



Mylor Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE 2023

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Invitation

Members of Mylor Yacht Club, members of other Clubs within the Port of Falmouth Sailing Association (PoFSA) and visitors are invited to enter the following yacht racing events at Mylor Yacht Club in 2023:

**Three series of six pursuit races each on Sunday mornings in the Carrick Roads,
Two series of six races each on Friday evenings in the Carrick Roads,**

The “Cups” evening Race,

The MYC Diamond Jubilee Regatta

The Fowey Race

The Ladies Helm Helford Race

The Arfie Treneer Race, and

The Pandora Cup for Falmouth Working Boats

The 4th Shrimper Open Championships

The Cornwall Offshore Group Series (COGS) Layup Cup Race.

The Five Creeks/Laying Up Race and

The Silver Oyster Race

for licensed and non-licensed dredging boats

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 relevant MYC Sailing Instructions 2023.

1.1.4 The ISAF Category 5 Special Regulations (for racing in the Carrick Roads) and Category 4 (for racing in the Bay) will apply. 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 A5.2 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 started.

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, Two Turns penalty will be replaced by One Turn penalty.

1.1.10 RRS 62.1(a) 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 which may be found at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.
- 1.3 Owners/skippers/competitors are also referred to the MYC Race Management Policy available on the Racing Section of the MYC website which sets out a framework for the Race Management Team and competitors to enable racing at Mylor to be operated safely.

2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Entry is open to all boats owned by members of a PoFSA affiliated Club and visiting yachts. Competitors must enter online via the link on the racing page of the MYC Website at least 48hrs prior to their 1st race.
- 2.2 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 also enter online prior to competing, and confirm that they hold valid insurance as outlined in 12.2.8 below.
- 2.3 Entries will be accepted from competitors provided they have also obtained a 2023 YTC Handicap Number by visiting the link on the Racing page of the MYC Website or by contacting:- www.swytc.org.uk
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 Entrants under the age of 18 years will be required to complete an RYA Parent/Guardian Consent Form.

3 Fees

- 3.1 Boats belonging to, loaned to, or chartered by members of Mylor Yacht Club: no race fee is applicable.
- 3.2 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 2023. Reductions in this fee may be arranged with the Racing Secretary, Mylor YC, for those wishing to enter races later in the season. Payment should be made payable to Mylor Yacht Club.

4 Pursuit and Class Racing

- 4.1 Sunday Morning Pursuit Racing for all classes will be run from the land-based start line between the Obelisk below Penarrow Point and the MYH Penarrow Racing Mark with staggered starts determined by the boats' YTC ratings.
- 4.2 Handicap Yachts entering Pursuit Series must declare at the start of each Series whether or not they will be restricted to use **UPWIND SAILS** only in order that the appropriate YTC number can be applied throughout the Series.
- 4.3 Friday Evening Racing will use Committee Boat start lines laid between Mylor Yacht Harbour and St Just unless otherwise notified. Racing will be provided for 4 Classes: Hotel Class for Shrimpers and Gaffers; Quebec Class for Slow Handicap Yachts; Whisky Class for Medium Handicap Yachts; and Echo Class for Fast Handicap Yachts. Subject to the number of entrants, it is likely that Medium (W) and Fast (E) Handicap Yachts will sail together in E/W Class.

5 Race Schedule

- 5.1 Pursuit Racing will consist of three series of six races:

Penrose Sailmakers Sunday Morning Pursuit	16, 23, 30 April, 7, 14, 21 May
Mylor Yacht Harbour Sunday Morning Pursuit	4, 11, 25 June, 2, 9, 23 July
SKB Sails Sunday Morning Pursuit	30 July, 13, 20, 27 August, 10, and 17 September
- 5.2 Class Racing will consist of two series each of six races, plus two standalone races:

