

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PORTSCATHO VILLAGE REGATTA

SATURDAY 29th August 2026

The Organising Authority is St Mawes Sailing Club. The Regatta is governed by rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, Class rules and this Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions.

High Water 1858 BST Low Water 1315 BST

1.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

FLAG	CLASS	TIME	COURSE
	Warning Signal	1355	
P	Preparatory Signal	1400	
1	IRC Sportsboats 1.000 and above	1405	4
E	YTC Yachts (1000 and below)	1410	4
U	YTC Yachts (1001 and above)	1415	1
V	Sunbeams, Rustler 24, Piper OD	1420	3
W	Ajax	1425	3
B	Large Working Boats	1430	1
C	Small Working Boats	1435	1
R	Handicap Dinghies	1440	2
H	Windsurfers	1445	2

1.1 HANDICAPS YTC & IRC

- 1.2 Yachts in standard configuration will be handicapped in accordance with the published 2026 Entry Lists and the YTC Policy.
- 1.3 Yachts not holding a valid 2026 YTC number will be given a suitable temporary no. by the race committee where possible.
- 1.4 IRC Sportsboat class, IRC sportsboats with current IRC rating over 1.000 will be scored using IRC handicaps.

General Information

2.0 THE START

- 2.1 The start line for all classes will be an imaginary line from the forward mast of the committee boat and a distance mark flying an orange flag
- 2.2 RRS26 will be modified for all classes, Warning Signals will be made 10 minutes before each class start, followed by a Preparatory Signals at 5 minutes before each class start. Class Flags may be flown at the class Preparatory signal. Flag P will be left displayed until the last Class starts.

3.0 RECALLS

- 3.1 **Individual recalls:** A second sound signal will be made and FLAG "X" will be displayed
- 3.2 **General recall:** A general recall of a Class will be signalled by displaying Flag "First Substitute" accompanied by TWO sound signals. RRS (29.2) is modified in that the First Substitute will remain displayed for four minutes and the recalled Class will start five minutes after the last scheduled start. Should more than one Class be recalled they will be restarted in their original order at five-minute intervals after the last scheduled start.

4.0 RACE AREA

- 4.1 The racing area will be Gerrans Bay

5.0 COURSES

- 5.1 The Course for each class is indicated in the above table and the courses shown in 5.8
- 5.2 All marks are Orange Marks except the turning Mark Which will be Yellow.
- 5.3 Courses may also be given by VHF radio on Channel 72, failure to do so will not be grounds for protest.
- 5.4 The number of rounds for each class will be displayed at the class warning signal, on a board on the committee boat alongside the Class letter and Course Number

5.5 All marks are to port unless a GREEN Flag is flying from the committee boat, in which case all marks are to Starboard

5.6 **Turning Mark is to be left on the same side as all marks.** And will be positioned to Leeward of the committee boat.

5.7 **Start/Finish Gate** Competitors **Must NOT sail through the start/finish gate after their start** unless finishing.

5.8

Course No.	Course Description	Course Type
1	B2, B4, Turning Mark	Triangle Outer
2	B1, B3, Turning Mark	Triangle Inner
3	B2, Turning Mark	Windward Leeward
4	B2, B4, Turning Mark, B2 Turning Mark	Olympic

6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 **Cancellation or Abandonment.** FLAG “N” over FLAG “A” will be flown on the Lugger flagpole.

6.2 **Shortening of Courses.** Courses may be shortened at the end of each round or at any mark of the course by the display of Flag S from the committee boat. If Flag S is displayed by a safety boat near any mark of the course, competitors must finish between the mark and the safety boat. If Flag S is displayed by a safety boat at or near the **Turning Mark**, Competitors must round the turning mark and proceed directly to the finish.

7.0 **ENTRIES** will be taken at the Fishermans Shelter between 1130 and 1300 and from the late entry boat from 1300.

8.0 **PENALTY TURNS** As permitted by RRS 44.1 the two turns penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty.

9.0 **FINISH LINE** The finish line is the same as the start line.

