



THE ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB

THURSDAY YACHT RACE SERIES 2026

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

Spring Series - 23rd April to 25th June; **Summer Series** - 2nd July to 3rd 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 Class 3 and SONATA 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 2026 rating certificate
- 3.3 **Class 3** 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 jib stick.
- 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 17th April 2026**.
- 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 17th April**

4 ENTRY FEES

	All races in Series	Spring or Summer Series
Class 1 /2/3	£85.00	£55.00
Sonata	£85.00	£55.00

Early Bird

*prices £75 £45
respectively on
applications
received by 1st
April 2026*



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5 SCHEDULE

Thursday Class	Warning Signal	Start Time
Cornish Shrimpers	18.10hrs	18.15hrs
Class 2 /3 yachts	18.20hrs	18.25hrs
Flying Fifteens	18.25hrs	18.30hrs
SONATA yachts	18.30hrs	18.35hrs
Class 1	18.35hrs	18.40hrs

6 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Each yacht shall produce a valid 2026 rating certificate

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the RMYC office from 30th March 2026. 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.26/2026)

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 For **Class 1, Class 2 , Class 3 and SONATA**: rules 44.1 and 44.2 will NOT apply. The two turns penalty is replaced by the One Turn penalty.

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 ,Class 3 and SONATA** 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



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Prize Giving will be on Thursday 12th November 2026 at the Royal Motor Yacht Club.

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 16TH APRIL AT 7PM**

**THERE WILL BE A MID SEASON SAILORS SUPPER ON THURSDAY THE
25^H JUNE AFTER RACING**