ST MAWES TOWN REGATTA 2026

SATURDAY 25 July 2026

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

13.50 Warning Signal 13.55 Preparatory Signal

Class	Start	
E	**14.00**	**Yachts YTC Rating 1000 and below**
U	**14.05**	**Yachts YTC Rating 1001 and above**
V/J	**14.10**	**Falmouth Sunbeams and Rustler 24/ Piper ODs**
W	**14.15**	**Ajaxs**
G	**14.20**	**Gaffers**
B	**14.25**	**Working Boats (Large)**
C	**14.30**	**Working Boats (Small)**
H/D	**14.35**	**Shrimpers/St Mawes One Designs**
T	**14.40**	**Handicap Dinghies PY 1099 and below**
R	**14.45**	**Handicap Dinghies PY 1100 and above**

Entries – enter on the day at St Mawes Sailing Club between 1000 and 1245, or at the Late Entry boat – which can be contacted on VHF channel 69 - which will be on station from 1300. Entry fee £10.

Competitors requiring a mooring to allow them to come ashore after racing should call St Mawes Harbourmaster on Channel 12. Competitors requiring a lift ashore should then hail one of the three liberty boats (the St Mawes Harbour Taxi and two StMSC RIBs). The last St Mawes Harbour Taxi taking competitors back out to their boats will be at 18.45.

The Prize Giving will take place on St Mawes Quay (where food will be available from 5.00pm) at approximately 6.00PM.

LW 0900 (BST) HW 1520 (BST)

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).

Courses:

1	Race Officer's choice – details to be announced by VHF	
	NB these courses are taken from the StMSC club racing race card, and courses 2-15 have been deliberately omitted	
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
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**

The Turning Marks (see item 7 below) follows the listed marks on all courses
St Mawes buoy is a mark on every course and must always be left to the north

List of marks

MARK	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	LAT	LONG
Black Rock		Red navigation buoy	50° 08.68'N	005° 01.74'W
Castle		Green navigation buoy	50° 09.00'N	005° 01.65'W
Cream Cornwall		Yellow spherical with CC	50° 09.80'N	005° 02.09'W
Carricknath	SKB Sails	Yellow spherical with CN	50° 08.73'N	005° 01.22'W
Governor		East cardinal BYB buoy	50° 09.15'N	005° 02.40'W
Gylyngvase	Penryn Dental Practice	Yellow spherical with GY	50° 08.12' N	005° 03.87' W
St Just		Red navigation buoy	50 10.44'N	005 01.72'W
North Bank		Red navigation buoy	50° 10.34'N	005° 02.26'W
Pendennis	Super Yacht Services	Yellow spherical with P	50° 08.78'N	005° 02.10'W
Sunbeam	Mylor Yacht Harbour	Yellow spherical with S	50° 09.99'N	005° 02.63'W
South Narrows	Take a Turn Yachting	Yellow spherical with SN	50° 09.30'N	005° 01.79'W
Trefusis	Penrose Sailmakers	Yellow can with T (and X topmark)	50° 09.60'N	005° 03.00'W
Vilt		Green navigation buoy	50° 09.99'N	005° 02.28'W
Waterloo	Mylor Rigging	Yellow can with W (and X topmark)	50° 09.60'N	005° 01.93'W
West Narrows		Red navigation buoy	50° 09.39'N	005° 02.07'W
Water Tower	Ancasta	Yellow spherical with WT	50° 10.13N	005° 01.90'W

Class flags are to be flown by classes E, U, G, B and C

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: The Organising Authority is St Mawes Sailing Club in conjunction with St Mawes Town Regatta Committee.

RULES: The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as changed by these sailing instructions.

RISK STATEMENT:
1. Rule 3 of the RRS 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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that :
1.1. 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.
1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own acts or omissions
1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and that they are fit to participate.
1.5. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or to this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event.
1.6. They accept that provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
1.7. They accept that provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
1.8. The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.
1.9. The acceptance of these sailing instructions in no way limits the declared responsibility of competitors or places any liability on the Organizing Authority, its officers or representatives.

2. PERSONAL BUOYANCY: Competitors in dinghy classes and all competitors under the age of 18 shall wear approved personal flotation 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 also the skipper's responsibility to ensure that all persons on board wear life jackets when appropriate.

3. 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.