10.0 **TIME LIMIT** No boat will be timed in after 1700 hrs unless the Race Officer at their discretion extends the time limit.

11.0 PROTESTS

11.1 Protest forms are available on the StMSC website. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer or a member of the Race Committee, who will be at the Fishermans Shelter.

11.2 In addition of the requirements of RRS 61, any boat intending to make a protest arising from an incident shall notify the race officer on VHF Channel 72 at the earliest opportunity after finishing the race AND submit a protest form as stated above before the Protest Time Limit of 1800. The same protest time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee, and to requests for redress. Access to the Protest forms will be provided not less than 30 mins before the time limit. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

11.3 Notices will be posted on a noticeboard outside of the Fishermans Shelter no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where those hearings will be held. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.

11.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

11.5 Breaches of SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

11.6 Penalties for breaches of SIs marked [DP] or class rules are at the discretion of the protest committee.

11.7 Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the protestor, protestee, and witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 Supplementary race signals may be made by the Race Officer by VHF radio on Channel 72, failure to do so will not be grounds for protest.

12.2 All boats in classes 1, E, U, V, W, B and C are required to carry at least one, working VHF Radio turned on, and tuned to Ch. 72.

13.0 INSURANCE Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover £3million per incident or the equivalent.

14.0 PERSONAL BOUYANCY Competitors in Classes R and H. And all competitors under the age of 18 shall wear approved personal flotation devices while afloat.

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1 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”.

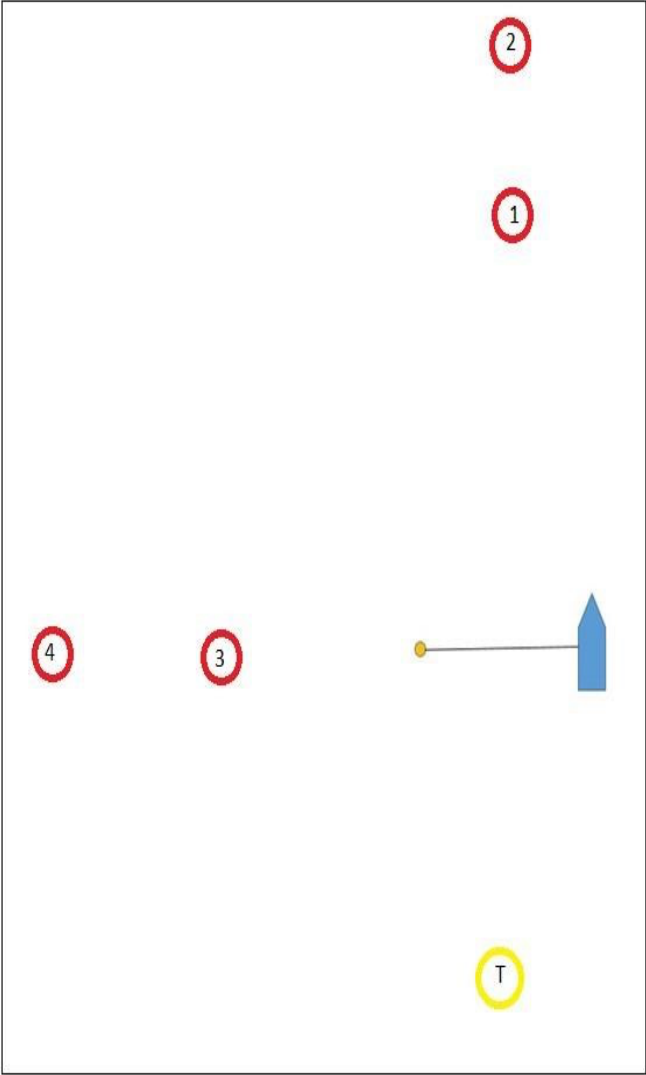
15.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (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;
- (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.

ENTRY FEE: All boats must pay an entry fee of £10. **LATE ENTRY:** A late entry boat may be positioned in the vicinity of the Start.

PRIZEGIVING: Outside the Plume of Feathers at 1800

Port handed Courses as shown below



Starboard Handed Courses (Green Flag Flying)

