

St Mawes Sailing Club (StMSC)

NOTICE OF RACE 2026

For club points races (including the May Day Cups race, the Philleigh Pots and the Victory Cups).

1. RULES

- 1.1** The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** RRS 44.1 and 26 will be changed:
(a) For all classes except dinghies the Two-Turns Penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
(b) Starting sequences – Warning Signals will be made 10 minutes before each class start, followed by a Preparatory Signals at 5 minutes before each class start. This changes RRS 26.
Full details will be given in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRSs.
- 1.3** Local regulations will apply concerning safe navigation in close proximity of commercial and naval 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.
- 1.4** 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 (c).
- 1.5** RRS 37 – the display of Flag V by the Race Committee regarding search and rescue instructions – is deleted.
- 1.6** In the event of just one single-manned safety boat being in attendance, the Race Officer may decide to apply additional safety measures as follows:
a) spinnakers may not be used
b) Poling out of headsails in pursuit races - poling out of headsails (including use of kitty gear) will not be permitted on any boat.
c) Poling out of headsails in class races - poling out of headsails will only be allowed in classes in which all boats are able to pole out without crew members leaving the cockpit, including Ajaxs, Rustlers/Pipers, Sunbeams, Shrimpers and St Mawes One Designs. It will not be permitted on any Handicap Yachts. On Falmouth Working Boats, it will not be permitted with jibs but will be permitted with staysails.
d) Mandatory wearing of personal floatation devices on board whilst racing.
These measures will be brought into effect by the display of ‘Flag M’ and a VHF announcement – saying that “the additional safety measures detailed in clause 16.2 in the Sailing Instructions will be in effect for this race” - before the first Warning Signal and will apply to all classes racing.
When these measures are brought into effect, there will be no change to the official start time of any competitor in pursuit races, not will it change the handicap number of any boat in either pursuit races or class races.
- 1.7** In the event of a Race Officer not being available to run a race from the race office in the clubhouse, a race may be run as follows. For all classes other than T&R, a Race Officer will be nominated from amongst the crew on the competing boats and will broadcast the courses and the timing of the starts in the normal way by VHF radio. For classes T&R, the course will be verbally communicated to each individual dinghy by a crew member in the designated dinghy safety boat, and the same crew member will make sound signals to indicate the starting sequence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1** In all races boats must be helmed or skippered by a member of StMSC or a club holding reciprocal arrangements.
- 2.2** A race entry for the season for each boat must be completed on the club entry form (available online on the Club website) by the owner before that boat takes part in its first race of the season. Upon change of ownership of a boat the new owner must submit a new entry form. Any boat which takes part in a race without an entry form having been submitted by the current owner before that race will not have her results counted.

- 2.3 There is no entry fee.
- 2.4 Class Flags shall be clearly flown by all boats racing in classes A, B & C. Any boat observed by the Race Committee to be breaking this rule shall be penalised with a 10% time penalty added to their elapsed time for the race in question without a hearing.
- 2.5 Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring.

3. SCHEDULE

3.1 Series Racing

There will be eight series of points races in the club calendar, as follows:

Early Bird Pursuit Series (Thursdays and Sundays)

- Race 1 - Sunday 3 May
- Race 2 - Thursday 7 May
- Race 3 - Sunday 10 May
- Race 4 - Thursday 14 May
- Race 5 - Sunday 17 May
- Race 6 - Thursday 21 May

Spring Series (Thursdays and Sundays)

- Race 1 - Sunday 24 May (also the May Day Cups race)
- Race 2 - Thursday 28 May
- Race 3 - Sunday 31 May
- Race 4 - Thursday 4 June
- Race 5 - Sunday 7 June
- Race 6 - Thursday 11 June
- Race 7 - Thursday 18 June

Early Summer Thursday Series

- Race 1 - Thursday 25 June
- Race 2 - Thursday 2 July
- Race 3 - Thursday 9 July
- Race 4 - Thursday 16 July (incorporating the Absent Friends' Race)
- Race 5 - Thursday 23 July
- Race 6 - Thursday 30 July (incorporating the Frankie Peters' Race)
- Race 7 - Thursday 6 August

