

Port of Falmouth Sailing Association Village Regatta Racing 2018

Organising Authority (see 4.1)

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 Village Regatta racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020*.
- 1.2 The following rules are changed:
- (a) RRS 40 – Personal Flotation Devices for MOCRA, Flying Fifteens, SMODs, open boats and dinghies
 - (b) RRS 44.1, A4 and Race Signals
 - (c) RRS 26.
 - (d) RRS 30.3
- The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 IRC Rules 2018 Parts A, B & C shall apply.
- 1.4 Nothing written in this Notice of Race or the Village Regatta Sailing Instructions removes a boat's separate responsibility to Falmouth Harbour Commissioners to comply at all times with the Harbour bye-laws, see: <https://www.falmouthharbour.co.uk/doc-category/marine-safety/> and http://www.portoftruro.co.uk/files/downloads/2011/07/protection_regulation.pdf and <http://www.stmawesharbour.co.uk/rules-and-regulations> .

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to all boats.
- 2.2 To enter, boats shall complete the entry form at http://www.pofsa.co.uk/pdf/village_regatta_entry_form.pdf alternatively a paper copy of this form is available on the day from official boats or at the regatta office ashore.
- 2.3 Racing may be provided for the following classes which shall display class flags as indicated:

	<u>Class</u>
M	MOCRA
E	IRC 1/YTC Yachts IRC 0.850 and above. YTC 1049 and below.
U	IRC 2/YTC Yachts IRC 0.849 and below. YTC 1050 and above.
Z	YTC yachts (White Sail)
V	Sunbeam (class flag not required)
O	Open Boats (class flag not required)
G	Handicap Gaffers
C	Small Working Boat

B	Large Working Boat
H	Shrimper (class flag not required)
F	Flying Fifteen (class flag not required) (PY ratings own fleet) or YTC
W	Ajax (class flag not required)
D	St Mawes One-Design (class flag not required)
R	Handicap Dinghies (class flag not required) PY Fast
T	Handicap Dinghies (class flag not required) PY Slow
K	Pico / Mirror (class flag not required)
Q	Wind Surfer (class flag not required)

- 2.4** The Organising Authorities reserves the right to allocate boats to classes and to amalgamate, cancel, divide, sub-divide or change handicap splits or re-arrange classes at its discretion.
- 2.5** By entering all boats confirm their acceptance to comply with the following:
- (a) Multihull, IRC & YTC classes shall comply with World Racing Offshore Special Regulations Category 5.
 - (b) All boats shall carry a working marine VHF radio. (not required in dinghies)
- 2.6** Multihull, Flying Fifteen, Dinghy, SMODs and Open boat crews shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40.
- 2.7** Final entry will only be confirmed when the entrant has completed fully and submitted the following:
- (a) A completed entry form (see 2.2 above);
 - (b) Either a valid IRC or MOCRA signed rating certificate or YTC handicap certificate as applicable, (both can be supplied by the boats normal racing club handicap)
 - (c) The appropriate Entry Fee.
- 2.8** Declaration. By entering, all competitors make the following declaration:
- “I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this race. In particular, I confirm that I have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in this Notice of Race whenever racing at a PoFSA Regatta. I declare that I hold a valid and current boat insurance which covers me for third party claims whilst racing and that I will continue to do so whilst engaged in racing.”*
- “Data Protection Act 1998 (as amended by subsequent legislation). I consent to my name and the details of my boat, but no other personal information, being posted in the results section of the PoFSA website.”*
- 2.9** Entries must be made before the start of a race to qualify for a result in that race.

3. FEES

- 3.1** Race entry fees are payable as follows:
- 3.2** All entries £5.00
- Juniors (under 16) – Free or as per SI

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Racing will take place as follows:

Location	Date	Organising Authority
Falmouth Town	16 th June	RCYC Events Ltd
Point & Penpol	14 th July	RSC
Flushing Village	28 th July	FSC
Portscatho	25 th August	PoFSA

5. HANDICAPPING AND MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 Each MOCRA and IRC boat shall have a valid rating certificate at the time of entry.
- 5.2 The South West Yacht Time Correction (YTC – formally FAYS) system will also be used in accordance with the YTC Handicapping Policy 2018
- 5.3 Boats who do not already hold a 2018 YTC number should apply for a YTC handicap number by completing the on-line form at <http://www.swytc.org.uk/EntryForm.asp?grp=PoFSA> , and there is no charge for this; a YTC handicap certificate will be issued. Results prior to an adjustment shall stand.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at least 7 days before the Regatta date. These will be available online at <http://www.pofsa.co.uk/regattas.htm> and on the day from official boats.

7. VENUE AND COURSES

- 7.1 Regatta style courses will be set in Carrick Roads, Restronguet Creek, Black Rock and Gerrans Bay, Percuil River, St Mawes Bay, using navigational and PoFSA fixed marks, club marks and other marks may be laid on the day.
8. The method of displaying course information will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two - Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

11. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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."

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:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) 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;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) 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 in any information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- (h) 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.

12. INSURANCE

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. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained from 01326 211555 or <http://www.pofsa.co.uk/regattas.htm>