



FALMOUTH SAILING WEEK 2020

Organising Authority: Port of Falmouth Sailing Association (PoFSA)
(Website: www.falmouthweek.co.uk/sailing-week)

COVID-19 ADDENDUM TO NOTICE OF RACE

Updates 1600 12 July in **purple**

Updates 1230 31 July in **green**

PREAMBLE

The organising committee is intent on finding a way to run an event in August. Six eventful months have passed since the Notice of Race was published and it has been clear for some time that different arrangements will be necessary to comply with Government measures to control the spread of Covid-19.

The purpose of this addendum to the Notice of Race is to describe the new arrangements which supercede the corresponding original provisions of the Notice of Race published in January.

RYA Guiding Principles

The RYA's guiding principles will underpin all guidance across the boating community.

1. The RYA will always follow Government advice. The Covid-19 preventative measures are vital to protecting health and wellbeing and to minimise pressure on frontline services. We all have a role to play by following the Government guidelines.
2. We will, as a boating community, take a **considerate** and **conservative** approach
 - **Considerate**: be mindful of the potential impact that you could have on other water users and do not place unnecessary extra strain on the RNLI and emergency services
 - **Conservative**: help to minimise risk by taking an extra conservative approach to your boating.

For racing this means:

- We will follow any Government advice relating to amateur events or sporting competitions
- When planning competitive activity we will consider others who may be using the water at the same time for other activity
- We will **consider** how we can safely enjoy the water together whilst remaining socially distant
- We will be **considerate** by using racing formats which encourage and enable social distancing
- We will be conservative by minimising the risks through ensuring we remain within the comfort level of all participants
- We will be **conservative** by ensuring we do not promote or encourage gatherings before or after racing

GENERAL SHAPE OF THE REGATTA

- ~~Each boat shall be sailed by members of the same household or Covid-19 “support bubble”.~~
- Boats will be responsible for complying with RYA guidelines
<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/RYA%20Sailing%20%26%20Racing%20in%20Mixed%20Households.pdf>
- The length of the regatta will be reduced to Wednesday to Saturday.
- Wednesday will be “Champagne Day”.
- Thursday to Saturday will comprise a 3-day series of 6 races for all classes.
- All classes will sail regatta courses (“round the cans”).
- Dinghy races will only be held if Restronguet Sailing Club has been able to resume club racing with proven arrangements for social distancing onshore and can provide at least one safety boat (augmented by a second safety boat from St Mawes SC). **Update 12 July: dinghy races have been cancelled because it will not be possible to provide satisfactory safety arrangements on the water.**
- Regrettably no racing will be provided for Firebird catamarans because of anticipated inadequate safety cover in the Bay.
- Equally regrettably it is not planned to provide racing for Falmouth Working Boats because of anticipated inability of sufficient boats to comply with same household or Covid-19 “support bubble” crew requirements.
- Race officers may prohibit the use of spinnakers on a race-by-race basis.
- There will be no programme of onshore gatherings, i.e. skippers’ briefing, welcome reception, dinghy competitors racing mark briefing, or tea and prize-giving at any of the clubs.
- The town has cancelled music events in the marquee on Events Square. It is unlikely that any aerial display by the Red Arrows will take place.

AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- RRS 40 will apply to all boats at all times while afloat without Flag Y being displayed. This changes NoR 1.1(a).
- YTC yachts in the Bay fleet will be permitted to use autopilots. This changes RRS 52.
- The sailing instructions will permit race officers to prohibit the use of spinnakers on a race-by-race basis for any reason directly affecting the safety of the regatta. When this happens boats that have entered “with spinnaker” will be scored using their “no spinnaker” rating or handicap.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- ~~Entries will only be accepted from boats that will be sailed by members of the same household or Covid-19 “support bubble”. This is an additional regulation.~~
- By entering this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they will conform with RYA guidelines in respect of COVID-19 and that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19.

Bay Fleet

- No racing will be provided for Firebird catamarans. This changes NoR 3.2.
- IRC will also be “spinnaker optional”. This changes NoR 3.2 and IRC rule 8.6.
- Any boat that wishes to race without spinnaker shall confirm their intention to the race office no later than 1800 on Saturday 8th August. This adds to NoR 3.2 and changes IRC rule 8.6.
- If entries are insufficient to support separate classes then the race committee will reassign IRC and IF Boat to the most appropriate YTC class. This adds to NoR 3.2.

- Class compositions and splits will be published no later than 1800 on Sunday 9th August. This changes NoR 3.2.
- RRS 40 will apply at all times while afloat without Flag Y being displayed. This adds to NoR 3.3.

Carrick Fleet

- No racing will be held for dinghies unless satisfactory onshore arrangements and afloat safety cover can be provided. This changes NoR 3.4.
- No racing will be held for Falmouth Working Boats. This changes NoR 3.4.
- YTC Cabin Boat and YTC Day Boat will be “spinnaker optional”. This changes NoR 3.4.
- Any boat that wishes to race without spinnaker shall confirm their intention to the race office no later than 1800 on Saturday 8th August. This adds to NoR 3.4.
- If entries are insufficient to support separate classes then the race committee will endeavour to create one or more composite YTC classes. This adds to NoR 3.4.
- Class compositions and splits will be published no later than 1800 on Sunday 9th August. This adds to NoR 3.4.
- RRS 40 will apply at all times while afloat without Flag Y being displayed. This adds to NoR 3.5.

