**2024 Season**

**Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for Yachts**

Dear Club Members and Competitors,

This document brings together all information on YYC yacht race events into one document. The Yacht Racing Programme (Section 1) is included but may well be superseded as the season progresses. Consequently, competitors should ensure the Yacht Secretary has their e-mail details and they routinely check the YYC website. Note that the General Sailing Instructions (Section 2) apply to all races, and they are supplemented by specific instructions that relate to individual races (Section 3).

* For a Block Entry please complete the Entry Form at Enclosure 1.   
  (Block Entry includes the Friday Series, Autumn Series, all 3 Coastal Races, the Ladies Race and the Eddystone Race).  
  (Block Entry does not include Trébeurden, RNLI Passage or Three Creeks Race).
* To enter a single race please complete the Entry Form at Enclosure 1 for each race entered. (Required for Trébeurden in addition to a Block Entry).

To enter races not covered by this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions:

* Go to RNLI Passage Race: <https://yealmyachtclub.co.uk/racing-2/rnli-passage-race/>
* Go to 3 Creeks Race: <https://yealmyachtclub.co.uk/3creeks/>

Keep safe, let’s have an enjoyable season.

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YTC Handicap Website: [RYA YTC - Royal Ocean Racing Club | Rating Office (rorcrating.com)](https://rorcrating.com/ryaytc/)

RYA SafeTrx Scheme: <https://safetrx.rya.org.uk/login.html>)

IRC Certificate & Rating System: <http://www.ircrating.org/>

World Offshore Special Regulations: [2024-2026-Offshore-Special-Regulations-published-v1.13.docx.pdf (d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net)](https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/24175301/2024-2026-Offshore-Special-Regulations-published-v1.13.docx.pdf)

World Offshore Special Regulation 3.02.2 (Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedure): Appendix L

**SECTION 1 - YACHT RACE PROGRAMME 2024**

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| **Day** | **Date** | | **Start Time** | **Session** | **Open or Closed** | **High Tide** | **Height** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fri | 03 | May | 18:00 | Spring (Friday evening) Series | Closed | 14:39 | 4.3 |
| Fri | 10 | May | 18:00 | Spring (Friday evening) Series | Closed | 20:25 | 5.3 |
| Wed | 15 | May | 18:30 | *Devon Yawl / Dayboats - 1st Weds* | Open | 11:38 | 4.0 |
| Sat | 18 | May | 10:00 | 3 Creeks Weekend (Sat/Sun) | Open | 02:41 | 4.3 |
| Sat | 25 | May | 10:00 | May Triangle (Sat/Sun/Mon) | Closed | 07:52 | 5.0 |
| Fri | 31 | May | 18:00 | Spring (Friday evening) Series | Closed | 12:52 | 4.4 |
| Sat | 01 | June | 11:30 | RNLI Passage Race | Open | 14:06 | 4.5 |
| Fri | 07 | June | 18:00 | Spring (Friday evening) Series | Closed | 07:08 | 5.1 |
| Fri | 14 | June | 18:00 | Spring (Friday evening) Series | Closed | 12:06 | 4.1 |
| Thu | 27 | June | 18:30 | Trébeurden Race (Thur eve - Sun) | Open | 10:41 | 4.8 |
| Sat | 24 | August | 10:00 | August Coastal Passage Race (Sat/Sun) | Closed | 10:02 | 5.3 |
| Sun | 01 | September | 10:00 | Autumn (Sunday morning) Series | Open | 05:45 | 4.7 |
| Sun | 08 | September | 10:00 | Autumn (Sunday morning) Series | Open | 09:31 | 4.9 |
| Wed | 11 | September | 18:30 | *Devon Yawl / Dayboats - Last Weds?* | Open | 11:09 | 4.3 |
| Sun | 15 | September | 10:00 | Autumn (Sunday morning) Series | Open | 04:13 | 4.5 |
| Sun | 22 | September | 10:00 | Autumn (Sunday morning) Series | Open | 09:33 | 5.4 |
| Sun | 29 | September | 10:00 | Autumn (Sunday morning) Series | Open | 04:37 | 4.4 |
| Sun | 06 | October | 10:00 | Autumn (Sunday morning) Series | Open | 08:33 | 5.1 |
| Sun | 13 | October | 10:00 | Autumn (Sunday morning) Series | Open | 14:56 | 4.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Closed events** are for YYC member helms only, **Open events** are open to all entrants | | | | | | |  |
| High Tide times & heights are as predicted for River Yealm Entrance | | | | |  |  |  |
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**SECTION 2 - YEALM YACHT CLUB**

**NOTICE OF RACE AND GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (GSI’s)**

**1 Rules**

1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS)**.

