

St Mawes Sailing Club (StMSC)

NOTICE OF RACE 2021

For club points races, the May Day Cups, Victory Cups and the Crew2Helm race

1. RULES

- 1.1** The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** RRS 44.1 and 26 will be changed:
- (a) The Two-Turns Penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
 - (b) Starting sequences – Warning Signals will be made 10 minutes before each class start, followed by a Preparatory Signals at 5 minutes before each class start. This changes RRS 26.
- Full details will be given in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRSs.
- 1.3** Local regulations will apply concerning safe navigation in close proximity of merchant and military vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, and dive vessels. Full details will be given in the Sailing Instructions. Alleged infringements of local regulations shall not be grounds for protest by a boat.
- 1.4** In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5** RRS 37 – the display of Flag V by the Race Committee regarding search and rescue instructions – is deleted.
- 1.6** It is StMSC Policy that all boats should comply with current guidelines issued by the Government and the RYA regarding the Covid 19 pandemic, in particular by complying with Social Distancing guidelines. Each skipper is responsible for ensuring that his/her crew and boat complies with such guidelines.
- 1.7** In the event of just one single-manned safety boat being in attendance, the Race Officer may decide to apply additional safety measures as follows:
- a) spinnakers may not be used
 - b) Poling out of headsails in pursuit races - poling out of headsails (including use of kitty gear) will not be permitted on any boat.
 - c) Poling out of headsails in class races - poling out of headsails will only be allowed in classes in which all boats are able to pole out without crew members leaving the cockpit, including Ajaxs, Rustlers/Pipers, Sunbeams, Shrimpers and St Mawes One Designs. It will not be permitted on any Handicap Yachts. On Falmouth Working Boats, it will not be permitted with jibs but will be permitted with staysails.
 - d) Mandatory wearing of personal floatation devices on board whilst racing.

The display of 'Flag M' on the race board alongside the Class Flags and Course Numbers will bring these measures into effect. Any display of Flag M applies to all Classes racing.

The display of Flag M does not change the official start time of any competitor in pursuit races, not does it change the handicap number of any boat in either pursuit races or class races.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1** In all races boats must be helmed or skippered by a member of StMSC or a club holding reciprocal arrangements.
- 2.2** A race entry for the season for each boat must be completed on the club entry form by the owner before that boat takes part in its first race of the season. Upon change of ownership of a boat the new owner must submit a new entry form. Any boat which takes part in a race without an entry form having been submitted by the current owner before that race, or immediately after it, will not have her results counted.
- 2.3** There is no entry fee.
- 2.4** Class Flags shall be clearly flown by all boats racing in classes A (E or U), B & C. Any boat observed by the Race Committee to be breaking this rule may be penalised with a 10% time penalty added to their elapsed time for the race in question without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.
- 2.5** Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring.

3. SCHEDULE

3.1 Series Racing

There will be five series of points races in the club calendar, as follows:

Early Bird Pursuit Series (Thursdays and Sundays)

Sunday 18 April
Thursday 22 April
Sunday 25 April
Thursday 29 April

Spring Series (Thursdays and Sundays)

Sunday 2 May (incorporating the May Day Cups race)
Thursday 6 May
Sunday 9 May
Thursday 13 May
Sunday 16 May
Thursday 20 May
Sunday 23 May
Thursday 27 May
Sunday 30 May
Thursday 3 June
Thursday 6 June
Sunday 10 June

Summer Sunday Series

Sunday 20 June
Sunday 27 June
Sunday 11 July
Sunday 25 July
Sunday 1 August
Sunday 22 August
Sunday 5 September
Sunday 12 September
Sunday 19 September (incorporating Crew2Helm race)

Summer Thursday Series

Thursday 17 June
Thursday 24 June
Thursday 1 July
Thursday 8 July
Thursday 15 July (incorporating the Absent Friends' & Bill Handley Memorial Race)
Thursday 22 July
Thursday 29 July
Thursday 5 August (incorporating the Frankie Peters' Race)
Thursday 26 August
Thursday 2 September
Thursday 9 September
Thursday 16 September
Thursday 23 September

Autumn Pursuit Series (Sundays)

Sunday 3 October
Sunday 10 October
Sunday 17 October
Sunday 24 October

3.2 There will also be a series of races for Falmouth Working Boats and Sunbeams as follows:

Thursday 3 June
Thursday 10 June
Thursday 17 June
Thursday 24 June

Thursday 1 July
 Thursday 8 July
 Thursday 15 July (incorporating the Absent Friends' & Bill Handley Race)
 Thursday 22 July
 Thursday 39 July
 Thursday 5 August (incorporating the Frankie Peters' Race)

3.3 There will also be three “one-off” days of racing covered by this Notice of Race: the May Day Cups (Sun 2 May and also part of the Spring Series) the Crew2Helm Race (Thu 19 September and also part of the Summer Series), and the Victory Cups (Sun 26 September). Some of the races within each of the five series will be “special” races but will still count as part of the series.

