

FALMOUTH SAILING WEEK 2021

The Port of Falmouth Sailing Association and the member clubs look forward to welcoming competitors to Falmouth Sailing Week 2021.

The regatta has origins dating back to the 1830s. Today it caters for a range of abilities, from the novice to the professional, and the day-boat sailor to the offshore sailor.

Seven days of varied racing are scheduled in Falmouth Bay and in the Carrick Roads for over twenty classes ranging from IRC yachts to small dayboats.

Yachts racing in the Bay sail a mix of regatta and championship courses. Dayboats and small cabin boats in the Roads sail mainly regatta courses.



On each day, except the day of the air display, a scrumptious tea and prize-giving is held at one of the six local clubs – Helford River Sailing Club, Mylor Yacht Club, Restronguet Sailing Club, Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, St Mawes Sailing Club and Flushing Sailing Club.

On the final day there is a grand series prize-giving to bring the week to a close.

The regatta is part of Falmouth Week which is a major festive event in the town's calendar, with something for everyone including plentiful and varied daytime activities and entertainment for non-sailors. Many people choose Falmouth Week for their family holiday.

In the evenings, competitors and companions enjoy discounted entry to music events taking place in the large marquee on Events Square.

For many years the Red Arrows have performed a stunning display at Falmouth Week. A bid has been submitted for them to return in 2021.



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COVID-19 PREAMBLE TO NOTICE OF RACE

It is, of course, impossible to know what the situation will be in August. However, the Organising Committee is working on the assumption that any persistent restrictions on boating activities will be no worse than in August 2020. With more time to prepare in 2021 the committee is planning to deliver a return to normal racing formats, i.e. afloat race committees, start lines positioned and aligned for the wind direction, and laid windward (and other) marks.

The main uncertainty is restrictions on gatherings ashore – Falmouth Week daytime and evening social activities, the race briefing and welcome reception on Saturday evening, daily tea and prizegiving at the host club of the day, and series prize-giving on the final evening. These will be matters for the Town and for the clubs, whose circumstances all differ, to decide nearer the time.

So, whereas a return to normal racing is a likely safe bet, a decision on gatherings ashore may not be possible until the last minute. If necessary, the briefing will be by online video and prizes will be distributed after the event as in 2020.

Whilst the online entry system is planned to become live on 2nd April, in view of uncertainty regarding the Covid situation entrants will not be required to pay until later. Early expressions of interest/intent via provisional entry are strongly urged to enable the organise committee appropriately to prepare for the expected number of participants.



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Saturday 7th – Saturday 14th August

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

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. The following racing rules will be changed:
 - (a) RRS 40.1 will apply to Firebird catamarans at all times while afloat without Flag Y being displayed;
 - (b) RRS 35, A3, A4 and A5. Start and finish windows will apply and boats scored DNS and DNF respectively by the race committee without a hearing.
 - (c) RRS 37 will not apply.
 - (d) RRS 63.7. Sailing instructions will take precedence over the notice of race.
- 1.2 The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 The IRC Rules 2021 Part D will not apply.
 - (a) IRC rule 21.1.5(e) will be amended: the use of a spare mainsail will be allowed so long as it is carried onboard at all times while racing.
 - (b) For the purpose of IRC rule 21.1.5 this regatta is on consecutive days and the sails carried onboard shall remain the same throughout, including the spare mainsail if any.
 - (c) IRC rule 22.4 will be amended: the number of crew shall not exceed the number printed on the certificate plus 2.
- 1.4 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B – Inshore Racing will apply to boats competing in the Bay fleet.
- 1.5 With the permission of the UK class association Flying Fifteen class rule B14.5 will be changed by the sailing instructions to permit competing boats to use a marine VHF transceiver as required by notice of race regulation 3.5(c).

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the organising authority. Boats with painted topsides and/or painted spars may be exempt from this requirement.
- 2.2 Advertising of any other event or event sponsor shall be removed prior to the first day of racing.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Boats shall enter in either the Bay fleet or the Carrick fleet.

3.2 Bay fleet.

White Group			
Class Flag	Regatta class	Class Flag	Regatta class
F	Firebird ⁽¹⁾	E, Q or U	YTC – spinnaker optional ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
1, 2 or 3	IRC	K	IF Boat ⁽¹⁾

Note 1: These classes will not be required to display class flags.

Note 2: South West Yacht Time Correction System (YTC). See section 6.

Note 3: One sail configuration must be declared. See 3.8(d)(1).

Note 4: Boats with a YTC number greater than 1200 are not eligible to race with the Bay fleet and are invited to race with the Carrick fleet.

