



## **Mylor Yacht Club**

# **NOTICE OF RACE 2021**

### *Organising authority:*

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### *Invitation*

**Members of Mylor Yacht Club, members of other Clubs within the Port of Falmouth Sailing Association and visitors are invited to enter the following yacht racing events at Mylor Yacht Club in 2021:-**

**Two series of six races and one of four races on Sunday mornings in the Carrick Roads  
Two series of six races each on Friday evenings in the Carrick Roads,  
The “Cups” evening Race,  
YTC Open Regatta,  
The Cornwall Offshore Group Series (COGS) Layup Cup Race.  
The Five Creeks/Laying Up Race,**

## **1. Rules**

- 1.1 Racing at Mylor Yacht Club (MYC) will be governed by:
  - 1.1.1 The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
  - 1.1.2 Class Rules.
  - 1.1.3 This Notice of Race and the MYC Sailing Instructions 2021.
  - 1.1.4 The ISAF Category 5 Special Regulations (for racing in the Carrick Roads) and Category 4 (for racing in the Bay). Boats unable to comply with ISAF Category 4 regulations may be permitted to take part in these races, at the Race Officer’s discretion.
  - 1.1.5 Racing rule A9 is changed. For all series, boats scored DNC in a particular race will be scored points for the finishing place three more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
  - 1.1.6 For the purposes of the definition of ‘Start’ and ‘Finish’ and rules 21.1, 29.1, 30 and 44.2 of the RRS (but not any other rules) the term ‘hull’ includes a boat’s bowsprit in its normal position.
  - 1.1.7 RRS 26 is changed. There will be no flag signals. All signals will be communicated by VHF Radio on Channel 6.
  - 1.1.8 Rule 37 will not apply.
  - 1.1.9 RRS 44.1 is changed. For ALL races, the Two Turns penalty will be replaced by the One Turn penalty.
  - 1.1.10 RRS 60.1(b) is changed. For All races, failure to hear or receive a VHF broadcast shall not be grounds for Redress.
  - 1.1.11 The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.2 Owners/skippers/competitors should note that Mylor Yacht Club adopt the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to comply with the Charter, which may be found at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter).

## 2 Entries

- 2.1 Entries will be accepted from competitors who have completed the MYC online entry form, provided they have also obtained a 2021 YTC Handicap Number.
- 2.2 2021 YTC Handicap Numbers can only be obtained by contacting:- [www.swytc.org.uk](http://www.swytc.org.uk)
- 2.3 It is the responsibility of the owner/skipper to ensure that all under 16 years old crewing on the boat have permission from their parent or guardian.
- 2.4 Entrants under the age of 18 years will be required to complete an RYA Parent/Guardian Consent Form.

## 3 COVID-19 and Classes

- 3.1 Whilst COVID-19 Social Distancing restrictions remain, class racing and committee boat starts will not apply. All racing will be undertaken in a pursuit format with staggered starts determined by the boat's YTC rating.
- 3.2 When Government Social Distancing restrictions are relaxed, and subject to sufficient numbers of boats competing, class racing will be restored along with Committee Boat windward starts.
- 3.3 Division 1 yachts (E Class) and Division 2 yachts (W Class) will sail together in E/W Class; Division 3 yachts in Q Class; Gaffers in G Class; and Shrimpers and Cape Cutters will sail together in H Class.

Penrose Sails Sunday Pursuit Mylor Chandlery Evening Pursuit Skinners Sunday Pursuit SKB Sails Sunday Pursuit Sailtech 5 Creeks/Laying Up Race	All boats competing
Falmouth Boat Construction Evening Series MYH Marine Team Cups Race	Class H Shrimpers (H), Cape Cutters (H) Gaffers (G), Class Q Division 3 Yachts Class W Division 2 and Class E Division 1 to race together
COGS Layup Cup	Please see COGS Notice of Race.

- 3.4 Boats entering in the Pursuit Series will be restricted to use **UPWIND SAILS** only. Full details will be stated in the sailing instructions.

## 4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Competitors must enter online via the racing page of the MYC Website at least 48hrs prior to their 1<sup>st</sup> race.
- 4.2 All race documentation will be available on the MYC website ([www.myloryachtclub.org.uk](http://www.myloryachtclub.org.uk)).
- 4.3 Receipt of the online entry form (and fee if applicable: see paragraph 5 below) means that a boat is entered for all MYC races in 2021 from the date it is received by the Racing Secretary.
- 4.4 Competitors who have not entered any of the series but are planning to enter one or more of the special races are reminded that they must enter online prior to competing.

## 5 Fees

- 5.1 Boats belonging to, loaned to, or chartered by members of Mylor Yacht Club: no race fee is applicable.
- 5.2 Boats belonging to, loaned to, or chartered by non-members of Mylor Yacht Club: the race fee is £50 and will allow competitors to race in all Mylor YC races in 2021. Reductions in this fee may be arranged with the Racing Secretary, Mylor YC, for those wishing to enter races later in the season. Cheques should be made payable to Mylor Yacht Club.
- 5.3 COGS Race. Entry fees are arranged with the COGS administration team.

## 6 Race Schedule

- 6.1 Pursuit Racing will consist of three series of six races and one series of four races:
  - Penrose Sails COVID Sunday Morning Pursuit 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May and 6 June
  - Mylor Chandlery Friday Evening Pursuit 28 May, 4, 11, 18, 25 June and 2 July
  - Skinners Sunday Morning Pursuit 13, 20, 27 June, 11, 18 and 25 July
  - SKB Sails Sunday Pursuit 1, 15, 22 August and 12 September
- 6.2 The Falmouth Boat Construction Friday Evening Series will consist of six races on 16, 23, 30 July, 6, 20 and 27 August.