1.2 All boats must comply with **appropriate ‘Category’** under the **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2023-24**. This includes the stability criteria for this Category

**1.3 Effective 1 January 2022, all yachts competing in Category 3 Offshore Races (i.e. Trebeurden) require evidence of a structural inspection in accordance with 3.02.2 within 24 months before the start of the race or after a grounding, whichever is the later. Additionally after each unintentional grounding, an appropriately qualified person shall conduct an internal and external inspection.**

**2 Eligibility & Entry**

2.1 Races are open to boats that hold:

- A current IRC Certificate – Class 1

- A Club Handicap Number (CHN) issued by the YYC Handicap Manager – Class 2. Boats who have not previously held a CHN should apply in plenty of time (application forms can be forwarded)

2.2 Eligible boats may enter preferably by completing the **Entry Form at Enclosure 1** and sending it by e-mail to The Yacht Secretary (electronically signed), or left in the Club in an envelope clearly marked for the attention of the Yacht Secretary by the deadline for entries.

2.**3 Class 1 yachts must submit a copy of the IRC Certificate to the Yacht Secretary with the Entry Form, and Class 3 (MOCRA) must submit a copy of the MOCRA Certificate.**

2.4 Competing Yachts shall fly a distinguishing pennant corresponding to their Class.

2.5 The documentation for races will be available on the YYC website or by email from the Yacht Secretary. **In all cases, competitors who intend to participate in any race are to inform The Yacht Secretary at least 24 hours before the start.**

2.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Officer, but boats will not be allowed to start unless they have completed (and signed) the Entry Form (or Block Entry Form where applicable) and paid the entry fee to the Yacht Secretary or Treasurer.

2.7 A temporary handicap for new competitors may be given at the discretion of the Yacht Secretary or Race Officer.

2.8 Class 2 competitors may wish to compete with a “White Sail Handicap” (i.e. no spinnaker) obtained from the Club Handicap Manager, and competitors must declared to the Yacht Secretary their intent to race under a White Sail Handicap before their first race. If requested, a White Sail Handicap must be used for a whole Series.

2.9 Where boats are racing within the boundaries of a port they shall comply with such regulations as may be in force within that port. All entrants are reminded that in addition to the normal regulations for avoiding collision at sea, Royal Navy ships and other large vessels, including cross channel ferries have right of way AT ALL TIMES within the limits of the Sound, extending 2 miles South of the Breakwater. Boats are referred to the current Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order see Local Notices to Mariners. A report of an alleged breach of such regulations may be considered to have brought the sport into disrepute and the Race Committee will take action under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to take action under RRS69.2(b). This may result in disqualification from the race in addition to any legal action taken by the Port Authorities (Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1998 as amended).

**3 Entry Fees**

YYC Members are encouraged to enter by paying the YYC Yacht Racing Block Entry Fee **(£60)**, otherwise Single Races are **£12 per race** (see details at the Notes of the Entry Form at Enclosure 1).

**4 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to Competitors may be posted on the notice board located in the Yealm Yacht Club or by e-mailing Yacht Skippers/Owners who have entered. In all cases, Competitors who intend to participate in any Race are to inform The Yacht Secretary to enable updates to be communicated.

**5 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any routine changes to instructions will be emailed to competitors, ‘WhatsApp’d or posted on the Club Noticeboard, or website. Any last-minute changes may be communicated by hail from a committee boat flying Code Flag L or by transmission on VHF channel 72. It will be the responsibility of boats to obtain changes and amendments, and during the race by listening on VHF Channel 72 providing details of course changes or detailing boats subject to recall. The failure to receive changes and such transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress.

**6 Signals Made Ashore**

Signals may be made ashore at the YYC Flagpole in front of the Club by 1800 the day before, or at the Yealm Steps at least 1 hour before the scheduled start on the day of the race.

**7 Class Flags**

Class 1 - Numeral Pennant 1

Class 2 - Numeral Pennant 2

**8 Courses**

Courses will be appropriate to the Race, or selected from the YYC Plymouth Sound Standard Courses (Enclosure 3) and will be displayed on the committee boat and/or transmitted on VHF Channel 72.