Summer Sunday Series

- Race 1 - Sunday 21 June
- Race 2 - Sunday 28 June
- Race 3 - Sunday 5 July
- Race 4 - Sunday 12 July
- Race 5 - Sunday 19 July
- Race 6 - Sunday 26 July
- Race 7 - Sunday 2 August
- Race 8 - Sunday 30 August (incorporating a Small Fleets Champs Race)
- Race 9 - Sunday 6 September
- Race 10 - Sunday 13 September

Late Summer Thursday Series

- Race 1 - Thursday 20 August
- Race 2 - Thursday 27 August
- Race 3 - Thursday 3 September
- Race 4 - Thursday 10 September
- Race 5 - Thursday 17 September

Autumn Pursuit Series (Sundays)

- Race 1 - Sunday 27 September
- Race 2 - Sunday 4 October
- Race 3 - Sunday 11 October
- Race 4 - Sunday 18 October

3.2 There will also be two Thursday series of races for Falmouth Working Boats and Sunbeams as follows:

Early Thursday series for Falmouth Working Boats and Sunbeams

- Race 1 - Thursday 25 June
- Race 2 - Thursday 2 July
- Race 3 - Thursday 9 July
- Race 4 - Thursday 16 July (incorporating the Absent Friends' Race)
- Race 5 - Thursday 23 July
- Race 6 - Thursday 30 July (incorporating the Frankie Peters' Race)
- Race 7 - Thursday 6 August

Late Thursday series for Falmouth Working Boats and Sunbeams

- Race 1 – Thursday 27 August
- Race 2 – Thursday 3 September
- Race 3 – Thursday 10 September
- Race 4 – Thursday 17 September

3.3 May Day Cups – this will be a single race on Sunday 24 May which will also be part of the Spring Series

3.4 Philleigh Pots - This will be a series of two races sailed back-to-back for Ajaxs and Piper/Rustlers and one race for SMODs on Saturday 19 September.

3.5 The Victory Cups race (Sunday 20 September) will also be covered by this Notice of Race, but will not count as part of any series.

3.6 For any other races organized by StMSC, there will be separate NORs and SIs.

4. START TIMES

4.1 Early Bird and Autumn Pursuit series

Sundays

Class Z	Warning signal	1020
	Preparatory signal	1025
	First starter	1030

Thursdays

Class Z	Warning signal	1810
	Preparatory signal	1815
	First starter	1820

A list of start times for individual boats in Class Z will be published on the club's website. There will be no racing for dinghies in the Early Bird and Autumn Pursuit series.

4.2 Spring Series – Sundays and Thursdays (including May Day Cups Race)

		Sundays	Thursdays
	Warning Signal	1020	1820
	Preparatory Signal	1025	1825
Classes A, W, J, H, D	All classes other than dinghies	1030	1830
Classes T & R	Dinghies	1035	1835

4.3 Ancasta Summer Sunday Series

	Warning signal	1020
	Preparatory signal	1025
Class A	Handicap Yachts	1030
Class W	Ajaxes	1035
Class J	Rustlers/Pipers	1040
Classes H, T & R	Shrimpers Fast Handicap Dinghies Slow Handicap Dinghies	1045
Class D	St Mawes One Designs	1050

4.4 Ancasta Summer Thursday Series

	Warning signal	1810
	Preparatory signal	1815
Class A	Handicap Yachts	1820
Class W	Ajaxes	1825
Class J	Rustlers/Pipers	1830
Classes H, T & R	Shrimpers Fast Handicap Dinghies Slow Handicap Dinghies	1835
Class D	St Mawes One Designs	1840
Classes B & C	Working Boats (excluding 20 Aug)	1845
Class V	Sunbeams (excluding 20 Aug)	1850

4.5 Philleigh Pots

	Warning signal	1350
	Preparatory signal	1355
Class W	Ajaxes	1400
Class J	Rustler/Pipers	1405
Class D	St Mawes One Designs	1410

The Warning Signal for Race 2 for the Ajaxes and Rustler/Pipers will be made as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.

4.6 Victory Cups

	Warning signal	1230
	Preparatory signal	1235
Class A	Handicap Yachts	1240
Class W	Ajaxes	1245
Classes J & V	Rustlers/Pipers Sunbeams	1250
Classes H, T & R	Shrimpers Fast Handicap Dinghies Slow Handicap Dinghies	1255
Class D	St Mawes One Designs	1300
Class B	Working Boats (large)	1305
Class C	Working Boats (small)	1310

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available to download from the Club website - www.stmawessailing.co.uk - before 3 April 2026.