6.3 The MYH Marine Team “Cups” Races will be held on Friday 9 July.

6.4 Other events:

St Mawes YTC Regatta	Sunday 4 July
Mylor Yacht Club Regatta (See Falmouth Week NoR)	Monday 9 August
Shrimper Open Championship	Fri 3 to Sun 5 September
Sailtech MYC YTC Regatta	Saturday 11 September
COGS Layup Cup Race	Saturday 18 September
Sailtech 5 Creeks/Laying Up Race	Sunday 19 September

6.5 The Notice of Race for the COGS MYH Laying Up Race will be on the COGS Website.

## 7 Sailing Instructions

7.1 The Sailing Instructions, including the course card, will be available on the MYC website ([www.myloryachtclub.org.uk](http://www.myloryachtclub.org.uk)) on or after 18 April 2021.

## 8 Courses

8.1 Courses for the Sunday Pursuits and the first Friday Evening Pursuit Series will be at the Race Officer’s discretion, but using marks included in the Courses and Course Chartlet 2021 which can be located in the Racing Section of the MYC website. For these early races whilst COVID-19 restrictions remain, the start line will be a land based transit between the obelisk below Penarrow Point and the MYH Racing Mark ‘Penarrow’. The course area will be within the Carrick Roads.

8.2 Providing expected progress is made against the virus and Social Distancing restrictions are lifted, the aim will be to restore class racing, along with Committee Boat based windward starts and courses drawn from the Courses and Course Chartlet 2021 by 9 July.

## 9 Series scoring

9.1 The low point scoring system will be used. Discards will be operated as follows:

Series	Races sailed in series	Races to count	Discards
Two Sunday Pursuit Series of 6 Races	6	5	1
One Friday Pursuit Series of 6 Races	5	4	1
One Friday Evening Series of 6 Races	4	3	1
	fewer than 4	all	none
One Sunday Pursuit Series of 4 Races	4	3	1
	3	2	1
	fewer than 3	all	none

9.2 RRS A4.2 is changed. For all race series, when a skipper (as named on the Entry Form) or Crew undertakes a duty, **which is a requirement of entry**, as a race officer, committee boat crew, safety boat coxswain or safety boat crew, or provides the committee boat, then their boat will be given a score equal to the average of their race scores or discarded scores in that series. They will not be counted as starters in that race. DNC scores will not be considered in the calculation and no skipper will be eligible for this concession more than once per series. For all skippers, if their boat races without them the boat’s score will count.

9.3 RRS A9 is changed. Boats marked DNC shall be scored points for the finishing place three more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

## 10 Radio Communication

10.1 The normal rules on radio communication during racing will be dis-applied.

10.2 No flags will be used, either when using the land-based transit start line, or subsequently during Committee Boat Starts, and all communication will be by VHF Radio, normally on Channel 6, or if busy on Channel 77.

10.3 Race entrants should contact the Race Officer when entering the starting area and notify their intention to race at least 10 minutes before their start time.

10.4 The Race Officer will communicate the course(s) to be sailed by radio.

10.5 Boats retiring from the race should notify the Race Officer of their retirement promptly.

## 11 Prizes

- 11.1 Sunday Pursuit Series and Friday Evening Pursuit Series. Prizes, and trophies as appropriate, will be awarded to boats placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be presented as soon as practicable after Social Distancing restrictions are lifted.
- 11.2 Prizes and trophies for the MYH Marine Team Cup Races and the Falmouth Boat Construction Series will be awarded to boats placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each of the classes E/W, Q and H and presented in the clubhouse after racing providing COVID-19 conditions permit
- 11.3 Mylor Yacht Club YTC Regatta. Prizes will be presented in the clubhouse after racing on September 11.

## 12 Handicaps

- 12.1 MYC handicaps & YTC numbers will be allocated in accordance with the MYC Handicap & YTC policies, details of which will be available on the Club website and from the Racing Secretary or Handicap Officer.
- 12.2 The Racing Committee may place a boat in the class considered the most suitable, based on the MYC Handicap number and the need to balance the fleet numbers, but will consider the skipper's/owner's/competitor's preference as indicated on their entry form. When class racing is reintroduced, boats in the combined class E/W will normally sail longer courses than those in class Q, G and H. If necessary, Competitors may check their class from the club website or by contacting the Racing Secretary before the first race in which they compete.

## 13 Risk Statement

- 13.1 Competitors are reminded of Rule 4 in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 13.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the events listed in this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - 13.2.1 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 whilst taking part in the event.
  - 13.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
  - 13.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
  - 13.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
  - 13.2.5 The provision by Mylor YC of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
  - 13.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
  - 13.2.7 For any offshore races, 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.
  - 13.2.8 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event, or the equivalent.

## 14 Safety Equipment

- 14.1 All competitors should carry the following equipment: anchor and cable, bilge pump, bucket and lanyard, personal buoyancy for each crew member, life belt or horseshoe type life float, oar and rowlock (if no engine is fitted), auxiliary engine, compass and chart of the area to be sailed, depth sounding equipment, a powerful torch with spare batteries, two red flares and two orange smoke flares, foghorn, VHF radio, mobile phone and any other additional equipment required by class / association rules.
- 14.2 Each of the items listed above should function properly and be suitable for its intended purpose. It shall be of the type, size, capacity and design adequate for its intended use, taking account of the type and size of boat on which it is carried. All equipment should be within the manufacturer's expiry date.

## 15 Further information

- 15.1 Further information may be obtained from the Racing Secretary, Mylor YC or at [racing@myloryachtclub.org.uk](mailto:racing@myloryachtclub.org.uk) .