**9 Areas that are Obstructions & Prohibited Areas**

Off lying rocks in the immediate vicinity of the coast or headlands (for example around the Mewstone, Slimers, Prawl Point, the Breakwater etc) that could constitute a hazard to any boat are to be considered as obstructions.

**10 The Start**

10.1 Yachts shall pass in front or astern of the Committee Boat with their mainsail raised before their Preparatory Signal displaying their sail number to aid the Race Committee with identification of all starters.

10.2 VHF Channel 72 may be used for general race communication and, in particular, when visual signal arrangements cannot be made, all instructions (course promulgation, start count down etc) will need to made over VHF Ch 72.

10.3 Races will be started using RRS 26; i.e. the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal as follows:

10.4 In the case of an Individual Recall, Flag X will be displayed with a second short sound signal and flown until all boats have complied with RRS 29.1. A broadcast message may also be transmitted on VHF Ch 72 after the Start detailing boats subject to recall. The failure to receive such transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress.

10.5 A general re-call will be indicated by two sound signals and the display of the First Substitute Flag. Another sound signal will be made on lowering this flag and the Warning Signal made one minute later.

10.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made should keep well clear of the starting area.

10.7 A yacht starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start.”

**11 The Yealm/Mouthstone Start Line**

11.1  The YYC Mouthstone Transit will normally be used as the local Start Line (two White Poles on the headland, positioned on the South side of the estuary entrance), and the Committee Boat will act as the outer distance mark (if it can be anchored on station).

11.2 In the event the Committee Boat cannot be stationed safely on station, the race may be started from ashore at the YYC Mouthstone Transit, using the Start Line but with no outer distance mark.

11.3 If required (e.g. for a Wembury Bay Race, Course W), the Race Officer may opt to lay a Start Line between the Committee Boat and a laid mark (boat or buoy) in Wembury Bay.

**12 The Yealm/Mouthstone Finish Line & Finish Declarations**

12.1 The local Finish Line will normally be the YYC Mouthstone Transit (two White Poles on the headland, positioned on the South side of the estuary entrance), and the Committee Boat will act as the outer distance mark (if positioned on station).

12.2 If the Finish Line is not to be manned, all boats must take their own times (in BST). The names and approximate times of boats finishing ahead and astern should also be recorded if practical. Finishing Times should be recorded on a Declaration Form and handed to the Race Officer or e-mailed/WhatsApp to the Yacht Secretary as soon as possible after finishing.

12.3 If the Course is shortened, the Committee Boat may take up station on a suitable mark of the shortened Course, Flag S will be displayed and the race will be finished between the Committee Boat and the mark in accordance with the RRS Definition *Finish*. Alternatively, the designated Race Officer may shorten the course by notification on VHF Channel 72 identifying the finish line.

12.4 When the conditions dictate, it may be necessary for a Race Officer to Shorten a Course at a Mark of the Course when there is no additional object or boat that constitutes a Finish Line.  Therefore, if the Race Officer nominates a Mark/buoy as the finish mark, boats shall continue to round the Mark in the direction of the original course and record their finish time when the buoy bears 090 Degrees True for a Starboard rounding, or 270 Degrees True for a Port Rounding.  Boats must pass within 100 yards of the buoy to finish.

**13 Retirements**

13.1 Retirements must be notified as soon as possible, and in any case within one hour of the expiry of the time limit preferably by Declaration or by any possible means to the Race Officer stating the boat and skipper’s names.

13.2 A boat/competitor who fails to comply with this sailing instruction, or fails to provide a satisfactory explanation of failure to report retirement, will be scored ‘DNF.

**14 Penalties**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

**15 Protests**

15.1 Protest forms will be available at the YYC Clubhouse or on the RYA Website, and are to be delivered to the Race Officer within two hours of the last boat finishing.

Competitors are encouraged to ‘self-police’ their actions on the water to ensure safe and enjoyable racing. However, in circumstances where there is a breach of RRS, competitors are encouraged to discuss incidents with an adviser and resolve them promptly in an informal but positive way (an Advisory Hearing).

15.2 If a protest form is lodged, a boat may request RYA Arbitration as detailed on the notice displayed on the clubhouse notice board, or the protest committee may suggest it. If the boats and a member of the protest committee or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, then one or more arbitrators (who may also be members of the protest committee) will hear the evidence of the parties and give an opinion on whether any boat broke a rule and, if so, which and how. The arbitrator will then invite any boat that appears to have broken a rule to accept Post-Race Penalty.

15.3 In the event of injury or serious damage or a refusal to accept a Post-Race Penalty, a full Protest Hearing will be held.

