



The Ajax One Design Class South West Championship 2026

Friday 5th June – Sunday 7th June

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

in conjunction with the Ajax Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2** •replace 60.1(a) by 60.1 and 61.1(a) in 2 places
- 1.3** •replace 63.7" by 63.5(c)(2) in 2 places
- 1.4** •replace 64.1(a) by 60.5(c) in 2 places
- 1.5** 1.2, 44.1, 60.1(a), 63.7 and 64.1(a) will be changed:
- (a) 1.2 - personal flotation devices shall at least comply with EN 393 - 50 Newtons
 - (b) 44.1 - the Two-Turns Penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty;
 - (c) 60.1(a) - a boat's right to protest or request redress will be limited;
 - (d) 63.7 - in the event of conflict between this notice of race and the sailing instructions then the sailing instructions will prevail.
 - (e) 64.1(a) - the protest committee may impose penalties other than disqualification.
- Full details will be given in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.6** 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.
- 1.7** Sailing instructions will require boats to carry a working marine VHF radio.

2. ADVERTISING

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.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The event is open to all registered boats of the Ajax 23 class that comply with class rules.
- 3.2** Helms shall be paid-up members of the class association.
- 3.3** 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.
- 3.4** The closing date for normal entries is Sunday 24th May. Entries submitted after this date will be subject to payment of an additional late entry premium. No entry will be accepted after Wednesday 3rd June.
- 3.5** An entry is not complete until:
- (a) entry fees have been paid in full;
 - (b) completing the entry form which includes a crew list and declaration, available at St Mawes Sailing Club, has been signed by the person-in-charge;
 - (c) a parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available at St Mawes Sailing Club, has been submitted for crew aged under 18.

4. FEES

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

5. COMPETITION FORMAT

The regatta will consist of a series of eight scheduled races.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Racing

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Thursday 4 th June	Race briefing	2100	StMSC
Friday 5 th June	Two races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	Course area
	Race 3	After a short break	
Saturday 6 th June	Two races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	Course area
	Race 6	After a short break	
Sunday 7 th June	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.

6.2 Social. Any social events will be confirmed and published separately at a later date.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be emailed to entrants after Monday 18th May, and will be available for download at www.stmawessailing.co.uk. A preliminary version may be posted on the website before this date.

9. VENUE AND COURSES

9.1 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).

9.2 Courses will be Windward-Leeward or Windward-Leeward-Triangle as described in the sailing instructions. Races will be approximately 60 minutes in duration.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

11. SCORING

11.1 A minimum of 4 races shall be completed to constitute the championship.

11.2 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.

11.3 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.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 All support boats shall be registered with the OA and will be required to comply with local regulations. No support boat over 7m LOA will be registered. Unregistered support boats will not be permitted on or near the course area and will be monitored by the Ajax Association.

12.2 During racing, support boats 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 boats.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1** 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 regatta.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1** 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.
- 16.2** The race committee may make use of marine VHF channel 77 to make announcements to competitors, including during the pre-start period. Any announcement, or failure to make an announcement, shall not be cause for redress.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1** Class trophies will be awarded as follows:
- 1st in the series
 - 2nd
 - 3rd
 - 4th
- Special prize for the highest placed visitor not in the first four

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1** 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".
- 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 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.
- 18.3** 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.

19. INSURANCE

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.

20. MEDIA RIGHTS

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.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Appendix Indicative course areas

