



Yealm Yacht Club Plymouth Youth Sailing



Notice of Race

RNLI Yacht, Dayboat & Dinghy Passage Race PLYMOUTH SOUND TO THE RIVER YEALM

Saturday 11 July 2026, start 1300 BST

HW 1528 BST 4.6m Bovisand Pier

This is an annual race in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute open to large and small sailing boats. We hope to encourage friendly and safe participation by those new to racing, as well as regular competitors.

The race is split into the following classes (handicap framework in brackets):

- 1300 Class 1 – Yachts & Sportsboats** (YTC Handicap)
- 1305 Class 2 - Devon Yawls, Dayboats & Keelboats** (Portsmouth Yardstick)
- 1310 Class 3 – Dinghies** including catamarans (Portsmouth Yardstick)

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Yealm Yacht Club (YYC) website

<https://yealmyachtclub.co.uk/racing-2/rnli-passage-race/>.

Please consult the website for updates.

Please complete the online **entry forms** linked at

<https://yealmyachtclub.co.uk/racing-2/rnli-passage-race/>

(by parent or guardian if the helm is under 18 years old), with the appropriate entry fee paid online via Credit or Debit card or via an existing YYC member Direct Debit mandate.

Entry Fees:	Yachts	£20
	Dinghies & Dayboats	£10
	Dinghies with helm under18 on 11 July 2026	£5

Entry fees will be regarded as donations to the RNLI and will not be refunded if the race is cancelled or if an entrant withdraws. Entrants are encouraged to join the RNLI or consider making an additional donation.

Entries should arrive by **Wednesday 8 July 2026**.

Late entries may be accepted before the start at the Race Officer's discretion.

Prizes

Class 1: **Plymouth Sound Cup** for fastest Yacht or Sportsboat on corrected time (YYC Handicap)

Class 2: **Margaret Andrews Trophy** for fastest Dayboat or Keelboat on corrected time (Portsmouth Yardstick)

Class 3: **Holman Bowl** for fastest Dinghy on corrected time (Portsmouth Yardstick)

Classes 2 & 3: **Plymouth Sound Tankard** for fastest Dinghy or Dayboat Helm under 18 years (Portsmouth Yardstick). State your age when you enter if you wish to be considered for this trophy.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Before the Race

Members of the Race Committee will be available to answer questions at pre-Race Briefings at **2000 on Wednesday 8 July** at Yealm Yacht Club and at **1130 on Saturday 11 July** at Mount Batten Watersports Centre.

Before the race entrants may use the Mountbatten Watersports Centre where any last-minute notices will be posted. Normal landing charges may be levied. Anchoring in the Cattewater Channel is forbidden. Trip lines are advised if anchoring elsewhere.

Reception After the Race

Entrants are welcome to use the facilities of the YYC clubhouse. **Food and refreshments will be served from about 1400** onwards for competitors and those who have assisted in running the race. Preliminary results may be available at the YYC from about 1600. Trophies will be awarded at the YYC Annual Prizegiving later in the year.

Boats may anchor off the Yealm Yacht Club but please keep beyond the finishing line and beware the falling tide. There should be sufficient water for dinghies **until about 1730**. The Patrol Craft and Club Launch will endeavour to provide a launch service to and from the Clubhouse for yachts mooring in the Pool. There are also water taxis.

Overnight Mooring, Storage and Parking of Boats in Yealm River

Entrants from other clubs may wish to stay overnight in Noss Mayo or Newton Ferrers. The River Yealm has a number of moorings and pontoon spaces for visiting yachts. Space ashore or afloat may be found for dinghies and dayboats by making advance contact with the Harbour Master on 01752 872533 or office@yealmharbourauthority.co.uk.

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