6. VENUE AND COURSES

- 6.1 Racing will take place in St Mawes outer harbour, in the Carrick Roads and in Falmouth Bay.
- 6.2 All races will start and finish on the StMSC line off St Mawes Quay, as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3 Courses for classes A, W, J, H, D, B, C & V (i.e. all classes other than dinghies) will be selected from the following list:

Course Number	Course	Number of Rounds
1	Race Officer's choice – details to be announced by VHF	
	Courses 2 to 15 inclusive will be one round only and so will not use the TURNING MARK (TN)	
2	Pendennis, Waterloo, Pendennis, Waterloo, Pendennis, Waterloo	1
3	Headland, South Narrows, Headland, South Narrows	1
4	Carricknath, Headland, South Narrows, Headland, Governor	1
5	Headland, Pasco's Boatyard	1
6	SB4, Pendennis, SB4, Pendennis, SBP4, Pendennis	1
7	Carricknath, Headland, Carricknath, Headland	1
8	SB4, Governor, SB4, Governor, SB4, Governor	1
9	Carricknath, Governor, Carricknath, Governor	1
10	Carricknath, Trefusis, Carricknath, Trefusis	1
11	Carricknath, West Narrows, Carricknath, West Narrows, Carricknath, West Narrows	1
12	Black Rock, Trefusis, Black Rock, Trefusis	1
13	Castle, Vilt, Castle, Vilt	1
14	Black Rock, Vilt, Black Rock, Vilt	1
15	Pendennis, North Bank, Pendennis, North Bank	1
	On the following multi-lap courses, the TURNING MARK (TN) follows the listed marks (and should be left on the SAME side as the rest of the course being sailed) except when finishing	
16	Pendennis, Water Tower	2
17	Governor, Water Tower	2
18	Headland, South Narrows	2
19	Carricknath, Trefusis	2
20	Black Rock, Trefusis	2
21	Black Rock Vilt	2
22	Pendennis, North Bank	2
23	Castle, Vilt	3
24	Black Rock, Waterloo	2
25	Gylyngvase	2
26	SB4, Governor, Waterloo	2
27	Governor, Waterloo	3
28	Headland	3
29	Carricknath, Black Rock	3
30	Carricknath, West Narrows	3
31	Carricknath, Castle	4
32	SB4, Castle	5
33	SB4, SB1	5

34	Black Rock	3
35	Carricknath, South Narrows	3
36	Pendennis	3
37	SB4, Governor	3
38	Black Rock, West Narrows	3
39	Pendennis, West Narrows	3
40	SB4, Pendennis	4
41	Pendennis, South Narrows	2

6.4 Courses for classes T&R (i.e. dinghies) will be selected from the following list:

Course number	On the following multi-lap courses, the Outer Distance Mark displaying Flag D) follows the listed marks (and should always be left to STARBOARD)	Number of rounds
29	Carricknath, Black Rock	3
30	Carricknath, West Narrows	3
31	Carricknath, Castle	4
32	SB4, Castle	5
33	SB4, SB1	5
34	Black Rock	3
35	Carricknath, South Narrows	3
36	Pendennis	3
37	SB4, Governor	3
38	Black Rock, West Narrows	3
39	Pendennis, West Narrows	3
40	SB4, Pendennis	4
41	Pendennis, South Narrows	2
42	Carricknath, SB1	4
43	Carricknath, Governor	2
44	Carricknath, Pendennis	3
45	Black Rock, Castle	5
46	Black Rock, South Narrows	3
47	Black Rock, SB1	3
48	SB4, Black Rock	5
49	Castle, South Narrows	3
50	Castle, SB1	5
51	Castle, Governor	3
52	Black Rock, Governor	2
53	Castle, West Narrows	3
54	Castle	5

For descriptions of course marks and chartlet, see Appendix A

6.5 For Classes A, J, W, H, D, B, C and V (i.e. all classes other than dinghies) courses will be communicated by VHF on channel M2 advising the course Number with Green (or G) or Red (or R) denoting the side to which the marks are to be left and the direction in which the course is to be sailed (GREEN to Starboard, RED to Port and sail the course in reverse order). Number boards and Class letter boards may also be displayed on StMSC's balcony, in which case the Class letter on GREEN background indicates sail the course as shown or a RED Class letter on a white background indicates sail the course in the reverse order. For classes T & R (i.e. dinghies) courses will be communicated by displaying number boards and class letter boards on StMSC's balcony.

