

FALMOUTH SAILING WEEK 2026

Saturday 8th to Saturday 15th August

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR B CLASS WHEN RACING WITH THE BAY FLEET ON SUNDAY 9th AUGUST

PREAMBLE

These are the additional sailing instructions for B class, to be used if the class races to the Helford on Sunday 9th August with the Bay fleet. The following Carrick instructions are repeated, changed or inserted, as shown below.

Abbreviations:

[NP] - A breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat.

1. RULES

- 1.2 The respective rules of the Falmouth Working Boat, Falmouth Gaffer, St Mawes One Design classes and the local Shrimper 19 class state that for the purposes of the definition of "Start" and "Finish" and rules 21.1, 29.1, 30 and 44.2 of the RRS (but not any other rules) the term "hull" includes a boat's bowsprit in its normal position.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Adding to Carrick SI 2:

[NP] Oral changes on the water to these sailing instructions shall be broadcast on VHF Ch. 72. Failure to receive such broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Falmouth Week website at www.falmouthweek.co.uk/race-management.
- 3.2 [NP] On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF Ch. 72.
- 3.3 All starting, postponement, abandonment, shortening and recall signals, the course to be sailed and the count down, will, where possible, be broadcast by the race committee on VHF Ch 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately, and failure to receive such broadcasts, shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 3.4 Changes to finishing window times and the time of the first boat in a class to finish may be broadcast by the race committee on VHF Ch 72. Failure to receive such broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

- 3.6** The race committee may use email and WhatsApp to alert competitors to notices being posted. The QR code to join the Bay Fleet WhatsApp group is attached to these sailing instructions.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.6 Carrick Green Group

Regatta Class	Class Flag	Warning signal on Sunday 6 th August
Large Working Boat ⁽¹⁾	B	Not before 1345

8. RACING AREA

The race area is Falmouth Bay, including the Helford River approximately as far as the area between Durgan village and The Voose north cardinal mark.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.2** The course will be broadcast on VHF Ch 72. Failure to receive a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 9.3** A MarkSetBot (see Appendix B) may be laid as the first windward mark of a regatta course.

10. MARKS

A chart showing the approximate positions of the marks, and the mark letters, mark descriptions and approximate coordinates, are at Appendix A.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.5** All boats are to sail to seaward of August Rock starboard lateral mark (approximate position: 50° 06.12' N, 005° 05.01' W).
- 11.6** All boats are to sail to the north of the Voose north cardinal mark (approximate position: 50° 05.84' N, 005° 06.89' W) and the oyster beds to the west of this mark.

12. THE START

- 12.1** The race committee signal vessel is the white hulled sloop "Bibo". The signal vessel will describe its approximate position on VHF Ch.72 approximately 30 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal.
- 12.2** The starting line will be between the mast on the signal vessel, displaying an orange flag, and a robotic racing mark (see Appendix B).
- 12.3** For the first class to start, an attention signal (orange flag with one sound signal) will be made five minutes before the warning signal. The race committee will designate the course to be sailed before or with the attention signal.
- 12.4** A starting inner limit mark (ILM) may be placed off the race committee signal vessel. The ILM will not necessarily lie on the start line.
- 12.5** [NP][DP] No boat after its preparatory signal shall enter the triangle formed by the bow of the race committee signals vessel on station, the ILM and the stern of the same vessel. The race committee will protest boats breaching this sailing instruction.
- 12.6** [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.
- 12.7** A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.8** In the event of a general recall, the warning signal for the next class to start will be removed and then re-displayed with the next starting signal of the recalled class. This changes RRS 29.2.

13. CHANGE TO A LEG OF THE COURSE

No leg of the course will be changed.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be in the Helford River, in the area between Durgan village and the Voose north cardinal mark, between the mast on a Helford River SC committee boat displaying an orange flag and a yellow cylindrical buoy.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

19.1 SIs 19.2 to 19.6 are in addition to the requirements of NoR regulation 4.4.

19.2 In the event of injury or danger to any crew member, the person-in-charge is responsible for taking appropriate action.

