



THE ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB

THURSDAY YACHT RACE SERIES 2025

Racing will consist of **2 Thursday Evening Series:**

Spring Series - 24th April to 26th June; **Summer Series** - 3rd July to 4th Sept. inclusive

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules currently defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The current RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules will apply.
- 1.3 I.R.C. Rule 22.4 (Crew Number/Weight Rule) shall not apply.
- 1.4 **Racing Rule 29(1)** will be changed in that a circular fluorescent shape will be used in place of International Code Flag 'X' for individual recalls.
- 1.5 **RRS Rule 32.1** is changed by the addition of sub paragraph e: *for any reason deemed necessary by the Race Committee*

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may advertise in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).
- 2.2 The Organising Authority makes no requirement for boats to display advertising.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Racing is open to all yachts of Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3, which are owned and skippered by an RYA affiliated yacht or sailing club member.
- 3.2 Classes will be offered for IRC, VPRS and YTC. Boats entering all Classes must have a valid 2025 rating certificate
- 3.3 **Class 3 White Sail class** - Boats may enter utilising their Non- Spinnaker Rating, if doing so must do so for all races within the respective series. A headsail the luff of which is fully attached to the forestay, may be boomed out on downwind legs using any type of pole or jibstick.
- 3.5 A minimum of **4 yachts** to be entered is required for a class start.
- 3.6 In the event that minimum numbers of entries is not achieved, Classes may have a combined start at a time to be advised
- 3.7 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the attached entry form and emailing/sending it with the required fee to RMYC, Panorama Road, Sandbanks, Poole BH13 7RE as soon as possible but **no later than Friday 18th April 2025**.
- 3.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee. **A late entry supplement of £10 is required for any late entries after the 18th April**

4 ENTRY FEES

	All races in Series	Spring or Summer Series
Class 1	£80.00	£50.00
Class 2	£80.00	£50.00
Class 3	£40.00	£20.00

For boats racing with the RMYC for the first time then entry to the Spring series will be £00.00 (zero)



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Early Bird prices for Class 1 and 2 £70 and £40 respectively on applications received by 1st April 2025

5 SCHEDULE

<u>Yacht Classes</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>	<u>Start</u>
Class 3	18:15	18:20
Class 2	18.20	18.25
Class 1	18:30	18:35

6 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Each yacht shall produce a valid 2025 rating certificate

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the RMYC office from 30th March 2025. Sailing Instructions will be forwarded to entrants on receipt of a completed entry form and fee.

8 VENUE

8.1 Racing will take place in Poole Harbour, the approaches to Poole Harbour and in Poole Bay.

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be listed in the Appendix to the Sailing Instructions (List of yachts Courses No.25/2025)

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 For **Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3**: rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

11 SCORING

11.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A 'Low Points System' shall be used. Scoring will be as prescribed in Appendix A9. The number of races to count shall be:

10 races	3 discards
6 to 9 races	2 discards
4 to 6 races	1 discard
3 or less races	All to count

12 SAFETY

12.1 All yachts in **Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3** shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regs 'B' Inshore racing.

12.2 Any yacht with an **adjustable keel** must race with the keel fully extended. During a race adjustment of the keel is not permitted.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 Communication shall be on VHF Ch. 37 (Ch.'M') or if blocked, VHF Ch. 72 shall be used.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each series, together with mementos for yachts coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each series, dependent upon entry numbers in each class. The Prize Giving will be on Thursday 13th November 2025 at the Royal Motor Yacht Club.



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15 RISK STATEMENT

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.”

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, their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser, does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and is familiar to the crew.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured against Third Party liability to a minimum cover of £3,000,000 throughout the series.

THERE WILL BE A PRE SEASON SAILORS SUPPER AT THE RMYC ON THURSDAY THE 17TH APRIL AT 7PM

THERE WILL BE A MID SEASON SAILORS SUPPER ON THURSDAY THE 26TH JUNE AFTER RACING