4. INSURANCE: All competitors taking part in the event must be insured against third party liability for at least £3.000.000, underwritten by an ABI company or Lloyds of London.
Failure to comply with any of the above will constitute grounds for protest and disqualification by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

5. RADIO COMMUNICATION
All boats in Classes E, U, V, J, W, G, B, C, H & D 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. Any failure to make a VHF

announcement will not entitle a competitor to protest or seek redress. This changes RRS 63.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to other boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

6. STARTING LINE: This is an imaginary line through the yellow flagstaff on the quay and the yellow pole at the apex of the sailing club roof. Boats must pass between the outer distance mark (Flag D) and the inner limit mark (Flag I). For classes B and C only, Flag I is not an inner limit mark and can be disregarded thus extending the starting line to the quay wall. The outer distance mark and the inner limit mark are not necessarily on the starting line.

7. TURNING MARKS: For classes E, U, V/J, W, G, B, C & H/D the Turning Mark is the mark to seaward of the start/finish line displaying flag T. This follows the listed marks and must 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 the turning mark is the Outer Distance Mark (displaying Flag D). This follows the listed marks and must always be left to STARBOARD.

8. FINISHING LINE: This is the same as the starting line boats crossing in the opposite direction to the start. Boats (including classes B and C) must cross the line between the outer distance mark (Flag D) and the inner limit mark (Flag I)

9. STARTING SIGNALS: RRS 26 will not apply. A warning signal will be made 10 minutes before each class start followed by a preparatory signal 5 minutes before each class start in the order printed. For all Classes other than T & R, the courses will be communicated by VHF on channel M2/P4 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). For Classes T &R, at the warning signal for each class the appropriate class letter and course number will be displayed on boards on the clubhouse balcony. Flag P (Preparatory Signal) will be displayed 5 minutes before the start (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).

10.COMBINED STARTS: When more than one class starts together (i.e. V Sunbeams & J Rustler 24/Piper OD, and H Shrimpers & D St Mawes One Designs) they will sail the same course but may be shortened/abandoned separately, and their results will be counted separately.

11. INDIVIDUAL RECALL: Flag X will not be displayed. A second sound signal will be made. A flashing orange light may be displayed until all recalled boats have started correctly or 4 minutes have elapsed whichever is the sooner. This changes RRS 29.1.

12. GENERAL RECALL: Flag 1st substitute will not be displayed. A second and third sound signal will be made. A flashing green light may be displayed until all boats have returned or 4 minutes have elapsed whichever is the sooner. The preparatory signal for the new start will be the starting signal of the last class to start. This changes RRS 29.2.

13. SHORTEN COURSE: Shortening of courses for classes E, U, V, J, W, G, B, C, H & D will be communicated by VHF on channel M2/P4. In addition, a flashing orange light displayed on the clubhouse as boats are approaching the turning mark, and two sound signals will indicate that one or more classes are being shortened. For classes T & R, a shortened course will be communicated by the display of boards on the clubhouse balcony: Flag S alone means both classes are shortened. Flag S alongside a class letter applies only to that class. This means finish the race at the end of the current round.

14. CHANGE OF COURSE: A change of courses for classes E, U, V, J, W, G, B, C, H & D will be communicated by VHF on channel M2/P4. In addition, a flashing green light displayed on the clubhouse as boats are approaching the turning mark, and one sound signal will indicate that one or more courses are being changed. For classes T & R, a changed course will be communicated by the display of boards on the clubhouse balcony: shown by the appropriate Class Letter and Course Number. In all cases the full number of rounds in the new course applies. No change will be made to the mark rounding side. This changes RRS 27.1 and 33.

15. ABANDONMENT: Flags N over A flown on the club flagstaff on the quay accompanied by 3 sound signals means racing for all classes is abandoned. Flags N over A over the class flag(s) applies to those classes only.

16. BOWSPRITS: The respective class associations of Falmouth Working Boats, Falmouth Gaffers, St Mawes One Designs and the local Shrimper 19 class agree that for the purpose of the definition of 'Start' and 'Finish' and rules 21.1, 29.1, 30 and 44.2 of the RRS (but not for any other rules) the term 'hull' includes a boat's bowsprit in its normal position.

17. TIME LIMIT: RRS 35 will not apply. No boat will be timed in after 1730.

18. HANDICAPPING: Boats racing in classes E and U must provide a YTC number when entering. Boats that do not possess a valid 2026 certificate may apply for one online via the SWYTC website (rorcrating.com/ryaytc). Boats racing in classes T & R will be handicapped by the PY system. Boats racing in classes G, B and C will be handicapped by the TCF system using the current numbers issued. Any adjustment in a handicap number is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

19. PROTESTS: The protest time limit is 1750.

20. PENALTIES: As permitted by RRS 44.1 the two turns penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty

21. LOCAL VARIATIONS:
21.1 Competitors must keep well clear of commercial shipping at all times. A boat seen to hinder a commercial vessel will be subject to protest and possible disqualification by the race committee.
21.2 Caution should be exercised whilst sailing in designated mooring areas and in the vicinity of St Mawes Harbour. A boat shall not touch or fend off a moored vessel.
21.3 A two-length zone around a dive boat flying Flag A, an orange pillar mark indicating a diver beneath the surface and a diver on the surface are obstructions. A boat shall not enter the two-length zone.
21.4 No boat shall enter or manoeuvre in St Mawes Inner Harbour and to this end a continuous straight line between the southern side of the pier head to the south-eastern corner of the Idle Rocks Hotel is classed as a continuous obstruction.