15.4 Post-Race Penalties - Provided that RRS 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Scoring Penalty of 20%, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

15.5 Protests will be heard as soon as possible. A schedule of Protest hearings will be posted in the Clubhouse no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

**16 Safety Regulations**

All yachts shall ensure that they register with the new **RYA SafeTrx scheme**. This is the replacement for the previous Coastguard CG66 Registration Form.

**17 Equipment and Measurement Checks**

The Race Committee reserves the right to undertake equipment checks at any time.

**18 Disclaimer of Liability/Risk Statement**

18.1 Rule 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."

18.2 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 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 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) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event 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;

(g) 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; and

(h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

18.3 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

**SECTION 3 -**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFIC TO INDIVIDUAL RACES**

**COASTAL PASSAGE RACES & MAY TRIANGLE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 Rules**

1.1 Attention is drawn to the ‘Decision to Race’ (Part 1, Rule 3) which states that “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

1.2 All boats must comply with appropriate **Category 4** **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2023-24**. Boats are **recommended to carry a Liferaft** as additional equipment.

**2 Entries & Eligibility**

Eligible boats must enter by completing the Entry Form and sending it by e-mail to the Yacht Secretary, electronically signed **by 1800 the Tuesday before a Coastal Passage Race,** and for the **May Triangle 10 days ahead of the Race** (to enable social arrangements to be confirmed).

**3 The Course**

3.1Courses will be promulgated to entrants approximately 3 days ahead of the race to allow weather data to inform the choice of course and to enable berthing arrangements to be confirmed.

3.2 Coastal Passage Races will normally start at the Yealm and finish at a destination port, and the May Triangle will normally start (Day 1) and return to the Yealm (Day 3).

3.3 The failure to receive course instructions, changes and transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress.

**4 Marks**

Marks that may be used are as follows:

Hand Deeps location is: 50Deg 12.7’ N 004Deg 21.1’ W

The Eddystone Rock (including off lying rocks)

**5 Schedule of the Race**

Class 1 and Class 2 will normally start together. Start times will be promulgated with the Course.

**6 The Start**

6.1 The initial Start Line at the **Yealm** will be the Mouthstone Transit, with the Committee Boat as the outer distance mark (if on station). Alternatively, races may be started in Wembury Bay or from the shore, in which case there may be no outer distance mark.

6.2 Start Lines at other locations may be as follows:

**Fowey** – The Start line will be at the mouth of the Fowey Estuary, a line between Punch Cross Beacon (White Cross on rocks on Polruan side), and Fowey Lighthouse (L Fl. W.R. 5s.) on the Fowey side, with the latter bearing 270 Deg T.

**Salcombe** – in the Salcombe Range on a line of Latitude 50 Deg 13.00 Min N between Little Eelstone and Seacombe Sand.

**Dartmouth** - at the mouth of the Dartmouth Estuary using the transit poles at Blackstone Point (below the coastguard cottages) with Castle Ledge buoy as an outer distance mark. In the event that the transit is not in place, a line of Latitude 50 Deg 20.00 Min North extending from Western Blackstone Rock, using Castle Ledge Buoy as an outer distance marker.

**Helford River** – at the mouth of the Helford Estuary on a line of Longitude 5 Deg 05.00 Min West between Parbean Cove and August Rock Buoy.

**Falmouth** - at the mouth of the Falmouth Estuary on a line of Latitiude 50 Deg 08.70 Min North between Block Rock and Great Molunan (St Anthony’s Head side).

6.3 Start Lines may be adjusted by the Sailing Committee depending on conditions and will be promulgated to the Fleet either by VHF Channel 72 or by other means (hail, briefing etc).

**7 The Finish**

7.1 The Finish Lines at each port will be as follows:

**Fowey** – at the mouth of the Fowey Estuary, a line between Punch Cross Beacon (White Cross on rocks on Polruan side), and Fowey Lighthouse (L Fl. W.R. 5s.) on the Fowey side, with the latter bearing 270 Deg T.

**Salcombe** – in the Salcombe Range on a line of Latitude 50 Deg 13.00 Min N between Little Eelstone and Seacombe Sand.

**Dartmouth** - at the mouth of the Dartmouth Estuary using the transit poles at Blackstone Point (below the coastguard cottages) with Castle Ledge buoy as an outer distance mark. In the event that the transit is not in place, a line of Latitude 50 Deg 20.00 Min North extending from Western Blackstone Rock, using Castle Ledge Buoy as an outer distance marker.

