

# St Mawes Sailing Club

## The Covid Sailing Challenge 2020

This is intended to be a fun competition in which boats may take part at any time up to and including Sunday 25 October 2020. Crews will time themselves over a course which, to some extent, is of their own choosing.

### Start and finish line

The start and finish line will be an imaginary line through the yellow signal flagstaff on the Quay and the yellow pole at the apex of the clubhouse roof. Boats must pass between the Inner Distance Mark (Flag I) & the Outer Distance Mark (Flag D) (which are not necessarily on the line).

### Course

To complete the course, boats must round three navigation marks (at least one of which must be red and at least one of which must be green) and two yellow POFSA marks. They may be rounded in any order and may be left on either hand.

In sailing the course, RRS 28.2 (b) must be complied with – i.e. a string representing a boat's track, when pulled taut, must touch each mark.

The following marks may be used:

#### Yellow POFSA marks

- CN (Carricknath sponsored by SKB Sails)
- P (Pendennis sponsored by Pendennis Shipyard)
- SN (South Narrows sponsored by Sailtech)
- W (Waterloo sponsored by Mylor Chandlery and Rigging)

#### Navigation marks

- BR (Black Rock – red)
- WN (West Narrows – red)
- CA (Castle – green)
- EN (East Narrows – green)
- V (Vilt -green)
- G (Governor)

The St Mawes cardinal mark (Lugo) will not count as one of the three navigation marks but, if any leg of the course requires boats to pass it, it must be passed on its safe navigational side (as in normal club racing).

If rounding East Narrows, please keep a particular look out for divers and their boats, and keep well clear of them if you see any.

### Results

Elapsed times should be taken by a crew member on board each competing boat. The crew member must be positioned in the same part of the boat when crossing the start line as when crossing the finish line.

After completing the Challenge, skippers must fill in a form (available on StMSC's website) declaring the order of marks rounded, the hand on which they were left, and the elapsed time taken. The elapsed time will then be corrected according to the boat's YTC handicap number and this time will be entered on a "leader board" on the club's website.

## **Eligibility**

Only boats which normally race in the following classes may take part in the Covid Challenge:

A/E/U – Handicap Yachts

W – Ajaxes

J – Rustler/Pipers

V - Sunbeams

H – Shrimpers

Prior to taking part, skippers/owners must have completed a StMSC race entry form (the new version for all entering races under Covid-19 restraints).

All crew members on all participating boats must wear a lifejacket at all times while taking part.

No boat may use a spinnaker or any other additional downwind sail.

Boats may only deploy a pole to boom out a headsail if it is possible to do so without any crew member leaving the cockpit.

Skippers/boats may undertake the Challenge as many times during the season as they want.

While government advice on social distancing continues, a boat may only be crewed by a singlehanded sailor or by people from the same household or support bubble.