3.4 For any other races organized by StMSC, there will be separate NORs and SIs.

4. START TIMES

4.1 Early Bird and Autumn Pursuit series

Sundays

Flag Z	Warning signal	1020
	Preparatory signal	1025
	First starter	1030

Thursdays

Flag Z	Warning signal	1800
	Preparatory signal	1805
	First starter	1810

A list of start times for individual boats in Class Z will be published in the Clubhouse

There will be no racing for dinghies in the Early Bird and Autumn Pursuit series.

4.2 Sundays (May Day Cups, Spring Series, Summer Sunday Series)

	Warning signal	1020
	Preparatory signal	1025
Class A (or E & U)	Handicap Yachts	1030
Class W	Ajaxs	1035
Classes J, V & F	Rustlers/Pipers Sunbeams 18ft Restricted class	1040
Classes H, D, T & R	Shrimpers St Mawes One Designs Fast Handicap Dinghies Slow Handicap Dinghies	1045

4.3 Thursdays (Spring Series, Summer Thursday Series) and Crew2Helm race

	Warning signal	1800
	Preparatory signal	1805
Class A (or E & U)	Handicap Yachts	1810
Class W	Ajaxs	1815
Classes J, V & F	Rustlers/Pipers Sunbeams 18ft Restricted class	1820
Classes H, D, T & R	Shrimpers St Mawes One Designs Fast Handicap Dinghies Slow Handicap Dinghies	1825
Class B	Working Boats (4 June to 6 Aug only)	1830

4.4 Victory Cups

	Warning signal	1230
	Preparatory signal	1235
Classes E & U	Handicap Yachts	1240
Class W	Ajaks	1245
Classes J, V & F	Rustlers/Pipers Sunbeams 18ft Restricted class	1250
Classes H, D, T & R	Shrimpers St Mawes One Designs Fast Handicap Dinghies Slow Handicap Dinghies	1255
Class B	Working Boats (large)	1300
Class C	Working Boats (small)	1305

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available to download from the Club website - www.stmawessailing.co.uk - before 3 April 2021.

6. VENUE AND COURSES

- 6.1 Racing will take place in St Mawes outer harbour, in the Carrick Roads and in Falmouth Bay.
- 6.2 All races will start and finish on the StMSC line off St Mawes Quay, as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3 Courses will be selected from the following lists:

Course Number	Course	Number of Rounds
1	Carricknath, Trefusis, Vilt	2
2	Carricknath Waterloo	2
3	Carricknath, Gyllyngvase	2
4	Carricknath, Black Rock	3
5	Carricknath, Governor	2
6	Carricknath, South Narrows	2
7	Carricknath, Trefusis	2
8	Carricknath, Vilt	2
9	Carricknath, Pendennis, Vilt	2
10	Carricknath, Pendennis	3
11	Carricknath, West Narrows	2
12	Carricknath, Castle	4
13	Carricknath, Tavern	4
14	Carricknath, Hine Downing	2
15	Black Rock, Waterloo	3
16	Black Rock, Gyllyngvase	2
17	Black Rock, West Narrows	3
18	Black Rock, Vilt	2
19	Black Rock, North Bank	2
20	Black Rock, St Just	2
21	Black Rock, Governor	2
22	Black Rock, Trefusis	2
23	Black Rock, Trefusis, Waterloo	2
24	Black Rock, Castle	5
25	Black Rock, South Narrows	3
26	Black Rock, Pendennis, Waterloo	2
27	Black Rock, Tavern	3
28	Pendennis, West Narrows	3
29	Pendennis, Vilt	2
30	Pendennis, St Just	2
31	Pendennis, South Narrows	3