22. RRS 37: the display of Flag V by the Race Committee regarding search and rescue instructions is deleted.
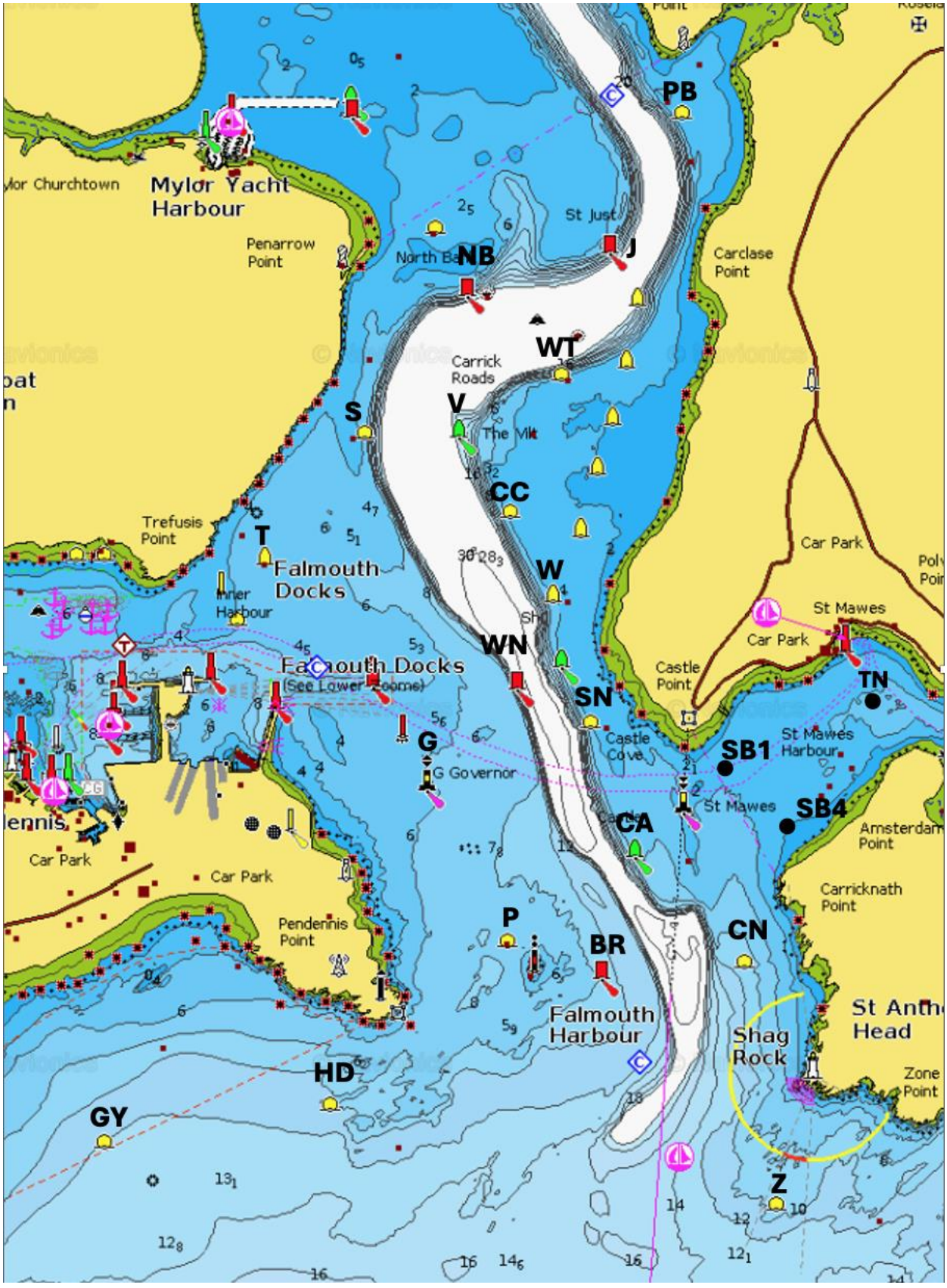
Chart showing position of marks