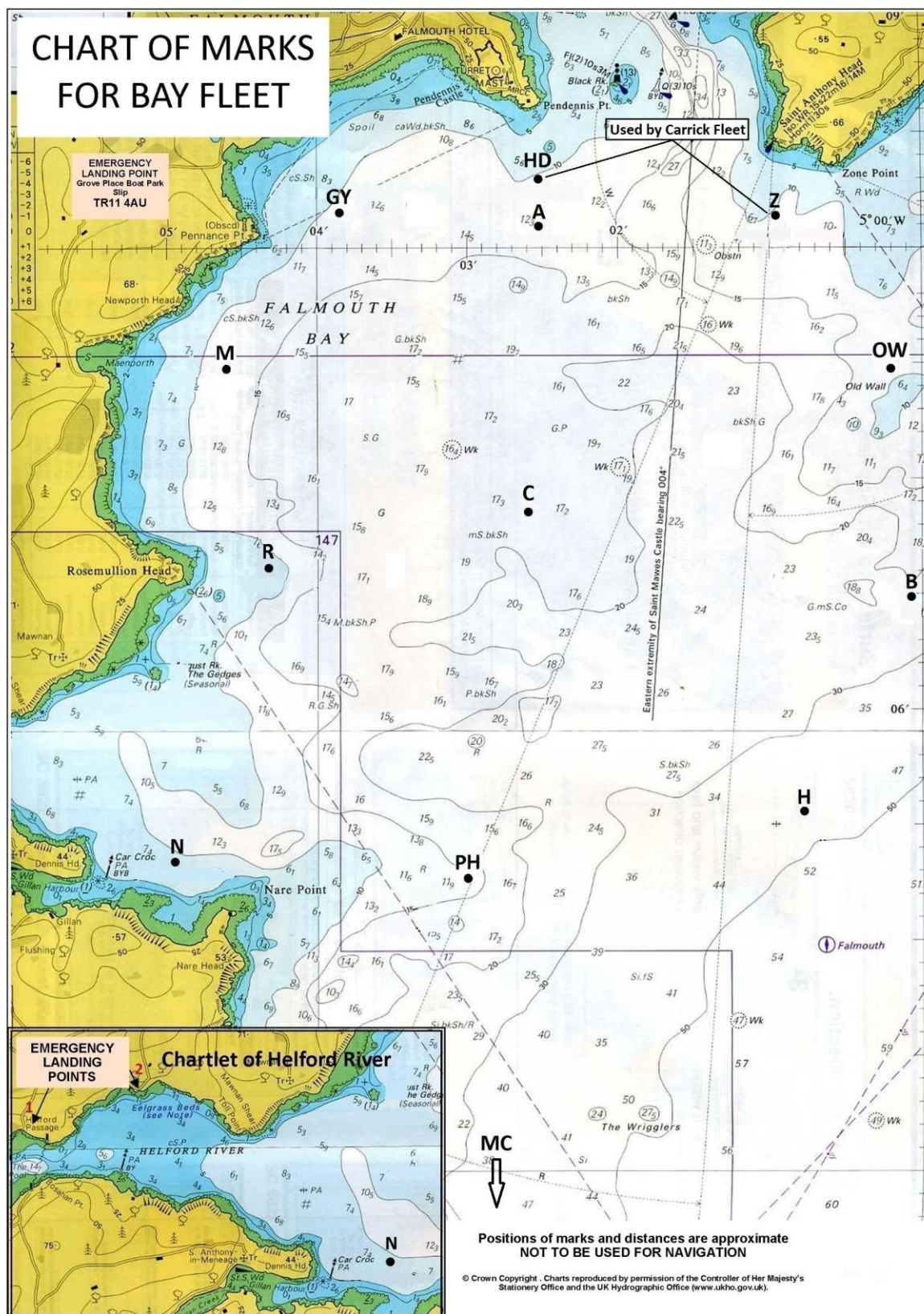
19.3 Competitors who leave the cockpit of a boat not fitted with guardrails shall wear an appropriate personal flotation device.

19.4 Any boat that retires shall inform the signals vessel, or another official vessel, as soon as possible on VHF Ch.72. If unable to do so, they shall inform the race office by telephone (07775 574308) at the first opportunity.

19.5 Competitors shall obey the instructions of an official vessel to move out of the way of shipping constricted in its ability to manoeuvre or constrained by its draft.

19.6 Competitors requiring assistance from a patrol vessel should call “Bay Race Committee” on VHF Ch. 72.

APPENDIX A: REGATTA COURSE - MARK DESCRIPTIONS AND CHARTLET



MARK DESCRIPTIONS

CODE	SPONSOR OR NAME	DESCRIPTION	LAT	LONG
A		Orange Inflatable	50° 08.10' N	005° 02.50' W
B		Yellow Spherical with code	50° 06.50' N	005° 00.00' W
C		Yellow spherical with code	50° 06.77' N	005° 02.42' W
GY	Penryn Dental Practice	Yellow Spherical with code	50° 08.12' N	005° 03.87' W
H		MarkSetBot robotic self-positioning mark (see Appendix F)	50° 05.55 N	005° 00.75' W
HD	Hine Downing	Yellow Spherical with code	50° 08.39' N	005° 02.76' W
M	SW Ventilation	Yellow Spherical with code	50° 07.46' N	005° 04.67' W
MC	Manacles	East Cardinal Buoy	50° 02.81' N	005° 01.91' W
N	Gweek Boatyard	Yellow Spherical with code	50° 05.36' N	005° 04.91' W
OW		Yellow Spherical with code	50° 07.50' N	005° 00.21' W
PH		Yellow Spherical with code	50° 05.25' N	005° 03.19' W
R	Heather and Lay	Yellow Spherical with code	50° 06.61' N	005° 04.36' W
WX		MarkSetBot robotic self-positioning mark (see Appendix F)	May be laid mark to windward of the start line	
Z	Falmouth Boat Co	Yellow Spherical with code	50° 08.15' N	005° 01.10' W

APPENDIX B: ROBOTIC SELF-POSITIONING MARKS

The start line outer limit mark will be MarkSetBot robotic self-positioning marks. In addition, a MarkSetBot may be laid as the first windward mark of a regatta course.

An example of a MarkSetBot is shown in the picture below. The marks may display sponsor's advertising and may be a different colour to the picture.



Mark sponsors are:

- Fal and Helford Marine Protection Area (x2 marks)
- Pendennis Shipyard
- Marlow Ropes

NOT PART OF THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

QR CODE TO JOIN THE BAY FLEET WHATSAPP GROUP

1. Open WhatsApp, tap Camera
2. Hold device over the QR code to scan (adjust distance so QR code fits the screen)
3. Tap ADD

