

Percuil Regatta

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Organising Authority: St Mawes Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Changes to racing rules are described in the relevant sailing instruction.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards at Stoneworks Quay and Percuil Boatyard
- 2.2 There is a WhatsApp groups on which messages may be sent (see QR code for this at the end of this document).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Written changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board not later than 0900 on 23rd August.

4. SIGNALS FOR RACES USING COMMITTEE BOAT START

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yellow StMSC mast on St Mawes Quay and at Stoneworks Quay.
- 4.2 When flag “AP” is displayed ashore, the Warning Signal will be made not earlier than 60 minutes after flag “AP” is removed. This changes RRS “Race Signals AP”.
- 4.3 Starting signals will be communicated by displaying and removing flags on the committee boat and may be accompanied by sound signals.
- 4.4 At or before the Warning Signal of each race, the course for each class will be displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat with the appropriate class letter and course number. If a green flag is displayed, the course should be sailed as written with marks left to starboard; if a red flag is displayed, the course should be sailed in reverse with marks left to port.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There will be one race for all classes.
- 5.2 The Warning signal for each class will be made ten minutes before its start and the Preparatory signal will be made five minutes before its start. This changes RRS 26.
- 5.3 The start times for each class and their class flags will be as follows

Flag	Class	Start time
W	Ajaxes and Piper/Rustlers	1400
F	Handicap dinghies PY1149 and below	1405
H	Gaffers, Shrimpers and St Mawes One Designs	1410
A	Lasers, Laser Radials and Laser 4.7s	1415
T	Handicap dinghies PY1150 and above	1420
B	Picos – 2-person/2-sails and 1-person/1-sail and Fusions.	1425
U	Sailboards	1430

6. RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in the Percuil River, St Mawes outer harbour and in the Carrick Roads.

7. THE COURSES AND MARKS

7.1 For each class, the course will be selected from the following:

Course number	Course	Number of rounds
1	SB4, SB1	2
2	SB4, Castle	2
3	SB4, St Mawes Turning mark	2
4	Carricknath, Castle	2
5	Carricknath, SB1	2
6	Carricknath, South Narrows	2
7	Black Rock, South Narrows	2
8	Carricknath, Governor	2
9	Black Rock, Governor	2
10	St Mawes SC Turning Mark	2
11	Place	2
12	Place, St Mawes SC ODM	2

Speed Limit buoys

In the entrance to St Mawes Bay there are four speed limit buoys, each of which is marked **8 KNOTS**. For the purposes of this regatta they will be designated as follows (from the most north-western to the most south-eastern): SB1, SB2, SB3 and SB4 (although they are not marked as such).

8. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS (NP) (DP)

St. Mawes South Cardinal mark (Lugo) and moving exclusion zones around commercial shipping (see SI 15.3) are designated as obstructions.

9. THE START

9.1 The Starting Line will be between the mainmast of the committee boat (which will be displaying an orange flag) and a yellow inflatable buoy.

9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.

9.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

9.4 In the event of a general recall, the race signal First Substitute will be removed 3 minutes after the start without a further sound signal. The warning signal for the recalled class will be the start of the final class to start in the group sequence. In the event of more than one class being subject to a general recall they will start after the sequence in their original order with the start signal of the earlier class being the warning signal for the next. This changes RRS 29.2.

10. TURNING MARK

10.1 The turning mark will be an orange cone positioned ahead of the committee boat and follows all the marks of the courses listed and is left as per remainder of the course on all rounds except when finishing when it can be left to either side.

11. SHORTEN COURSE

11.1 A boat in the vicinity of the turning mark will fly flag S and direct boats towards the finish line.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1** The Finishing Line for committee boat finishes will be between the mainmast of the committee boat (which will be displaying an orange flag) and a yellow inflatable buoy. Boats shall cross the line in the opposite direction to the start.

13. TIME LIMITS

No boat will be timed in or finished after 1630. This changes RRS 35.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1** The protest time limit is 1645 at Percuil Entry table at Percuil Boatyard.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** Personal Buoyancy. Competitors in dinghy classes and all competitors under the age of 18 shall wear approved personal floatation devices whilst afloat. Wet or Dry Suits are not adequate. RRS 40 (Use of Y Flag) will not apply. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that their boat carries sufficient life jackets for all its crew. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that all persons on board wear lifejackets when appropriate.

- 15.2** Boats retiring shall make every effort to inform the race committee before leaving the racing area.

15.3 Commercial and Military Shipping.

- (a) Commercial and military vessels constricted by their draft or size form a moving exclusion zone which competitors are to treat as obstructions. The exclusion zone extends to 100m on all sides of the vessel and includes tugs, pilot boats and Harbour Authority patrol boats. No competitor is to enter the exclusion zone, and if becalmed is to use paddles or other means of propulsion to move out of the way. This should only be sufficient to move out of the exclusion zone by the shortest distance. This changes RRS 42.

- (b) Competitors who unnecessarily interfere with commercial shipping bring the sport into disrepute and risk protest by the race committee under RRS 69. A complaint by the Harbour Authority will automatically initiate a protest hearing.

- 15.4** Rendering Assistance. If any boat is in serious difficulty and requires assistance, the nearest boat will stand by and assist if possible until the arrival of an official boat. See RRS Fundamental Rule 1.1.

- 15.5** Committee Boat. Competitors are required to maintain a safe distance from the committee boat at all times. Any costs of repairing damage caused to the committee boat will be the responsibility of the helm of the boat(s) involved and not the Organising Authority.

16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

There is no restriction on the substitution of crew or equipment.

17. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Race committee patrol boats will display flag R.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall not be on an extension of the start line from the preparatory signal to the starting signal.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. PRIZES

Prizegiving will be at Percuil ASAP after racing. Refreshments available inc BBQ.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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”.

22.2 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.

23. INSURANCE

All boats competing must have a certificate of insurance for third party risks for at least £3,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) underwritten by an A.B.I. member company or Lloyds of London, such insurance being valid for the helm who will race her.

Tides

Sunday 23rd August

HW 1453 hrs 4.0m

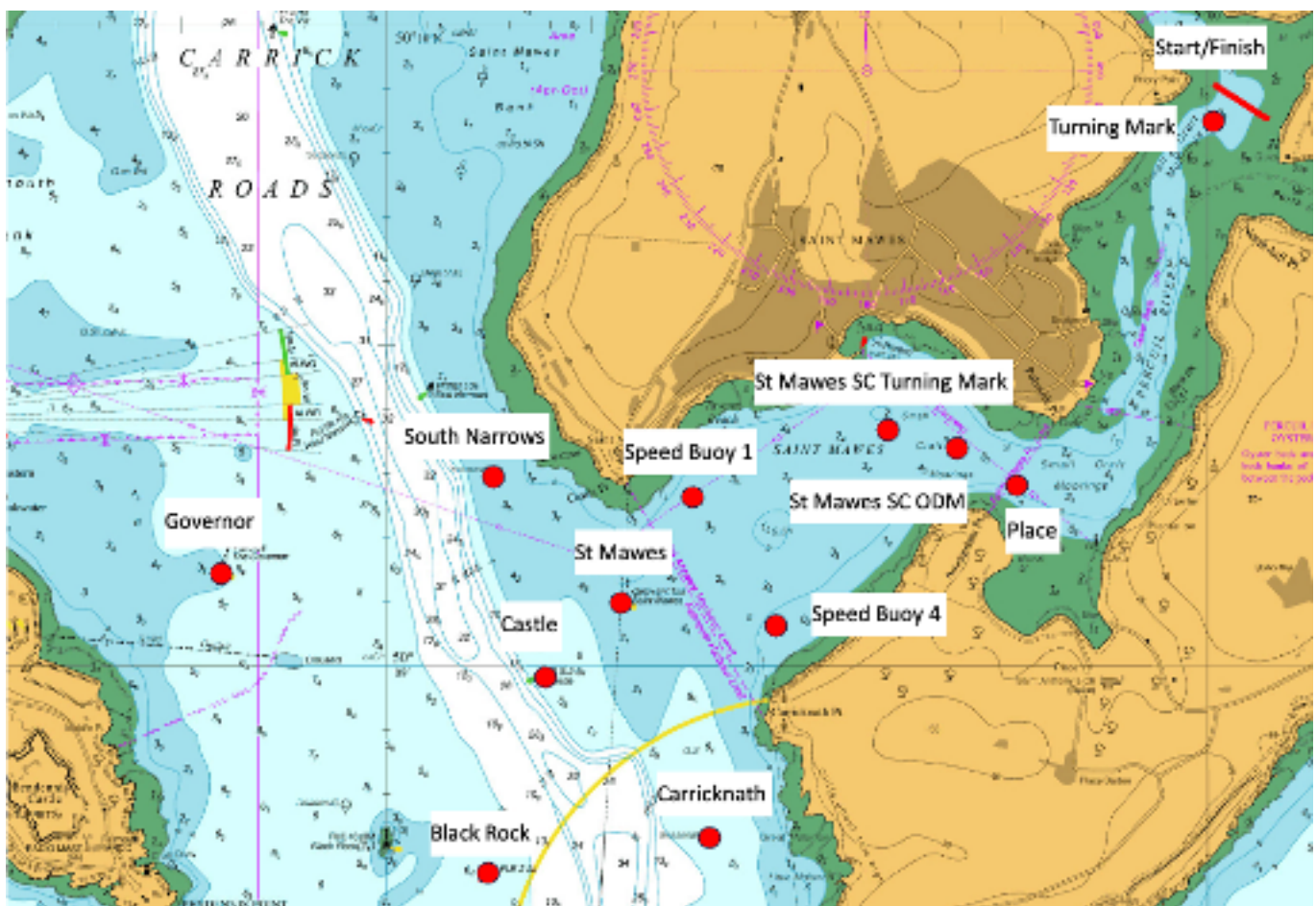
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APPENDIX A

COURSE MARKS

ST MAWES SOUTH CARDINAL BUOY(LUGO) IS A MARK ON EVERY COURSE AND MUST ALWAYS BE PASSED ON ITS SAFE NAVIGATIONAL SIDE.

Abb	Mark name	Description	Sponsor/markings	Approx Position
BR	Black Rock buoy	Port hand lateral mark		50.08.68N – 005.01.74W
CA	Castle	Starboard hand lateral mark		50.09.00N – 005.01.63W
CN	Carricknath	Yellow spherical	SKB Sails	50.08.73N - 005.01.22W
G	Governor	East cardinal		50.09.15N – 005.02.40W
SB4	Speed Buoy SB4	Yellow spherical		50.09.12N – 005.00.95W
SN	South Narrows	Yellow spherical	Sailtech	50.09.30N - 005.01.73W
T	St Mawes SC turning mark	Flag T		
SBI	Speed Buoy 1	Yellow spherical		50.09.28N – 005.01.23W
ODM	St Mawes Sailing Club ODM	Flag D		SE of mark T
Place	Place	Orange cone		Just north of Place Manor



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