Confirmation of entry

- Entry will only be finally confirmed when the entrant has completed a crew list form which will be available on the website. This adds to NoR 3.9.

Day Entries

- It will not be possible to make a day entry. Competitors should lodge their details by making an online entry for the full 4 days and then confirm by telephone the day(s) on which they intend to take part. This replaces NoR 3.10 (a).

Inter-Club Championship

- The Inter-Club Championship will not be held. NoR 3.11 is deleted.

Race Office

- Members of the race committee will not be available at the RCYC and there will not be any daily prize-givings. All communication with the race office will be by telephone or email. This changes NoR 3.12.

4. FEES

- Fees will be significantly reduced from the amounts quoted for the original regatta. The amount will be requested nearer the time when the organising committee has a firmer idea of the scope and concomitant cost-structure of the event. There is a possibility that the entry fee may be waived. This changes NoR 4.

Update 12 July: The entry fee has been set at £20 (“£20 in 2020!”)

5. SCHEDULE

- Racing is scheduled on 4 days from Wednesday 12th to Saturday 15th August. The skippers’ briefing, and competitors’ and sponsors’ welcome reception are cancelled. This changes NoR 5.1.
- The dinghy competitors racing mark briefing is cancelled. NoR 5.2 is deleted.

Bay Fleet

- There will be no racing on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. NoR 5.3(a) is deleted.
- On Thursday, Friday and Saturday 2 races per day are scheduled with the option to sail a 3rd race on any day to protect the schedule in the event of adverse weather. This changes NoR 5.3(c).

Carrick Fleet

- There will be no racing on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. This changes NoR 5.4(a).

- On Wednesday all classes will sail one race. This changes NoR 5.4 (a)
- On Thursday, Friday and Saturday 2 races per day are scheduled with the option to sail a 3rd race on any day to protect the schedule in the event of adverse weather. This changes NoR 5.4(a).
- Classes will start in one continuous sequence and not in separate groups. The first warning signal each day will not be before 1200. This changes NoR 5.4 (b).

Prize-giving

- There will be no daily or series prize-giving during the event. It is hoped to be able to hold a composite prize-giving later in the year subject to Covid-19 restrictions. Arrangements will be made to deliver prizes to visiting competitors who are unable to return for the prize-giving. This changes NoR 5.6.

6. HANDICAPPING POLICY

- All IRC classes are designated as both spinnaker and non spinnaker. This changes NoR 6.1 and IRC rule 8.6.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- Sailing instructions will be available after Saturday 1st August and can be downloaded from the website. Additional copies may be available from the PoFSA clubs if they have re-opened. This changes NoR 7.

8. VENUE AND COURSES

Bay Fleet

- The race area is Falmouth Bay. All races will be to regatta courses (round the cans). The signal vessel will be anchored in the vicinity of HD race mark situated approximately 0.3nm SSW of Pendennis Point. This changes NoR 8.1.
- No visual course or start sequence signals will be made. Information will be transmitted to competitors by VHF. This changes RRS 26.

Carrick Fleet

- The race area is Carrick Roads. All races will be to regatta courses (round the cans). Races will be started from the PoFSA fixed line between Pendennis Point and Black Rock Beacon. This changes NoR 8.2.
- Except for dinghy classes, no visual course or start sequence signals will be made. Information will be transmitted to competitors by VHF. This changes RRS 26.

9. BERTHING

- Visiting boats are strongly advised to check the availability during Covid-19 of the berthing options provided in the NoR.

10. SCORING

Bay Fleet

- The Ironman series will not be held. This changes NoR 11.2 (a).
- There will be no racing on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. NoR 11.1 (b) is deleted.
- For all classes a series of 6 races is scheduled. This changes NoR 11.2 (c).
 - When 5 or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes NoR 11.2 (c) (3)
 - NoR 11.2 (c) (4) is deleted.
 - NoR 11.2 (d) is deleted.
 - NoR 11.2 (e) is deleted.

Carrick Fleet

- Racing for dinghies and catamarans on Saturday will be scored in the series. This changes NoR 11.3(a).

- For all classes a series of 6 races is scheduled. This changes NoR 11.3 (b).
 - When 5 or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes NoR 11.3 (e)
 - NoR 11.3 (f) is deleted.
 - NoR 11.2 (d) is deleted.

Results Service

- No bespoke results will be provided. NoR 11.4 is deleted.

11. PRIZES

- Neither the Bay Fleet Inter-Club Championship Trophy nor the Ironman Trophy will be awarded. NoR 15.4 and 15.5 are deleted.

Organising Committee

31 July 2020

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31 Jul: Posted to website at 1230