BT Marine (Electronics) Friday Evening Series	12, 19, 26 May, 2, 9, 23 June
Mylor Yacht Harbour Cups Race	7 July
MYC Diamond Jubilee Regatta	15 July
Castaways Friday Evening Series	14, 21, 28 July, 4, 18, 25 August
- 5.3 Two Passage Races for YTC Handicap Yachts will be arranged on Saturday 27 May to Fowey and a Ladies Helm Race to Helford on Saturday 22 July.
- 5.4 The 4th Shrimper Open Championships will be held between Friday 1 and Sunday 3 September.
- 5.5 Other events:

COGS Layup Cup Race (COGS website for NoR)	Saturday 23 September
Mylor Yacht Harbour 5 Creeks/Laying Up Race	Sunday 24 September
Silver Oyster Race	Sunday 5 November

6 Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions for each of the Series and Standalone races will be available on the MYC website (www.myloryachtclub.org.uk) prior to racing.

7 Courses

- 7.1 Courses will be at the Race Officer's discretion that will normally be drawn from the Courses and Course Chartlet 2023 which can be downloaded from the Racing Section of the MYC website. Other PoFSA/COGS marks will be used for offshore races such as the Passage Races and the COGS Layup Race

8 Series scoring

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

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

- 8.2 RRS A5 is changed. For all race series, when a skipper (as named on the Entry Form) or Crew undertakes a duty 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 Radio Communication

- 9.1 The normal rules on radio communication during racing will be dis-applied.
- 9.2 Save for the Silver Oyster Race, no flags will be used, either when using the land-based transit start line, or during Committee Boat Starts, and all communication will be by VHF Radio, normally on Channel 6, or if busy on Channel 77.
- 9.3 In Pursuit Races 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.
- 9.4 The Race Officer will communicate the course(s) to be sailed by radio.
- 9.5 Boats retiring from the race should notify the Race Officer of their retirement promptly.

10 Results and Prizes

- 10.1 Sunday Pursuit Series: Boats will compete in two fleets – Shrimpers and any Gaffers in Hotel Class in the Shrimper Fleet; Handicap Boats in Q, W and E Class will compete in the Handicap Fleet. Prizes will be awarded to boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each of these Fleets and presented in the Clubhouse at the conclusion of the final race in each Series.
- 10.2 Prizes for the MYH Cup Race and the Friday Evening Series will be awarded to boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each of the classes E/W, Q and H and presented in the clubhouse at the conclusion of the final race in the Series. Trophies will be presented at the Prizegiving during the Laying-Up Supper

11 Handicaps

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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 preference as indicated on their entry form. Competitors may check their class from the club website or by contacting the Racing Secretary before the first race in which they compete.

12 Risk Statement

- 12.1 Competitors are reminded of Rule 4 in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 12.2 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:

- 12.2.1 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.
- 12.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 12.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 12.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and both they and their crew are fit to participate.
- 12.2.5 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.
- 12.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 12.2.7 For any offshore races, they are responsible for ensuring that they have obtained an up-to-date weather forecast; 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.
- 12.2.8 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.

13 Safety

- 13.1 All competitors should carry the following safety 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, fire extinguisher, compass and chart of the area to be sailed, depth sounding equipment, a powerful torch with spare batteries, VHF radio, mobile phone, first aid kit and any other additional equipment required by class / association rules.
- 13.2 If sailing offshore, boats should also carry two red flares and two orange smoke flares and a foghorn,
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 All injuries should be notified to the Race Officer on the VHF Race channel. Where necessary, the Race Officer shall notify the emergency services either through HM Coastguard or by mobile phone. Where contact cannot be made with the Race Officer, the owner/skipper should contact the emergency services directly. Where appropriate, the Race Officer should instruct the Safety Boat to take a casualty to an ambulance pick-up point, either the Water Taxi Station on the Eastern Pontoon of Mylor Yacht Harbour, or if closer, the Falmouth Watersports Centre Pontoon, Falmouth Harbour.

14 Further information

- 14.1 Further information may be obtained from the Racing Secretary, Mylor YC or at racing@myloryachtclub.org.uk .