



THE ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACING 2026 SHRIMPER SERIES

Racing will consist of **2 Series** on **Thursday Evenings** for Shrimper 19s and 21s plus an **Autumn Sunday Morning** series and the David Sturman Trophy Race (Single Handed for Shrimper 19s only). Results for Shrimper 19s and 21s will be recorded separately.

Thursday Evenings:

Spring Series: 23rd April to 25th June inclusive;

Summer Series: 2nd July to 27th August inclusive;

Sunday Mornings

Autumn Series: 6th September to 11th October inclusive;

David Sturman Trophy Race (Single handed Shrimper 19s only): 3rd September; (*Note: 18:00 start*)

(Shrimpers 'Round the Islands' race will be held on 9th July with reserve date of 6th August)

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules currently defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and the current Shrimper Owners Association national 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 In accordance with the current Shrimper Owners Association class rules, the following local instructions will apply:
 - i) Hulls must be antifouled below the waterline;
 - ii) An outboard must be mounted in the outboard well whilst racing;
 - iii) Sails must be officially measured before racing with a one-year concession for helms that have not raced before

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Racing is open to all Shrimper 19 and Shrimper 21 class yachts which are owned and/or skippered by a member of an RYA affiliated yacht or sailing club, or a Poole Harbour club or the Shrimper Owners Association.
- 2.2 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**.
- 2.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.4 **Newcomers** (those who have not raced in the prior 3 years) may enter at reduced charges – see below

3 ENTRY FEES

All Thursday and Sunday races	£45
Spring Series only (10 races)	£30
Summer Series only (9 races)	£30
David Sturman Trophy race	<i>No charge</i>
Autumn Sunday races only	£10
Newcomers: First series entered <i>No charge</i> ; Other Series – 50%	



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4 SCHEDULE

<u>Race day</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>	<u>Start</u>
Thursday evenings	18:10	18:15
Sunday mornings	10:30	10:35

5 MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 Yachts may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the Race Committee and must comply with the current SOA Class National Racing Rules.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the RMYC office from 10th 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 (Shrimper Racing Courses 2026)

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 In accordance with Rule 44.1 the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the **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

- 10.2 Shrimper 19 and 21 results will be recorded separately

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each series, together with mementos for entrants coming 1st and 2nd in each series, dependent upon entry numbers. The prize giving will be on 12th November 2026 at the **Royal Motor Yacht Club**.
- 11.2 A prize will be awarded for the highest placed newcomer .

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

13 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:



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- 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.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 PRE-SEASON SOCIAL - All competitors are invited to a social gathering at the **Royal Motor Yacht Club** on **Thursday 16th April 2026** at 7pm

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.