**Helford River** – at the mouth of the Helford Estuary on a line of Longitude 5 Deg 05.00 Min West between Parbean Cove and August Rock Buoy.

**Falmouth** - at the mouth of the Falmouth Estuary on a line of Latitude 50 Deg 08.70 Min North between Block Rock and Great Molunan (St Anthony’s Head side).

**The Yealm/Mouthstone Finish Line & Finish Declarations**

The local Finish Line will normally be the YYC Mouthstone Transit (two White Poles on the headland, positioned on the South side of the estuary entrance), and the Committee Boat will act as the outer distance mark (if positioned on station).

7.2 If the Course is shortened, the Committee Boat may take up station on a suitable mark of the shortened Course, Flag S will be displayed and the race will be finished between the Committee Boat and the mark in accordance with the RRS Definition Finish. Alternatively, the designated Race Officer may shorten the course by notification on VHF Channel 72 identifying the finish line. When the conditions dictate, it may be necessary for a Race Officer to Shorten a Course at a Mark of the Course when there is no additional object or boat that constitutes a Finish Line.  Therefore, if the Race Officer nominates a Mark/buoy as the finish mark, boats shall continue to round the Mark in the direction of the original course and record their finish time when the buoy bears 090 Degrees True for a Starboard rounding, or 270 Degrees True for a Port Rounding.  Boats must pass within 100 yards of the buoy to finish.

7.3 Generally the Finish line will not be manned and all boats must take their own times in BST. The names and approximate times of boats finishing ahead and astern should also be recorded if practical. Finishing Times should be recorded on a Declaration Form at the Enclosure and handed to the Yacht Secretary or e-mailed/WhatsApp to the Yacht Secretary as soon as possible after finishing.

**8 Retirements**

A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible at the finish or at the YYC, and in any case within one hour of the expiry of the time limit. Retirements may be reported by hail; by VHF Channel 72 to the Race Officer, or by any other available means.

**9 Time Limits**

Time Limits will normally be **1800 BST** although may be amended when the Course is promulgated.

**10 Prizes**

10.1 The Coastal Passage Race - The Bridgeland Cup will be awarded to the first yacht calculated using Club Handicap Numbers. Other prizes will be awarded by Class at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

10.2 The May Triangle - The May Triangle Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the event calculated using Club Handicap Numbers.

10.3 Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

**FRIDAY SPRING AND SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 Rules**

1.1 Attention is drawn to the ‘Decision to Race’ (Part 1, Rule 3) which states that “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

1.2 All boats must comply with appropriate ‘**Category 4**’ under the **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2023-24**.

**2 Entries & Eligibility**

2.1 Eligible boats must enter by completing the Entry Form and sending it by e-mail to the Yacht Secretary, electronically signed by the evening before the Race. (e.g. 1800 Thursday before that Friday’s Race).

**3 Courses**

3.1 Courses will be selected from the YYC Plymouth Sound Standard Courses at **Enclosure 3.**

3.2 The Courses (C, F, H, S, V, or X - see Chartlets) will be designated by a letter board. Red or Green backgrounds indicate the first mark to be left to Port or Starboard respectively and thus the direction of rounding the course. In all races, entrants must pass to the South of the Mewstone and related off lying dangers. Courses may be shortened (see Paragraph 10, Finish)

3.3 In addition letter board W may be used, which denotes a virtual mark in position   
**50°17’N** / **04°10’W**. If displayed alone, the course will be from the start line to the virtual mark and back to finish. If added to another letter board either before or after, the course will be either first to the virtual mark and then continuing around the course designated by the other letter, or round the course designated and then to the virtual mark before returning to the finish

**4 Schedule of the Race (All Times BST).**

4.1 Classes will race in accordance with the Sailing Programme.

4.2 Class 1 and Class 2 will normally start together at **1000 BST Sundays and 1800 Fridays**, depending on the number of entrants. However, if independent, then Class 2 will start before Class 1.

**5 Time Limits**

Any yacht which has not finished the course by **1400 BST** Sundays or **2030 BST** Fridays will be deemed to have retired regardless of the start time being adjusted.

**6 Series Scoring**

6.1. **Friday Spring Series**

The Low Points scoring system, **RRS (90.3 and Appendix A4)** will apply. One discard from the Series of five races will apply. In the event of there being fewer than five races completed then there will be no discard allowed.