- (a) IRC & YTC classes. No later than 1800 on Friday 6th August, the race committee will publish the class splits. In doing so the race committee will endeavour to place a boat in the class considered most suitable, based on the IRC or YTC number, but will consider the class in which the boat races at other times. Details will be published on the official notice board.

3.3 **Bay fleet safety equipment.**

- (a) In addition to the requirements of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B – Inshore Racing, all boats shall carry at all times while racing:
- (1) A working marine VHF transceiver;
 - (2) An Admiralty chart 1267, or equivalent.
- (b) Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring.

3.4 **Carrick fleet.**

Red Group		Green Group	
Class Flag	Regatta class	Class Flag	Regatta class
F	Flying Fifteen ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	B	Large Working Boat
J	YTC Cabin Boat ⁽³⁾	C	Small Working Boat
K	YTC Day Boat ⁽³⁾	V	Sunbeam ⁽¹⁾
E	Piper/Rustler 24 ⁽¹⁾	W	Ajax ⁽¹⁾
H	Shrimper 19 ⁽¹⁾	G	Falmouth Gaffer (LOD < 23ft)
		D	St Mawes One Design ⁽¹⁾

Note 1: These classes will not be required to display class flags.

Note 2: UKFFA handicaps will be used.

Note 3: South West Yacht Time Correction System (YTC). See section 6.

No later than 1800 on Friday 6th August the race committee may amalgamate or split classes depending on entries. Details will be published on the official notice board.

3.5 **Carrick fleet safety equipment.**

- (a) Unless otherwise specified by a boat's applicable class rules each boat shall carry the following safety equipment: manual bilge pump; bucket (not less than 9 litres) with a lanyard; compass (a hand bearing compass is acceptable); if an engine or a stove are on the boat, a fire extinguisher; anchor and warp, lifebuoy or life sling; heaving line not less than 6mm diameter, 15-20m long, readily accessible from the cockpit; and a strong, sharp knife, sheathed and restrained readily accessible from the deck or cockpit.
- (b) Unless otherwise specified by a boat's applicable class rules, personal flotation devices required by RRS 1.2 shall:
- (1) be equipped with a whistle;
 - (2) clearly marked with the boat's and/or wearer's name;
 - (3) if inflatable, be regularly checked for air retention;

- (4) have at least 150N buoyancy, arranged to support an unconscious wearer face upwards at approximately 45° to the water surface.
 - (c) All boats shall carry a working marine VHF transceiver.
- 3.6 Additional regatta classes.** The race committee will consider requests from design classes with a sufficient number of entries to be scored, and possibly started, as a regatta class.
- 3.7 Block Entry.** Entry will open on Friday 2nd April. Entry shall be made online via the website. In view of uncertainty regarding the Covid situation, entrants will not be required to pay until early July when they will be contacted. **The last date for paid-up discounted entry is Friday 16th July.**
- 3.8 Confirmation of entry.** Entry will only be finally confirmed when the entrant has completed fully, or submitted to the race office, the following:
- (a) Online information;
 - (b) Payment in full;
 - (c) Where appropriate, completed parent/guardian consent forms for competitors who will be under the age of 18 on Sunday 8th August (available on the website);
 - (d) For IRC & YTC boats, a copy of their valid 2021 certificate to be received before Friday 6th August.
 - (1) Boats racing under YTC in the Bay shall declare by this time the YTC sail configuration with which they will compete.
 - (2) No alteration in a boat's rating or handicap will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a protest or to correct IRC rating office/SWYTC committee errors.
 - (3) Day entries shall submit a valid certificate before 1000 on the first day that they intend to race.
- 3.9 Day Entries.**
- (a) All enquiries regarding day entries must be directed to the race office. Boats intending to make a day entry are strongly advised to lodge their details with the race office before the start of the week. Specific days may then be confirmed by telephone.
 - (b) YTC boats which do not possess a valid 2021 certificate. Day entry will be accepted up to 1500 hrs on the day **before** a boat wishes to race, if a certificate has been applied for.
 - (c) Non-YTC boats, and YTC boats which do possess a valid 2021 certificate. Day entry will be accepted up to 1000 hrs on the day on which the boat wishes to race.
- 3.10 Bay Fleet Inter-Club Championship.** Recognised clubs (RYA affiliated) wishing to compete for the Inter-Club Championship shall nominate a team of 3 boats no later than Saturday 7th August. The 3 boats shall be selected from classes 1, 2, 3, E, Q or U, and each shall be in a different class. More than one team may be nominated by a club.
- 3.11 Race office.**
- (a) There will not be a permanent race office. On a race day, members of the race committee will be present at the RCYC between 0830 and 1000 and, after racing, at the club hosting the daily prize-giving. At other times assistance may be obtained via the helpline (07555 574308) or email (raceoffice@falmouthsailingweek.org).

