

SMALL FLEET CHAMPIONSHIPS for:

**THE BRITISH IF-BOAT ASSOCIATION &
THE RUSTLER/PIPER ASSOCIATION**

To be held at St Mawes on 29/30 August 2026

Organising Authority: St Mawes Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2 Racing rules 44.1, 60.1(a) & 64 will be changed as follows:
 - (a) Rule 44.1 – Two Turn Penalty replaced by One Turn Penalty.
 - (b) Rule 60.1(a) – A boat's right to protest or request redress will be limited.
 - (c) Rule 64 – Protest committee may impose penalties lesser or greater than disqualification.
- 1.3 The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 All boats shall comply with Falmouth Harbour Commissioners bye-laws:
<https://www.falmouthharbour.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/30-130-01-FHC-Byelaws.pdf>. Infringement of the bye-laws shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3 ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to members of the British IF-Boat Association and the Rustler/Piper Association.
- 3.2 Boats shall comply with class rules and prescriptions with regard to minimum safety equipment and shall carry a buoyancy aid or life-jacket at least complying with EN 393-50 Newtons for each person onboard.
- 3.3 All boats shall carry a working marine VHF radio.
- 3.4 Entry fee: the fee to enter the regatta is £10, with all funds being donated to the Roseland Youth Sailing Trust.
- 3.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form (found on the StMSC website) and submitting it, together with the required fee, as stated on the form by midday Friday 21 August 2026.
- 3.6 Late entries will be accepted up to 1800hrs on Friday 28 August 2026 (email to Glenn Torpy at glenn.torpy@btinternet.com) provided that a late entry premium of £15 is paid on top of the £20 entry fee.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Racing

Saturday 29 August Warning Signal 1200hrs. Two back-to-back races.

Sunday 30 August Warning Signal 1020hrs. Two back-to-back races (first to be part of Club 8th Summer Sunday Series: results in this race will count towards the Small Fleets Championships AND the Summer Sunday Series).

- 4.2 There will be no formal race briefing on the Friday evening (28 Aug) but all participants are invited to StMSC from 8pm when a Class Captain will take any questions and provide clarifications. Any matters that arise affecting the NOR or Sailing Instructions will be broadcast on the race channel 60 mins and 30 mins prior to the scheduled first race warning signal.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available by Wednesday 26 August on the StMSC Website.

6. VENUE AND COURSES

All races will take place from/to the StMSC Start/Finish line and use courses on the StMSC 2026 Club Race card. Courses will be selected to give a target duration of 80 mins.

7 PRIZES

The prize-giving will take place after racing on Sunday. The following prizes will be awarded:

- The Marieholm Championship Trophy to the winner of the IF-Boat Class
- The Zeitgeist Trophy is presented to the crew of the winning IF-Boat in the Championships
- The Dougie Burnett Trophy to the winner of the Rustler/Piper Class

8 RISK STATEMENT

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". Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 safety 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.

9 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or the equivalent

10 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact glenn.torpy@btinternet.com