6.2. **Autumn Series**

The Low Points scoring system, **RRS (90.3 and Appendix A4)** will apply. One discard from the Series of seven races will apply. In the event of there being fewer than six races completed then there will be no discard allowed.

**7 Autumn Series Prizes**

7.1 The following Trophies & Prizes will be competed for across the **Series of Races**:

Class 1: The Barbara Fellows Cup

Class 2: The Edgington Cup (CHS)

Class 2: Corinthian Trophy (CHS adjusted after each race)

7.2 After the penultimate **Race 5** (for which only participants in this race will be eligible) the following prizes will be awarded:

a. Yacht Haven Quay Laying Up Cup - to the overall winner of Class 1 & 2 (calculated using CHS)

b. Three special prizes presented by Yacht Haven Quay will be drawn, which are:

Free Lay Up (ex storage charge)

Free Summer Lift and Wash

Lunch for 5 people at Yacht Haven Quay

7.3 The traditional end of Series Lunch will be held after the final Race, subsidized by our sponsors. Eligibility for attendance and details will be promulgated closer to the time.

8 **Friday Series Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

**THE 32nd ‘SUMMERTIME’** **TREBEURDEN RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**THURSDAY 27th June 2024**

**1 Rules**

1.1 Attention is drawn to the ‘Decision to Race’ (Part 1, Rule 4) which states that “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

1.2 All boats must comply with appropriate **‘Category 3 with Liferaft’** (Mono Hull or Multihull as applicable) under the **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2023-24**.

1.3 **Entrants are to note that from 1 January 2022, all Yachts competing in Category 3 Offshore Races are required inspect the keel and rudder within two years prior to the start of the race or after a grounding whichever is later (see Offshore Special Regulation 3.02.3 and Links at ‘Useful Contacts’ on Page 2 above).**

**2 Entries & Eligibility**

2.1 Eligible boats (including YYC boats) must enter by completing the Entry Form and sending it by e-mail to the Yacht Secretary, electronically signed.

2.2 Entries must be received by e-mail 4 weeks before (i.e. **Thursday 30 May 2024)** to benefit from sponsored clothing items. Note, entries later than 10 days prior (i.e. **Monday 17 June 2024**) may not be accepted as final berthing and social arrangements must be confirmed with our French hosts.

**3 The Course**

From the Start to Le Crapaud (N 48**°**46.67’ W 003**°**40.59’), leaving the West Cardinal Lt Buoy Q (9) 15 s to Port, and thence to the Finish Line at Trebeurden.

**4 Schedule of the Race (All Times BST)**

Class 2 Warning signal 1825 Start time **1830**

Class 1 Warning signal 1835 Start time **1840**

**5 The Start**

If the weather conditions allow, the Start Line will be between the Committee Boat, and a laid mark (boat or buoy) in Wembury Bay, such that the actual start is in a Southerly direction.  In the event the Committee Boat cannot be stationed safely in Wembury Bay, the YYC Mouthstone Transit will be used as the Start Line (two White Poles on the headland, positioned on the South side of the estuary entrance), and the Committee Boat will act as the outer distance mark (if it can be anchored on station).

**6 The Finish**

6.1 The finishing line will be a line between the Ar Gourdec (N48**°**46.5’ W003**°**36.5’) South Cardinal Lt. Buoy VQ (6) + L Fl10s bearing 305 degrees magnetic and Ile Milliau.

6.2 The Finish will not be manned and all boats must take their own times in BST. The names and approximate times of boats finishing ahead and astern should also be recorded if practical. Finishing Times should be recorded on a Declaration Form and handed to the Yacht Secretary as soon as possible after finishing, and in all cases within 2 hours of the expiry of the time limit.

**7 Retirements**

Retirements must be notified in any case within two hours of the expiry of the time limit stating the boat and skipper’s name as follows:

**a. Up until 1800 the day before race, by e-mail or text to Andrew Beveridge beveridgeandy@gmail.com +447770951031**

**b. Retirements back to England at any stage of the event - by text, email or by VHF on Channel 72 to Andrew Beveridge onboard yacht “Night Star”** [**beveridgeandy@gmail.com**](mailto:beveridgeandy@gmail.com) **+447770951031**

**c. At Trebeurden, to Andrew Beveridge on board “Night Star” by Declaration.**

**8 Time Limits**

Any yacht which has not finished the course by **2359 BST on Friday 28 June 2024** will be deemed to have retired.