32	Governor, Vilt	2
33	Governor, St Just	2
34	Governor, North Bank	2
35	Governor, West Narrows	3
36	Governor, Trefusis	2
37	Castle, Trefusis, West Narrows	2
38	Castle, Trefusis, Vilt	2
39	Castle, Governor	3
40	Castle, Trefusis	2
41	Castle, Trefusis, Waterloo	2
42	Castle, Vilt	2
43	Castle, West Narrows	3
44	Castle, South Narrows	3
45	Castle, Tavern	5
46	Castle, Waterloo	3
47	Long Lodge, Castle	5
48	Long Lodge, Governor	3
49	Long Lodge, Tavern	5
50	Long Lodge, Black Rock	5
51	Long Lodge, Pendennis	4
52	Hine Downing, Waterloo	2
53	Hine Downing, South Narrows	2
54	Zone, Hine Downing	2

Course Number	LONGER COURSES	Number of rounds
55	Castle, Trefusis, West Narrows, Trefusis	2
56	Black Rock, North Bank, West Narrows, Governor, West Narrows	2
57	Carricknath, Vilt, South Narrows, Vilt	2
58	Black Rock, St Just, Waterloo, St Just	2

Course Number	ZIG-ZAG COURSES Class letter on GREEN background indicates leave all marks on the side shown in brackets below; a RED Class letter on a white background indicates sail the course in the reverse order leaving the marks on the opposite side to that listed below.	Number of rounds
59	Pendennis (S), West Narrows (P), Trefusis (S), St Just (S), Castle (S), Governor (S)	1
60	Black Rock (S), South Narrows (P), Governor (S), St Just (P), Trefusis (P), Waterloo (S), Pendennis (P)	1
61	Carricknath (S), South Narrows (P), Governor (P), Castle (P), Vilt (P), Trefusis (P), Black Rock (P), West Narrows (S)	1
62	Black Rock (S), North Bank (P), Trefusis (P), Governor (P), Vilt (S), Carricknath (P)	1
63	Black Rock (S), Vilt (P), Trefusis (P), Carricknath (P)	1
64	Long Lodge (S), Governor (S), Vilt (S), Carricknath (S), Pendennis (S), West Narrows (S)	1

Course Number	WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES These courses will use the usual start and finish lines but boats will NOT return to the Turning Mark after completion of each round.	Number of rounds
65	Carricknath, Governor	3
66	Carricknath, Trefusis	2
67	Black Rock, Turning Mark	3
68	Black Rock, West Narrows	3
69	Black Rock, Vilt	3

70	Black Rock, Vilt	2
71	Black Rock, North Bank	2
72	Pendennis, Turning Mark	3
73	Hine Downing, Turning Mark	3
74	Governor, St Just	2
75	Pendennis, St Just	2
76	Pendennis, Waterloo	3

For descriptions of course marks and chartlet, see Appendix A

- 6.4** For Classes A (or E and U), J, V, F, W, H, D, B & C, courses will be communicated by VHF on channel M2 and also (where possible) by displaying number boards and class letter boards on StMSC's balcony. For classes T & R, courses will be communicated by displaying number boards and class letter boards on StMSC's balcony.
- 6.5** In the case of all courses other than Zig-Zag courses, if the Class letter on GREEN background is displayed, this indicates leave all marks to starboard. If a RED Class letter on a white background is displayed, this indicates leave all marks to port and sail the course in reverse order.
- 6.6** In the case of Zig-Zag courses, if the Class letter on GREEN background is displayed, this indicates leave all marks on the side shown in brackets; **if** a RED Class letter on a white background is displayed, this indicates sail the course in the reverse order leaving the marks on the opposite side to that listed.
- 6.7** Combined starts - When more than one class starts together (i.e. E & U; J, V & F; H, D, T & R) they may be set different courses from the first round, and/or on subsequent rounds.
- 6.8** Change Of Course. The method of signalling a change of course will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.9** If any leg of the course requires boats to pass St Mawes cardinal mark (Lugo), it must be passed on its safe navigational side.
- 6.10** The turning mark (flying flag "T") follows the listed marks on all courses (except the Zig-Zag Courses and the Windward/ Leeward Courses) with more than one round and should be left on the SAME side as the rest of the course being sailed.
- 6.11** For Classes A (or E and U), J, V, F, W, H, D, B & C, postponement and shorten course signals will be communicated by VHF on channel M2 and also (where possible) with boards on StMSC's balcony. For classes T & R, postponement and shorten course signals will be communicated by displaying boards on StMSC's balcony.
- 6.12** Signals regarding abandonment of races will be communicated by displaying flags on the yellow flagpole on St Mawes Quay. For abandonment before the start, an initial decision will be taken by the Race Office by 1630 on a Thursday and 0900 on a Sunday. Any decision to abandon a race will not be reversed: a decision not to abandon a race by 1630/0900 does not preclude a later decision to abandon.
- 6.13** In the May Day Cups and Spring Series Handicap Yachts will all race as one class (Class A).
- 6.14** In the Summer Sunday Series, Summer Thursday Series and Victory Cups, Handicap Yachts may race as two classes: Class E and Class U. If they do, then these two classes will start at the same time, but they may be set different courses, and their results shall be counted separately. An announcement will be made (on the noticeboard in the main clubhouse and on the club website) with regard to separation into Classes E and U, along with the handicap split if the classes are to be separate, before the start of the Summer Thursday series.
- 6.15** In all races, Handicap Dinghies will race as two classes: Class T (PY number 1101 and below) and Class R (PY number 1102 and above). These two classes will start at the same time, but their results shall be counted separately.
- 7. HANDICAPPING**
- 7.1** Boats racing in classes A, E and U will be allocated a South West Yacht Time Correction number (formerly known as FAYS, now abbreviated to YTC). Each boat must declare whether or not it intends to use a spinnaker on the entry form and the YTC number allocated will reflect this; it is not permitted to change from spinnaker to non-spinnaker, or from non-spinnaker to spinnaker during a series. If any boat wishes to change from spinnaker to non-spinnaker, or from non-spinnaker to spinnaker for a new series, a new entry form must be completed.
- 7.2** Any boat equipped with a water ballasting system must inform the Race Committee if they wish to use the system while racing before the start of a series. The system may be used while racing and powered by any power source available on the boat in question subject to an appropriate adjustment to the boat's YTC

