



THE ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB

2026 FLYING FIFTEEN RACE SERIES

Racing will consist of **2 Tuesday Evening** Series, **2 Thursday Evening** Series and an **Autumn Sunday Morning** series

Tuesday Evenings: 21st April to 23rd June and 30th June to 1st September inclusive.

Thursday Evenings: 23rd April to 25th June and 2nd July to 3rd September inclusive.

Sunday Mornings: 6th September to 18th October inclusive.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules currently defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and the appropriate Flying Fifteen class rules.
- 1.2 The current RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules will apply.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 RRS Rule 32.1 is changed by the addition of sub-paragraph (e): *for any reason deemed necessary by the Race Committee.*

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Racing is open to all Flying Fifteen class yachts which are owned and/or skippered by a member of a RYA affiliated Yacht or Sailing club or Association.
- 2.2 The **Race Series** is open to any Classic Flying 15 boat with **Sail No. 3000** or below.
- 2.3 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the attached entry form and 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**.
- 2.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3 ENTRY FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee for complete race series in 2026 season (20 Tuesdays, 20 Thursdays, 7 Sunday mornings) - **£90**



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4 SCHEDULE

<u>Race day</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>	<u>Start</u>
Tuesday / Thursday evenings	18:25	18:30
Sunday mornings	10:25	10:30

5 MEASUREMENT

5.1 Yachts may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the RMYC office from 9th April 2026. Sailing Instructions will be forwarded to entrants on receipt of a completed entry form and fee.

7 VENUE

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

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses will be listed in the Appendix to the Sailing Instructions List of Flying 15 Courses No.2026.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 Rule 44.1 and 44.2 To be replaced by ONE TURN PENALTY.

10 SCORING

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

10 races	3 discards
6 to 9 races	2 discards
4 or 5 races	1 discard
3 or less races	All to count



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11 PRIZES

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 12th November at the Royal Motor Yacht Club.

12 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.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured against Third Party liability to a minimum cover of £2,000,000 throughout the series.

14 MID SEASON SOCIAL - All competitors are invited to a social gathering at the **Royal Motor Yacht Club** on **Thursday 25th June 2026** immediately after the evening races, to celebrate the end of the first series.