- (b) The official noticeboard will be online at www.falmouthweek.co.uk/race-management. WhatsApp will be used to alert competitors that notices have been posted, and to make other unofficial communications.

4. FEES

Regatta entry fees are as follows. The fees do not include berthing or launching costs.

Bay fleet	Discounted	Standard (after 16th July)
All seven days ⁽¹⁾	£120	£140
Three-day series (Thursday – Saturday) ⁽²⁾	£75	£90
Day entry ⁽³⁾	£25	£25

Note 1: Includes IRC, YTC & IF Boat three-day series and Firebird six-day series.

Note 2: For IRC, YTC and IF Boat.

Note 3: Day entries are not permitted during the three-day series.

Carrick fleet	All seven days	
	Discounted	Standard (after 16th July)
All seven days ⁽¹⁾	£110	£130
Three-day series (Thursday – Saturday) for Ajax, Shrimper 19 & Sunbeam	£65	£80
Day entry ⁽²⁾	£25	£25

Note 1: Includes entry to Three-day series .

Note 2: Day entries are not permitted during the Three-day series.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Racing is scheduled on 7 days from Sunday 8th to Saturday 14th August. A skippers' briefing will take place on Saturday 7th at 1800 at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club followed by a competitors' and sponsors' welcome reception.

5.2 Bay Fleet.

- (a) Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.
- (1) For all classes, 2 races per day are scheduled. Any race not completed will not be re-sailed.
 - (2) These days will not be part of any series for IRC, YTC and IF Boat classes. The Firebird class will include them in its six-day series.
- (b) Wednesday. IRC 1 & 2 combined and YTC E & Q combined will each contest a long-distance ANCASTA Champagne Race intended to be of some 4-5 hours duration. Other classes will each sail one longer than normal race. Any race not completed will not be re-sailed.
- (c) Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- (1) For IRC, YTC and IF Boat classes 3 races per day are scheduled. For the Firebird class 2 races per day are scheduled. Any race not completed will not be re-sailed.
 - (2) For IRC, YTC and IF Boat classes these days will comprise a three-day series. For the Firebird class they will be part of its six-day series.
- (d) Warning Signals. The first warning signal will not be before 1055, except on Wednesday when it will not be before 1025. The warning signal for

the second or third race each day will be as soon as practicable after the finish of the preceding race. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Saturday.

5.4 Carrick Fleet.

- (a) One race is scheduled each day, except that on Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Ajax, Shrimper and Sunbeam classes will sail 2 races back-to-back, which will comprise the three-day series of 6 races.
- (b) Any race not completed will not be re-sailed.
- (c) Except on Wednesday, the first warning signal each day will not be before:

Red Group	Green Group
1300	1350

The warning signal for a second race of a class will be as soon as practicable after the finish of that class' first race.

- (e) Wednesday. All classes will each sail a standalone longer-distance MAINBRACE Rum Race. This race will not be part of a series for any class. The first warning signal will not be before:

Red Group	Green Group
1200	1250

- (f) Saturday. No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Saturday.

5.6 Change to Schedule. Any change to the schedule of races shall be posted on the official notice board by 2030 on the day before it will take effect.

5.7 Prize-giving.

- (a) The day prize-giving, regatta tea and other refreshments will be available at a different local club after racing. Details will be published on the event website, and with the sailing instructions.
- (b) The series prize-giving will take place at Flushing SC on Saturday at approximately 1900.

6. HANDICAPPING POLICY

6.1 None of the IRC classes are designated as short-handed or no spinnaker.

6.2 Falmouth Sailing Week has adopted the independent South West Yacht Time Correction System (YTC) for classes E, Q and U, and classes J and K (Carrick fleet). Boats in these classes are required to have a certificated 2021 YTC number. Boats that do not possess one may apply for one online via the SWYTC website (www.swytc.org.uk).

6.3 IF Boat, B, C, F (Carrick) and G classes. Results will be calculated using handicaps provided by the class associations.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available after Saturday 31st July and may be downloaded from the website. Additional copies may be available at PoFSA clubs.

8. VENUE AND COURSES

8.1 Bay fleet.

- (a) The race area is in Falmouth Bay, except that on Sunday the race area will include the mouth of Helford River, and Wednesday will include adjacent waters to the south and east of the Bay.
- (b) On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday IRC, YTC and IF Boat classes will sail regatta (round the cans) and championship (windward/leeward and windward/leeward/triangle) courses. The Firebird class will sail only regatta courses.
- (c) On Wednesday, IRC 1/2 and YTC E/Q competing in the ANCASTA Champagne Race will sail long regatta courses in an area from the Lizard to the Dodman. Other classes will sail longer regatta courses in Falmouth Bay.
- (d) On Thursday, Friday and Saturday IRC, YTC and IF Boat classes will sail only championship courses. The Firebird class will sail only regatta courses.

