

St Mawes Sailing Club (StMSC)

Tresanton Classics

Saturday 18th July 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by:

The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS). Changes to 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. This changes RRS 63.5.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on St Mawes Sailing Club's website.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Written changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 2000hrs on the day before the change comes into effect.

4. SIGNALS

4.1 VHF Channel 69 will be used for communications with competitors. If this proves to be impractical, an alternative radio channel will be announced to competitors on Channel 69 before the Warning Signal.

5. SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND START TIMES

5.1 The schedule of classes is as follows:

Class	Class Flag	Warning signal	Preparatory Signal	Start
Handicap yachts	A	1350	1355	1400
Sunbeams	V	1355	1400	1405
Ajaxs	W	1400	1405	1410
IF Boats	F	1405	1410	1415
Rustler Pipers	J	1410	1415	1420

6. THE COURSES AND MARKS

There are no pre-set courses – the VHF announcement will include the marks to be rounded (see Annex A and chart showing marks), the side on which they are to be left, and the order in which they are to be rounded.

7. LOCAL VARIATIONS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Moving exclusion zones around commercial shipping are designated as obstructions.

7.2 Commercial and naval shipping: Areas around commercial and naval vessels under way and constricted in their ability to manoeuvre are designated as moving exclusion zones. Such exclusion zones extend to 100m on all sides of the vessel and around tugs, pilot/harbour authority boats and official boats escorting the vessel. A boat shall not enter the exclusion zone, and, if becalmed, shall use any method of propulsion to move out of the way. This shall only be sufficient to move out of the exclusion zone by the safest possible route and shall not offer the boat significant advantage in the race.

- 7.3 Exclusion zones extend 25m around a dive vessel displaying code flag A, an inflatable orange buoy marking a diver just under the surface, and a diver on the surface. A boat shall not enter the 25m zone.
- 7.4 Any boat that fails to comply with these Local Variations and Obstructions may be disqualified by the Race Officer without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 7.5 If any leg of the course requires boats to pass St Mawes cardinal mark (Lugo), it must be passed on its safe navigational side.

8. THE STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

- 8.1 The starting and finishing (SF) line is an imaginary line between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a yellow pillar buoy. Boats will start in a roughly south-westerly direction. Boats must not sail through the SF line except when starting, finishing, or when the signalled course includes SF to signify that boats should do so on that leg. Boats will finish by crossing the line from the last mark (this may be in a roughly south-westerly direction, or in a roughly north-easterly direction).
- 8.2 It is intended that the committee boat will be anchored just south or southeast of the moorings off Tavern Beach.

9. THE START

- 9.1 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.

10. SHORTEN COURSE

- 10.1 The course may be shortened in one of two ways:
- 10.2 In accordance with RRS 32.2 (a) – at a rounding mark between the mark and a RIB displaying Flag S
- 10.3 If the committee boat displays Flag S and makes two sound signals, when boats sail through the start/finish line at the end of a round.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.2 The time limit will be 120 minutes for the first boat in each class to finish. If one boat in a class finishes within the time limit, then the time limit for that class will be extended to 30 minutes after the finish time of the first boat, or the original time limit, whichever is the later. Boats which finish outside the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Procedure. Protest forms are available from St Mawes Sailing Club's office and protests or requests for redress should be lodged there within one hour after the time of the last boat's finish.
- 12.2 Notification of Parties. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness. No further notification of parties will be made.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Retirements. Any boat that retires should make every effort to notify the committee boat or a safety boat.

14. PRIZEGIVING

- 14.1. A prizegiving will take place in the Clubhouse as soon as practicable after completion of the race.

Annex A - List of marks

Abb	Mark name	Description	Sponsor/markings	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
SB3	Speed Limit Bouy 3 (see note below)	Yellow spherical		
SB4	Speed Limit Buoy 4 (see note below)	Yellow spherical		
P	Pendennis	Yellow spherical	Super Yacht Services	50.08.78N - 005.02.10W
SM	St Mawes buoy	South Cardinal		50.09.10N – 005.01.40W
T	Turning mark	Blue cone with Flag T		50.09.40N – 005.00.77W
SB1	Speed Limit Buoy 1 (see note below)	Yellow spherical		
SF	Start/Finish line			

Note:

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).

