



# The Ajax One Design Class SW Championship 2024

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Organising Authority (OA): St Mawes Sailing Club,  
Cornwall, UK

in conjunction with the Ajax Class Association

## NOTICE OF RACE

Abbreviations:

[DP] – Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee.

### 1 RULES

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- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).  
**1.2** RRS 1.2 and 63.7 will be changed:  
(a) 1.2 - personal flotation devices shall at least comply with EN 393 - 50 Newtons  
(b) 63.7 - in the event of conflict between this notice of race and the sailing instructions then the sailing instructions will prevail.  
Full details will be given in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3** Local regulations will apply concerning safe navigation in close proximity of merchant and military vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, and dive vessels. Full details will be given in the sailing instructions. Alleged infringements of local regulations shall not be grounds for protest by a boat.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Sailing instructions will be emailed to entrants after Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, and will be available for download at [www.stmawessailing.co.uk](http://www.stmawessailing.co.uk). A preliminary version may be posted on the website before this date.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

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- 3.1** The official noticeboard is located in the lounge area of the club.  
**3.2** Competitors may be alerted by WhatsApp to new notices being posted. The race committee and/or class association will also use WhatsApp to make other courtesy announcements concerning the event. Boats should register at least one device to receive WhatsApp.  
**3.3** [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on international channels.  
**3.4** On the water, the race committee may make courtesy and safety broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel(s) will be stated in the SI.  
**3.5** [DP] Except in an emergency, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race each day a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats, unless using equipment provided by the OA.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1 The event is open to all registered boats of the Ajax 23 class that comply with class rules.
- 4.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing and submitting the required form, together with the required fee. The form will be distributed to boat owners with the notice of race.
- 4.3 The closing date for normal entries is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Entries submitted after this date will be subject to payment of an additional late entry premium. No entry will be accepted after Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.
- 4.4 An entry is not complete until:
- (a) entry fees have been paid in full;
  - (b) the entry form which includes a crew list and declaration, available at St Mawes Sailing Club, has been signed by the person-in-charge and submitted;
  - (c) a parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available at St Mawes Sailing Club, has been submitted for crew aged under 18 at any time during the event.

## 5 FEES

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The entry fee for the regatta is £75. The late entry premium is £25.

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

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- 6.1 Helms shall be paid-up members of the class association.
- 6.2 No sailor categorisation requirements apply.

## 7 ADVERTISING

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Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Any advertising shall be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

## 8 SCHEDULE

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### 8.1 Racing

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Race briefing	2100	StMSC
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Two races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	Course area
	Race 3	After a short break	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Two races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	Course area
	Race 6	After a short break	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Two races back-to-back	First warning signal 1030	Course area
	Prize-giving	After coming ashore	StMSC

No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday.

- 8.2 **Social.** Any social events will be confirmed and published separately at a later date.

## 9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time during the regatta in accordance with class rules. Random spot checks may be carried out on the water.

## 10 VENUE AND COURSES

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- 10.1 The regatta office will be situated at St Mawes Sailing Club. Racing will take place in Falmouth Bay or adjacent waters to the east. If conditions in the Bay are unsuitable, racing may be held within the estuary (see appendix).
- 10.2 Courses will be Windward-Leeward or Windward-Leeward-Triangle as described in the sailing instructions. Races will be approximately 60 minutes in duration.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

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RRS 44.1 will be changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **12 SCORING**

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- 12.1** A minimum of 4 races shall be completed to constitute the championship.
- 12.2** When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.3** When 7 or 8 have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **13 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

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A chartered or loaned boat may carry a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

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- 14.1** [DP] All support person vessels shall be registered with the OA and will be required to comply with local regulations. No support person vessel over 7m LOA will be registered. Unregistered support person vessels will not be permitted on or near the course area and will be monitored by the Ajax Association.
- 14.2** [DP] During racing, support person vessels shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee, or to rescue a competitor who is ill, injured or in danger. Sailing instructions may impose other requirements on support person vessels.

## **15 BERTHING**

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- 15.1** There are no restrictions on where boats may be berthed during the event. Moorings for visiting boats will be available in the Percuil River. If visiting boats require moorings, please contact the Ajax SW Association Secretary well ahead of the event.

## **16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

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[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

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[DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **18 DATA PROTECTION**

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St Mawes Sailing Club, in compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (UK GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of this event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the UK GDPR and shared with the class association and, if necessary, the emergency services. It will not be shared with any other third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event.

## **19 MEDIA RIGHTS**

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Competitors and/or their Guardians automatically grant to the OA and any party to which it 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.

## **20 RISK STATEMENT**

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- 20.1** 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”.
- 20.2** 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 and omissions;
  - (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - (e) 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) 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.
- 20.3** The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

## **21 INSURANCE**

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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. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration to this effect.

## **22 PRIZES**

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- 22.1** A Perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner of the championship.
- 22.2** Keeper prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> places in the series. The OA and class association may also award other prizes.

## **23 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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For further information about the event please contact St Mawes Sailing Club,  
E-mail: [office@stmawessailing.co.uk](mailto:office@stmawessailing.co.uk).

Appendix  
Indicative course areas

