

Flushing Sailing Club

Notice of Race for 2017

Sailing Programme and Race Registration Form are included as part of this document.

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RULES & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS).
- 1.2 The following Rules are changed:
 - a. RRS 29.2-Classes recalled will be restarted after the last scheduled start of other classes.
 - b. RRS 40-Personal Flotation Devices for Mocra (Multihulls).
 - c. RRS 44.1, RRS 32, RRS 35, A4 & RRS Signals, RRS 26, A9 are subject to change.The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 IRC 2017 Rules Parts A, B, C & D.
Amendment to IRC Rule 22.4.2 to change to IRC Certificate crew number + 1.
- 1.4 Nothing written in either this Notice of Race or the sailing instructions removes a boat's responsibility to comply with the Falmouth Harbour bye-laws, see:
<https://www.falmouthharbour.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/30-130-01-FHC-Byelaws.pdf>

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Entries will be accepted only from owners or their representatives who are members of a PoFSA club, and have completed and signed a valid entry form, paid the correct entry fee, and whose boat displays sail numbers in compliance with RRS Appendix G.
- 2.2 Under sixteen-year-olds may enter or crew only if their parent or guardian has given their permission and completed and signed the parental permission form provided.
- 2.3 Boats must race in their designated class and may not change class during a series.
- 2.4 The FSC race committee reserves the right to alter/combine classes and change/adapt entry conditions as they see fit in light of entries received.
- 2.5 Completed entry forms together with correct entry fee, IRC and Mocra handicap certificates shall be sent to:-
FSC Hon. Treasurer, 12 Wellington Terrace, Falmouth, TR11 3BN.
This must be completed no later than 48 hours before racing. It is strongly recommended that all competitors complete a form CG66 and lodge it with Falmouth Coast Guard.

3. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, 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 to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own action or omission;
- 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 by the event organiser 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. {[For offshore races] They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face the 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 is in date and is familiar to the crew};

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- h. {[If not covered elsewhere in the Notice of Race] Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least Three Million pounds against third party claims}.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 4.1 Sailing Instructions will:
- Be posted on the Website and may be downloaded.
 - Sent to competitors.
 - Can be collected at the Club.
- 4.2 Instructions for Special Races will also be displayed on the club notice board.

5. PRIZES, PENALTIES, and SCORING SYSTEM

These are all detailed in the Sailing Instructions, which are available prior to entry if required.

6. SAILING PROGRAMME 2017

SERIES RACING	SPECIAL RACING
SAILTECH Spring - Saturday SKINNERS - Tuesday COCKWELLS - Saturday CHOAKS PASTIES - Tuesday HINE DOWNING 1 - Tuesday HINE DOWNING 2 - Tuesday SEVEN STARS FLUSHING Autumn - Saturday FSC/RCYC - Friday (Organising Authority is both FSC and RCYC) PENROSE SAILS Frostbite – Saturday (SAILTECH, FSC/RCYC and PENROSE SAILS series are pursuits)	Silver Sunbeam G Class Backward Race Series Single Handed (Q and G classes Two Handed) Harbour Race B & C classes Oyster Festival Race B & C classes Charity Race FALMOUTH TYRES - Falmouth to Fowey Fowey to Falmouth
OFFSHORE RACING	
Gull Rock / Manacles * This race is part of the FSC programme, but for 2017 is also a COGS race. There will be a separate NOR, entry form and fee. All offshore racing is subject to FSC crew lists. A contact number where the crew list is available must be given to the club before racing.	

7. CLASSES

- Q IRC/Byron Yachts Fast V Sunbeam G Handicap Gaffers B Large Working Boats
C Small Working Boats W White Sail (Rule 20) U IRC/Byron Yachts slow M Multihulls

The club may choose to run races for other classes.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 All Series and Special races: Falmouth/St Mawes harbour, Carrick Roads and Falmouth Bay.
8.2 Offshore races: Western Approaches, English Channel, Plymouth forecast area.
8.3 Start times for all races are published in the sailing instructions.

9. HANDICAPS

- 9.1 IRC and Mocra (Multihulls) shall forward a copy of their rating certificate with their entries.
9.2 Entrants in Q, U and W classes will be handicapped using the Byron system of handicapping. The Byron system may be modified for FSC Club racing at the Sailing Committee's discretion.

10. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 10.1 Offshore racing: All Classes World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 5 except:
J24 OD - J24 OD Class Rules
Mocra - (Multihull) safety requirements

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Marieholm Folkboat - British Marieholm IF Association Class Rules

Nordic Folkboat - Nordic Folkboat Class Association Rules.

Open Sports boats & boats with no cabin:

At the discretion of the race committee, boats complying with the following minimum requirements may be permitted to race. Boats shall be self righting from 90 degrees. And the cockpits shall be self draining. If class rules provide a higher standard, then class rules apply.

10.2 All Other Racing: Below is a list of safety equipment to which all competing boats must comply. Each item of equipment shall function properly and be suitable for its intended purpose in the size of boat on which it is carried. Each item shall be securely stowed and ready for immediate use. Any additional equipment required by class rules must also be carried.

1. Suitable anchor

2. Fire extinguisher if fuel or gas carried

3. Horseshoe type lifebuoy or life sling

4. Oar and Rowlock if item 15 not carried

5. Bucket and lanyard

6. Gas inflated EN 150 Newton lifejacket for each crew

7. Marine compass and chart of area to be sailed

8. VHF radio with suitable marine Channels

9. Depth sounding equipment

10. Powerful torch /spare batteries

11. Two red flares

12. Two orange smoke flares

13. Whistle and Fog Horn

14. Bilge Pump

15. Auxiliary Engine

16. First Aid Kit

17. Heaving line/throw bag with 15m of floating line ready and accessible from the cockpit.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

12. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000, (Three Million pounds).

13. RACE COMMITTEE

The Race Committee members will be Vice Commodore, Hon. Sailing Secretary and Race Officer of the day.