8.2 Carrick fleet.

- (a) The race area is in the Carrick Roads and the adjacent waters beyond St Anthony and Pendennis Points, except that on Sunday, weather permitting, B class may finish on the Bay finish line in the mouth of Helford River as described in the sailing instructions.
- (b) Regatta courses with a laid windward first mark will be set. For each class, the sequence of marks and the sides on which they are to be passed will be displayed by boards on the side of the committee signals vessel.
- (c) The signals vessel will be anchored downwind in the general area north of Black Rock and south of Vilt buoy so that the first leg is a beat to windward.

9. BERTHING

9.1 There are no restrictions on berthing during the event.

9.2 Visiting boats must arrange their own berthing. Information on local facilities may be found in the addendum at the end of this document.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes the Two-Turns Penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING

11.1 Only series entries will qualify for a series score.

11.2 Bay fleet.

- (a) Wednesday is a standalone day that will not count towards any series.
- (b) Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Each race will be scored separately and not counted towards any series except by the Firebird class which will include the races in its six-day series.
- (c) Series. The number of races scheduled in the series is as follows:

Regatta Class	Number of Series Races
IRC, YTC & IF Boat three-day series	9
Firebird six-day series	12

- (1) One race is required to be completed to constitute the series.
- (2) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

- (3) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (4) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- (d) **Inter-Club Championship.**
 - (1) Boats participating in the Inter-Club Championship shall be scored according to their class series scores in the three-day series. Team scores will be calculated by adding the series scores of each boat in the team. The team with the lowest total score wins the championship and others shall be ranked accordingly.
 - (2) If there is a tie between two or more teams, then they shall be ranked by their team scores in the last race. If a tie remains then they shall be ranked by their team scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken.
 - (3) Series scores will be adjusted when classes sail different numbers of races.

11.3 Carrick fleet.

- (a) Wednesday is a standalone day that will not count towards any series.
- (b) The number of races scheduled in the series is as follows:

Regatta Class	Number of Series Races
Flying Fifteen, YTC Cabin Boat, YTC Day Boat, Piper/Rustler 24, Large and Small Working Boat, Falmouth Gaffer and St Mawes OD	6 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Ajax, Shrimper 19 and Sunbeam	6 Thursday, Friday & Saturday

- (c) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (d) When fewer than 5 races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

11.4 Results Service. Calculated results will be provided on request for groups of boats wishing to hold bespoke private series within the framework of the overall regatta.

12. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 12.1** Flying Fifteens may be dry-sailed.
- 12.2** Other keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to, the terms of the written prior permission of the race committee.

13. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta except with, and according to, the terms of the written prior permission of the race committee.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, boats shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Daily and series prizes will be awarded as follows:

- (a) More than 15 entries in a class – prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th;
- (b) More than 10 entries in a class – prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th;
- (c) Six to 10 entries in a class – prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd;
- (d) Four or 5 entries in a class – prizes for 1st and 2nd;
- (e) Fewer than 4 entries – prize for 1st.

15.2 The organising authority may award other prizes.

15.3 On Wednesday, prize-winners in the ANCASTA Champagne Race will receive champagne. In the Carrick fleet prizes in the MAINBRACE Rum Race will include rum.

15.4 A trophy will be awarded to the winning team in the Bay Fleet Inter-Club Championship.

16. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors and/or their Guardians automatically grant to the organising authority and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1 Rule 3 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.”

17.2 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:

- (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 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 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 drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- (h) For the offshore races, 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.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident, or the equivalent.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained from the Falmouth Week website (www.falmouthweek.co.uk), by telephoning the helpline on 07555 574308 or by emailing raceoffice@falmouthsailingweek.org.

End of notice of race

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ADDENDUM – BERTHING
(Not part of notice of race)

- A1.** Marina berthing is available at the following marinas which can accept limited advance bookings for Falmouth Sailing Week, but to avoid disappointment it may be best to book before 11th July:
- (a) Port Pendennis Marina (www.portpendennis.com);
 - (b) Falmouth Yacht Haven (www.falmouthhaven.co.uk/visitors-marina/introduction/); and
 - (c) Mylor Yacht Harbour (www.mylor.com).
- A2.** Unreserved berthing is available at Falmouth Marina (www.premiermarinas.com/falmouth_marina).
- A3.** Visitors' swinging moorings are available in Falmouth inner harbour; details are at www.falmouthhaven.co.uk/visiting-yachts/visitors-moorings-anchorage/.