6.6 Combined starts - When more than one class starts together (i.e. A, J, W, H & D and T & R in the Spring series and May Day Cups; H, T & R in the Summer series; J & V and H, T & R in the Victory Cups) they may be set different courses on the first round, and/or on subsequent rounds.

6.7 Change Of Course. The method of signalling a change of course will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

- 6.8** For classes A, J, W, H, D, B, C & V (i.e. all classes other than dinghies) if any leg of the course requires boats to pass St Mawes cardinal mark (Lugo), it must be passed on its safe navigational side. This rule will not apply to classes T & R (i.e. dinghies).
- 6.9** For classes A, J, W, H, D, B, C & V (i.e. all classes other than dinghies) sailing courses No 16 to 41 the Turning Mark (this is the mark to seaward of the start/finish line displaying flag T), follows the listed marks and should be left on the SAME side as the rest of the course being sailed, except when finishing when it may be passed on either side;
For Classes T & R (i.e. dinghies) sailing courses 29 to 54 the Outer Distance Mark (displaying Flag D) follows the listed marks and should always be left to STARBOARD.
- 6.10** For Classes A, J, W, H, D, B, C & V (i.e. all classes other than dinghies) postponement and shorten course signals will be communicated by VHF on channel M2 and boards may also be displayed on StMSC's balcony. For classes T & R (i.e. dinghies) postponement and shorten course signals will be communicated by displaying boards on StMSC's balcony.
- 6.11** Signals regarding abandonment of races shall be communicated by WhatsApp and may be communicated displaying flags on the yellow flagpole on St Mawes Quay. For abandonment before the start, an initial decision will be taken by the Race Office by 1630 on a Thursday and 0900 on a Sunday. Any decision to abandon a race will not be reversed: a decision not to abandon a race by 1630/0900 does not preclude a later decision to abandon.
- 6.12** In all races, Handicap Dinghies will race as two classes: Class T (PY number 1126 and below) and Class R (PY number 1125 and above). These two classes will start at the same time, but their results shall be counted separately.

7. HANDICAPPING

- 7.1** Boats racing in class A must obtain an RYA YTC number (formerly known as South West Yacht Time Correction). Each boat must declare if it intends to use a spinnaker on the entry form and the YTC number allocated will reflect this; it is not permitted to change from spinnaker to non-spinnaker, or from non-spinnaker to spinnaker during a series. If any boat wishes to change from spinnaker to non-spinnaker, or from non-spinnaker to spinnaker for a new series, a new entry form must be completed.
- 7.2** Any boat equipped with a water ballasting system must inform the Race Committee if they wish to use the system while racing before the start of a series. The system may be used while racing and powered by any power source available on the boat in question subject to an appropriate adjustment to the boat's YTC number (the boat in question will have to be weighed with, and without, the water ballast tanks filled; alternatively, the boat can be weighed without the water ballast tanks filled, and then the capacity of the water tanks can be measured in another way as agreed by the Race Committee). This adjustment will be applied for the whole series whether or not the water ballasting system is used. This changes RRSs 51 and 52.
- 7.3** Boats racing in classes T and R will be handicapped by the Portsmouth Yardstick system.
- 7.4** Boats racing in classes B and C will be handicapped by the TCF system using the current numbers issued by the Falmouth Working Boat Association.
- 7.5** Any adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.
- 7.6** Class H (Shrimpers) is open to both Shrimper 19s and Shrimper 21s. In any race that includes both 19s and 21s, each type will be allocated a YTC number.

8. RESULTS

- 8.1** Results will be posted on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse and on the Club's website as soon as possible after each race.

