAL WESTERN**  
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

4000 and D-one Eurocup  
Gold Cup 2026  
12 Race Championships  
1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**NOTICE OF RACE**

Organising 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The event website can be found at <https://rwyc.org/race/4000-and-d-one-eurocup-gold-cup-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 all boats of 4000 and D-One classes.
- 4.2 Only fully paid-up members of the relevant Class Association may enter the Eurocup 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 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.
- 4.5 For the 4000 class, the class association will carry out weighing and policing of rack settings.
- 4.6 For the purposes of measuring, the crew will be defined as the person who will wear the trapeze harness during the race. The weight of the helm for the purposes of Rule 7 shall be measured as the actual weight of the helm to the nearest whole kilogram in light clothing plus two kilograms. The weight of the crew for the purposes of Rule 7 shall be measured as the actual weight of the crew to the nearest whole kilogram in light clothing plus three kilograms.

For the purposes of this event, the term light clothing as referred to in 7.4 of the class rules shall be interpreted as meaning a light top or t-shirt and light trousers, shorts or skirt. Shoes must be removed.

Our weighing process is self-policing, meaning you should be witnessed by a competitor from another boat and overseen by a representative from the host club or 4000 committee.

Weighing must be completed on the same day as registration.

## **5. FEES**

- 5.1 The entry fee for the event is £200. This will include berthing/storage during the event, car parking and use of the MDL Marina Berth Holder facilities. Competitors may arrive at QAB Marina from 30<sup>th</sup> July, have use of the slipway to test sail in Plymouth Sound.
- 5.2 Included in the entry fee will be an event T shirt, and an event meal/BBQ on the Monday afternoon/evening for each competitor (additional visitor tickets can be purchased from the bar). A full social program is planned from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> August with breakfast baps/tea/coffee each morning before racing and bar and food catering throughout the event payable locally at the bar.
- 5.3 There may be an additional fee for motorhomes, but this is down to the discretion of Queen Anne's Battery Marina.

## **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 RWYC on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1500-1800 and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 0900 -1100.
- 7.2 A competitor briefing will be held at RWYC on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 1100 and may also be published on-line.
- 7.3 12 races are scheduled over the 4 days. 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal will be at 1255 on Saturday and 1025 on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.
- 7.4 The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 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

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1500 -1800

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 0800 - 1800

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 0800 - 1800

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 0800 - 1800

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 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 4 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 to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

(c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her 2 worst scores.

## **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](mailto:info@rwyg.org)
- 16.2 Event Director, Jerry Lock; [jerry.lock@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.lock@gmail.com)

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