



Notice of Race
RSYC Annual Regatta
Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 2026

Predicted High Waters Stansore Point BST:
Saturday 30/05 = 11:30 Sunday 31/05 = 12:10

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is The Royal Southampton Yacht Club Limited (RSYC).

2. RULES

- 2.1. Racing is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 2.2. Changes to RRS are notified in this Notice of Race (NoR) and in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 2.3. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (WSOSR) apply - available from www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/
- 2.4. Boats shall comply with WSOSR Appendix B (Inshore Racing) and have due regard to both the temperature and conditions.
- 2.5. In the event of conflict between this NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall apply.
- 2.6. **No anchor shall be carried before the Stem.**

3. RYA CHARTER

RSYC organises its races in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and competitors are expected to conform to it. The RYA Racing Charter and its application can be found on the RYA Racing Charter web page and at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SIs will normally be published and available for download from the Official Notice Board (ONB) at least 7 days before the first race of the Regatta. A copy may also be emailed to boats that are entered at the time of publication.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1. The ONB is the RSYC Website (16).
- 5.2. Official notices may also be emailed to entrants. Failure to receive such emails will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 5.3. Flag L will not be displayed ashore. This changes RRS Race Signals. However, notification of such notices may be sent by SMS and/or WhatsApp to mobile telephones.
- 5.4. Official notices will be advised by VHF before racing.
- 5.5. All boats shall carry an operational marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving normal international channels and channel 37A(M1) and shall maintain a listening watch throughout while racing, proceeding to a race or returning from a race on the channel nominated by the Race Committee (RC).
- 5.6. Signals will be by VHF only, sound signals may be used, and no flags displayed. However, an Orange Flag may be displayed on the Committee Boat on the Start Line and a Blue Flag may be displayed on the Committee Boat on the Finishing Line. This changes RRS 26, 27, 29 and 30 and Race Signals. Failure to receive VHF transmissions will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 5.7. The RC call sign is 'Royal Southampton Race Control'. All communications between the RC and competitors afloat will be made by VHF.
- 5.8. A time check will normally be given around 15 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal.

6. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1. Classes are provided as follows, subject to sufficient entries:
Fully Crewed Boats with Spinnaker; Fully Crewed Boats without Spinnaker; Double-Handed Boats with Spinnaker; and Double-Handed Boats without Spinnaker.
- 6.2. Double-Handed Competitors are allowed to use self-steering gear, in variance to RRS 52.
- 6.3. Entries are welcome from RSYC Members and Non-members and accepted until Noon on Wednesday 27 May. If the OA agrees to accept an entry after that deadline, a late fee of £20 is payable by both Members and non-members.
- 6.4. Online entry is available via the ONB <https://www.rsyc.org.uk/rsyc-racing/> and must be completed before racing.
- 6.5. Boats over 2.5 metres draught are not eligible. The OA may waive this requirement; such requests must be made and determined in writing.

7. ENTRY FEES

- 7.1. All fees are in UK pounds sterling.

Event	No. of Races	RSYC member fee	non-member fee
Annual Regatta	3	£30	£60
Individual Race	1	£10	£20

- 7.2. Electronic invoices will be raised for fees upon receipt of completed entry forms.
- 7.3. Entry is not complete until payment is received.
- 7.4. A late entry administration fee of £20 shall apply, in addition to the above entry fees, to all entries (including from Members), when made after the entry deadline (6.3).
- 7.5. If all or part of the event is cancelled, fees are not refundable except at the discretion of the OA and if the cancellation is due to circumstances under the OA's direct control.

8. ADVERTISING

- 8.1. Boats may be required to display advertising if specified by the OA in the SIs.
- 8.2. The OA reserves the right to use any photographic material of boats and crews (including videos with sound) connected with any of the event described in this NoR for the purposes of reporting on and publicising this and future events in any of its own or other print or online publications.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1.

Race	Date	First Warning Signal
1	Saturday 30 May	10:30
2	Saturday 30 May	Thereafter
3	Sunday 31 May	11:00

- 9.2 The format of the Races may be:
On Saturday, two Windward/Leeward (target duration around one hour); and
On Sunday; a 'Round-the-Cans' (target duration around two and a half hours).

10. RATINGS AND IDENTIFICATION

- 10.1. All boats will use the YTC Handicap Rating System. A Rating (which is free) can be obtained via <https://rorcrating.com/ryaytc>.
- 10.2. Boats that do not have a YTC Rating will be allocated a Rating which may be interpolated.
- 10.3. Boats need not comply with the requirements of RRS Appendix G, provided a sail number or boat name is prominently displayed on both sides. This changes RRS 77.

11. STARTING AREA AND COURSES

- 11.1. The starting area for all races will usually be in the vicinity of 3E - The Boss.
- 11.2. Unless specifically stated by VHF (5.6) courses may use both laid and fixed marks. The Solent Area Mark Codes 2026 are attached.

12. SCORING AND DISCARDS

- 12.1. Appendix A 5.3 will apply.
- 12.2. One Race is required to constitute a Regatta.
- 12.3. There are no discards.

13. RISK STATEMENT

RRS PART 1 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

- 14.1. At the discretion of the RC, a Bottle Prize may be awarded for each Race to the boat which has had a notable race. This will be presented after racing at Gins Clubhouse
- 14.2. Depending on the number of boats who participate in the Regatta, prizes may also be awarded by the RSYC.

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of *£3 million pounds sterling* per incident or the equivalent.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1. Further information can be obtained from the RSYC Captain of Sailing;
Tel: 023 8022 3352 / RCSailing@rsyc.org.uk or from the RSYC website: www.rsyc.org.uk