9 SCORING

- 9.1** The number of races to be counted in a series shall be calculated as 50% plus 1 (rounded down to a whole number) of the number of races completed for each class. This changes RRS A2.
- 9.2** RRS A5.3 will apply so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored one more point than the number of boats that came to the starting area; and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in that series.
- 9.3** When any competitor carries out voluntary race officer or safety boat duties, the boat which they normally sail on will be awarded joint first place for that race, in the event that the fulfillment of that duty means that the boat cannot sail in that race. This will be limited to one race per series and will not apply to any of the one-off races. A competitor wishing to use this provision must agree its use with the PRO at least 24hrs before the race in question.
- 9.4** Combined starts - When more than one class starts together (i.e. A, J, W, H & D and T & R in the Spring series and May Day Cups; H, T & R in the Summer series; J & V and H, T & R in the Victory Cups) each class's results will be counted separately.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1** All boats in Classes A, J, W, H, D, B, C & V are required to carry working VHF radios whenever racing. These radios must be turned on, tuned to Channel M2/P4, and positioned so that at least one crew member can hear them. Course information, and other information which may be of use to competitors, will be broadcast by the Race Officer. In the event of Channel M2/P4 becoming blocked, the Race Officer may temporarily switch to channel M1. Any failure to make a VHF announcement will not entitle a competitor to protest or seek redress. This changes RRS 61.4 (b) (1).
- 10.2** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to other boats.
- 10.3** For classes R and T one of the safety boats may be designated as a coach boat. Coaching may be given from that boat to competitors while racing. This in no way diminishes the requirement for the competitor to obey the racing rules. The safety boat will remain primarily in the control of the race officer at all times. The giving of coaching will not be grounds for redress by competitors. This changes RRS 41 and 61.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1** The prize-giving for the May Day Cups, Philleigh Pots and the Victory Cups and other special events may take place on the day of racing at a time to be published on noticeboards and by email.
- 11.2** The prizegiving for all eight series of races will take place at the annual Laying Up party on 24 October 2026.

12 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1** RRS 3 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:
- 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;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - The 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;
- h) The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
- i) The acceptance of these sailing instructions in no way limits the declared responsibility of competitors or places any liability on St MSC, its officers or representatives.
- j) 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.
- k) Rendering Assistance. If any boat is in serious difficulty and requires assistance, the nearest boat is expected to stand by and assist if possible until the arrival of a safety boat.
- l) Insurance. Members taking part in club racing must be insured against third party liability for at least £3,000,000, underwritten by an ABI Member Company or Lloyds of London

APPENDIX A
Course marks

Abbreviation	Mark	Description	Sponsor
BR	Black Rock Buoy	Red Lateral Mark	
CA	Castle	Green Lateral Mark	
CC	Cream Cornwall	Yellow Spherical	Cream Cornwall
CN	Carricknath	Yellow Spherical	SKB Sails
G	Governor	East Cardinal	
GY	Gylyngvase	Yellow Spherical	Penryn Dental Practice
HD	Headland	Yellow Spherical	Falmouth School of Sailing
I	Inner Distance Mark (not shown on chartlet)	Flag I	
J	St Just	Red Lateral Mark	
NB	North Bank	Red Lateral Mark	
P	Pendennis	Yellow Spherical	Super Yacht Services
PB	PB	Yellow Spherical	Sunflower Accounts
S	Sunbeam	Yellow Spherical	Mylor Yacht Harbour
SD	Outer Distance Mark (not shown on chartlet)	Flag D	
SN	South Narrows	Yellow Spherical	Take a Turn Yachting
St Mawes buoy	St Mawes buoy	South Cardinal	
SB1	Speed limit buoy One (see note below)	Yellow Spherical	
SB2	Speed limit buoy One (see note below)	Yellow Spherical	
SB3	Speed limit buoy One (see note below)	Yellow Spherical	
SB4	Speed limit buoy Four (see note below)	Yellow Spherical	
T	Trefusis	Truncated cone with X topmark	Penrose Sailmakers
TN	Turning Mark for all classes other than T&R	Flag T (blue cone)	
V	Vilt	Green Lateral Mark	
W	Waterloo	Truncated cone with X topmark	Mylor Chandlery and Rigging
WN	West Narrows	Red Lateral Mark	
WT	Water Tower	Yellow Spherical	Ancasta
Z	Zone	Yellow Spherical	Falmouth Boat Co

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 racing at StMSC 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).

