

St Mawes Sailing Club (StMSC)
NOTICE OF RACE 2026
FOR SATURDAY DINGHY RACING

1. RULES

- 1.1** The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** RRS 26 will be changed:
Starting sequences – Warning Signals will be made 3 minutes before each class start, followed by a Preparatory Signals at 2 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.

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 or helm before that boat takes part in its first race of the season. Upon change of ownership or helm of a boat the new owner or helm 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 or helm before that race will not have her results counted.
- 2.3** There is no entry fee.

3. ETHOS

The Saturday Dinghy Series was originally conceived to provide an introduction to racing for inexperienced juniors and cadets. Although it is now open to sailors of all ages and experience, competitors are requested to respect the original ethos and to show tolerance towards all others.

4. OUTSIDE HELP

Outside Help in the form of coaching and training will be permitted. This changes RRS 41.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Series Racing

On each of the following Saturdays it is intended that three races will take place, The racing will be split into the following five series of points races, as follows:

Winter Dinghy Series (21 planned races)

Saturday 14 March
Saturday 21 March
Saturday 28 March
Saturday 4 April
Saturday 11 April
Saturday 18 April
Saturday 25 April

Spring Dinghy Series (12 planned races)

Saturday 2 May
Saturday 9 May
Saturday 16 May
Saturday 23 May

Early Summer Dinghy series (12 planned races)

Saturday 6 June
Saturday 13 June
Saturday 20 June
Saturday 4 July

Late Summer Dinghy series (9 planned races)

Saturday 1 August
Saturday 8 August
Saturday 22 August

Autumn Dinghy series (15 planned races)

Saturday 19 September
Saturday 16 August
Saturday 3 October
Saturday 10 October
Saturday 17 October

5.2 There will also be a race day (with three planned races) on Saturday 24 October. These races will not be part of any series.

6. CLASSES

Classes for each series will be determined before the first race of each series, and will be posted on the noticeboard at Stoneworks Quay.

7. START TIMES

7.1 First race Warning signal 14.00 Start 14.03.

Two more races will start with a Warning signal ASAP after the last boat finishes each race. The start sequence will be used 3,2,1, go, three minute (warning, Class flag displayed), two minute (preparatory displayed), one minute (Prep removed), then Start sound signal (class flag removed)go. This changes RRS 26.

7.2 The AP flag will be displayed between races until approx. 1 minute before the class flag is displayed for the next start sequence. This changes RRS 26.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available to download from the Club website - www.stmawessailing.co.uk - before 9 March 2026.

9. VENUE AND COURSES

- 9.1** Racing will take place in St Mawes outer harbour, in the Carrick Roads and in the Percuil River.
- 9.2** All races will start and finish on a committee boat line, as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.3** Signals regarding abandonment of races will be communicated by displaying flags at Stoneworks Quay.
- 9.4** The courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions

10. HANDICAPPING

The Portsmouth yardstick handicapping system will be used.

11. RESULTS

Results will be posted on the noticeboard at Stonework's Quay and on the Club's website as soon as possible after each race.

12 SCORING

- 12.1** When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
When from 8 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores
When more than 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores
- 12.2** 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.
- 12.3** Any competitor carrying out voluntary race officer or safety boat duties for a particular race or races shall be entitled to their average number of points over the whole series

13 PRIZES

The prizegiving for all five series of races will take place at the annual Laying Up party on 24 October 2026.

14 RISK STATEMENT

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:

- 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 or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) 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;
- f) 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