**9 Prizes**

9.1 The following trophies will be competed for:

Class 1 Trébeurden Log - Winner of IRC Class

Trébeurden Propeller - Fastest YYC yacht on IRC corrected time

Class 2 The Channel Cup – Winner of Class 2 (in memory of William Walker) calculated using Club Handicap Numbers

‘Summertime’ Trophy - Fastest YYC yacht in Class 2 calculated using Club Handicap Numbers

French Class The Calcaria Cup - Fastest using Club Handicap Numbers

9.2 YYC mugs will also feature as prizes and certain special awards will be presented to mark particular endeavours at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. While results will be initially announced and presented at Trebeurden, the trophies will be engraved and formally presented at the YYC Annual Prizegiving.

**Enclosure 1**

Race Entry Form

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| Owner: | Skipper: |
| Yacht Name: | Yacht Club: |
| Make: | Length: ft m |
| Sail Number: | Hull Colour: |
| IRC Rating (Class 1):  (See Note 4a) | Club Handicap:  (See Note 4b) |
| White Sail? No/Yes \* | Other (Single Handed/Double etc): |
| Mobile: | Join WhatsApp YYC: No/Yes \*(Note 5) |
| E-Mail: | |
| Emergency Contact Name, Address & Tel: (who will hold an accurate crew list) | |

DECLARATION

* I agree to enter and pay my entry fees prior to sailing with the YYC.
* I am aware of and agree that the races will be governed by the current World Sailing Racing Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing, Offshore Special Regulations, Prescriptions of The National Authority when they apply, the Rules of each class concerned, the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and any other applicable rules.
* If any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, such as those to sail, plan, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine propeller, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Committee immediately.
* Before racing I will effect adequate and suitable Third Party insurance to a minimum value of £3,000,000 and ensure registered with the RYA SafeTrx scheme.
* I understand the race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races.
* Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
* I agree to the use of my e-mail address by the Sailing Committee for sailing matters.

Legal Liability

* (i) By signing this entry form, participants accept that they are responsible for themselves, their crews and their boats, whether afloat or ashore.

(ii) Nothing done by the organisers (i.e. the Club, race management team, patrol craft and anyone helping to run the event) will relieve participants of their responsibilities.

(iii) By putting to sea participants imply the suitability of their boat and the competence of the skipper and crew for the expected or forecast conditions.

* I will ensure that crew members understand and accept these conditions.

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| Signed: | Date: |
| Surname: | Forenames: |
| Address (incl Post Code): | |
| Entry Fee .................................. (See Note 2) | |
| £ : Paid by BACS (preferred)\*  Or Cheque\* /Credit Card\* /or Cash at Club\* (See Note 3) | |

**NOTES ON COMPLETION**

**Note 1: ENTRY FORM**

This form acts as a ‘Block Entry Form’ and Declaration for the majority of the YYC Yacht Racing Calendar or must be completed to enter an individual race organised by the YYC (see races covered by Block Fee below).

The Entry Form with signed Declaration, fee and handicap/IRC rating (hard copies or by e-mail with a scanned signature) must be completed and lodged with the Yacht Secretary in advance of the race start.

Competitors must e-mail the Yacht Secretary to confirm their attendance in advance of the race.

Note 2: FEES

The Block Entry Fee of £60 for YYC Members covers:

All Coastal Races (e.g. Fowey Race, May Triangle (3 races))

All Series Races

**An Individual Race Entry Fee will be £12** for YYC Members (but £24 for May Triangle Series).

**A separate Race Entry Form & Fee** must be logged with the Yacht Secretary and payment is required for:

* Trébeurden Race (£50 for entrants, €50 for French entrants).
* RNLI Passage Race (Open Race separate RNLI entry form and payment [RNLI Passage Race](https://yealmyachtclub.co.uk/racing-2/rnli-passage-race/) )
* Eddystone Race (Open Race, other clubs Entry Fee will be £12).
* 3 Creeks Race (see website <https://yealmyachtclub.co.uk/3creeks/> )

**Note 3: METHOD OF PAYMENT & ENTRY**

**The preferred method entry is by e-mail to the Yacht Secretary and payment via BACS transfer to:**

**Account Name “Yealm Yacht Club”**

Account Number: 08765486

Account Sort Code: 09-01-53

Reference: “*Yacht Name*” followed by “Yacht Block Entry” *or* “Trébeurden”

If paying by cheque, please make out to: “Yealm Yacht Club” and place this Entry Form behind the YYC Clubhouse Bar (with the event, name of entrant & yacht clearly marked on the envelope). Additionally, please e-mail the Yacht Secretary to ensure your Entry is registered.

