



# ROYAL SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB

## **2026 Royal Southampton Yacht Club Photography Competition** **Rules & Guidelines**

### **Categories**

Entrants may submit photographs in the following four categories:

- **Sailing** - Photographs featuring sailing vessels, racing, or sailing life.
- **On the Water** - Photographs of general water-based activities (e.g. kayaking, swimming, fishing).
- **Water Wildlife** - Photographs depicting wildlife in or around water environments.
- **Young Sailors** - All photographs submitted by entrants under 16 years of age.

### **Entry Limits**

- Each entrant may submit a maximum of one (1) photograph per category.
- A total of up to three (3) photographs may be submitted per entrant (one in each category), or four (4) photographs for Young Sailors wishing to enter all four categories.
- The same photograph must not be entered into multiple categories.

### **Eligibility**

- The competition is open to amateur photographers who are members of Royal Southampton Yacht Club and visiting yachtsman to the club.
- Entrants must be the original creator and copyright holder of all submitted photographs.

### **Photograph Requirements**

- Photographs must be original and taken by the entrant.
- Basic editing (cropping, exposure, colour correction) is permitted.
- However, excessive manipulation that alters the reality of the scene is not permitted. In this case, the photograph may be disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
- Photographs must be submitted in digital format (JPEG/PNG) and be between 1-5MB (approx.) in size.

### **Submission Guidelines**

- Entries must be submitted by **12 noon on WED 30 SEPTEMBER 2026**, via email to [Administration@RSYC.org.uk](mailto:Administration@RSYC.org.uk)
- Entries must include '**RSYC 2026 Photographic Competition – [Entrant's Full Name]**' in the Subject Header Box.
- The body of the email must include:
  - Entrant's Full Name
  - Competition Category
  - Title of the Photograph

### **Judging Criteria**

- Photographs will be judged on:
  - Creativity and originality
  - Technical quality
  - Composition
  - Relevance to the category

### **Rights & Usage**

- Photographers retain copyright of their photographs.
- By submitting their images, all entrants grant Royal Southampton Yacht Club permission to use submitted photographs for future promotion, marketing, exhibition and publicity, both in print and online, of both the competition and the club, with an appropriate credit.

### **Prizes**

- The winning image from each of the four categories will be published in the next issue of RSYC's magazine, *Yachter*.
- In addition, the winner of the categories *Sailing*, *On the Water*, *Water Wildlife*, will each win a bottle of RSYC's House Gin (to be collected from Gins Clubhouse).

### **General Rules**

- Entries that do not comply with the rules may be disqualified.
- The organisers reserve the right to reclassify or reject any entry.
- The judges' decision is final.