Note 4: HANDICAP OR RATING

a. If entering the **IRC Class** (announced in the race Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions), a copy of an in date “Spinlock IRC Certificate” must be registered with the Yacht Secretary. See Link <https://www.rorcrating.com/irc-rating-gbr/22-irc-rating/application/28-how-to-get-an-irc-rating>

b. If not already held, a Club Handicap must be applied for via the YYC Yacht Handicap Manager (Robert Pitts: [handicaps@yealmyachtclub.co.uk](mailto:handicaps@yealmyachtclub.co.uk) ) who is bound by the PPSA rating system.

**Note 5: Email & ‘WhatsApp’**

Email will be used to communicate ahead of races, although sailors are encouraged to join the ‘YYC Yachts WhatsApp Group’ to receive race info and report start & finish times. To join the Group, contact the Yacht Sec.

**Enclosure 2**

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Yealm Yacht Club

Riverside Road East, Newton Ferrers, PLYMOUTH, PL8 1AE

**Yealm Yacht Club Declaration Form**

Date of Race Start: ……........................................

Yacht Name: ………………………………… Sail No: ………………

Class …………….... IRC Number……………....PH Number……………………WS? N/Y

Start Time (BST) Hr…………......./Mins…........………../Secs……...............

**Finishing Time (BST) Hr**………….......**/Mins**…........………..**/Secs**……...............

Yacht Ahead………………………………………………………..

Yacht Astern………………………………………………………

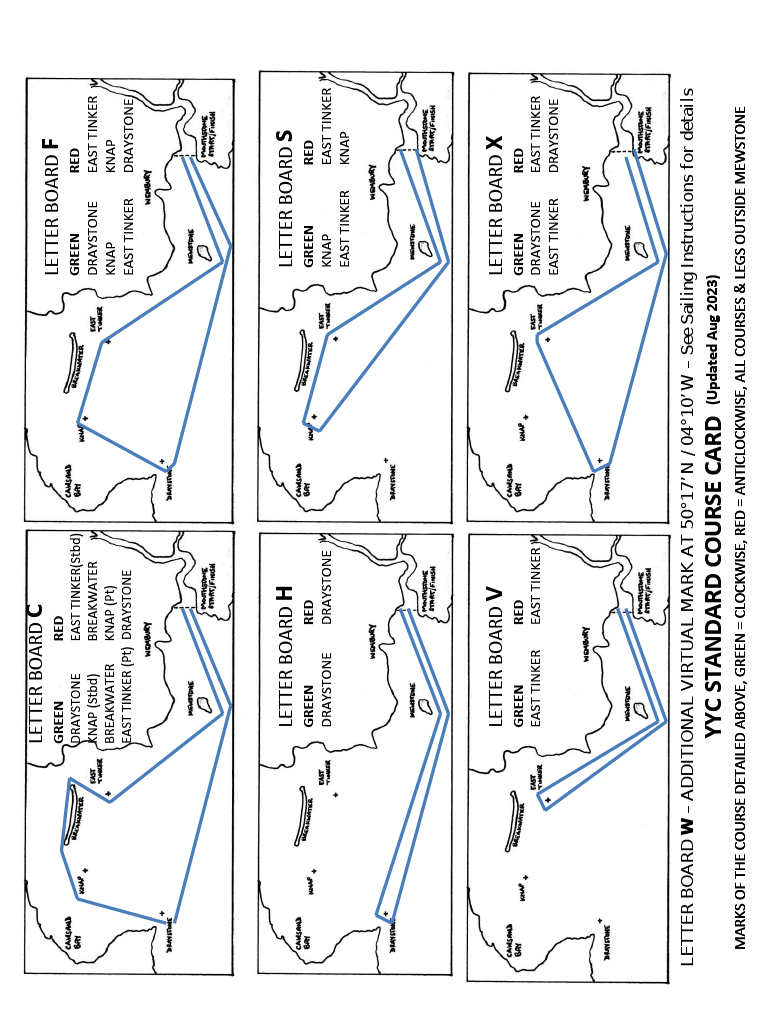
I declare that I was on board in charge of the above yacht during the race. All the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions were obeyed and complied with throughout the race.

Name (CAPITALS)…………………………………………………………………

Signed…………………………………………………………………Date…………………

**Please hand the completed form to the Race Officer, WhatsApp, text or e-mail to the YYC Yacht Secretary asap after the race.**

**Enclosure 3**

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