number (the boat in question will have to be weighed with, and without, the water ballast tanks filled; alternatively, the boat can be weighed without the water ballast tanks filled, and then the capacity of the water tanks can be measured in another way as agreed by the Race Committee). This adjustment will be applied for the whole series whether or not the water ballasting system is used. This changes Rules 51 and 52.

- 7.3 Boats racing in classes T and R will be handicapped by the Portsmouth Yardstick system
- 7.4 Boats racing in classes B and C will be handicapped by the TCF system using the current numbers issued by the Falmouth Working Boat Association.
- 7.5 Any adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.6 Class H (Shrimpers) is open to both Shrimper 19s and Shrimper 21s. In any race that includes both 19s and 21s, each type will be allocated a YTC number.

8. RESULTS

- 8.1 Results will be posted on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse and on the Club's website as soon as possible after each race.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The number of races to be counted in a series shall be calculated as 50% plus 1 (rounded down to a whole number) of the number of races completed for each class. This changes RRS A2.
- 9.2 RRS A5.3 will apply so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area; and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in that series.
- 9.3 When any competitor carries out voluntary race officer or safety boat duties, the boat which they normally sail on will be awarded joint first place for that race, in the event that the fulfillment of that duty means that the boat cannot sail in that race. This will be limited to one race per series and will not apply to any of the one-off races.
- 9.4 Combined starts - When more than one class starts together (i.e. E & U; J, V & F; H, D, T & R) each class's results will be counted separately.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 All boats in Classes A (or E and U), J, V, F, W, H, D, B & C are required to carry working VHF radios whenever racing. These radios must be turned on, tuned to Channel M2/P4, and positioned so that at least one crew member can hear them. Course information, and other information which may be of use to competitors, will be broadcast by the Race Officer. In the event of Channel M2/P4 becoming blocked, the Race Officer may temporarily switch to channel 72. Any failure to make a VHF announcement will not entitle a competitor to protest or seek redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 10.3 For classes R and T one of the safety boats may be designated as a coach boat. Coaching may be given from that boat to competitors while racing. This in no way diminishes the requirement for the competitor to obey the racing rules. The safety boat will remain primarily in the control of the race officer at all times. The giving of coaching will not be grounds for redress by competitors. This changes RRS 41 and 62.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 The prize-giving for the May Day Cups, Victory Cups and other special events may take place on the day of racing at a time to be published on noticeboards and by email.
- 11.2 The prizegiving for all five series of races will take place at the annual Laying Up party on Saturday 30 October 2021.

12 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 RRS 3 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 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;
- h) The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
- i) The acceptance of these sailing instructions in no way limits the declared responsibility of competitors or places any liability on St MSC, its officers or representatives.
- j) Personal Buoyancy. Competitors in dinghy classes and all competitors under the age of 18 shall wear approved personal floatation devices whilst afloat. Wet or Dry Suits are not adequate. RRS 40 (Use of Y Flag) will not apply. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that their boat carries sufficient life jackets for all its crew. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that all persons on board wear lifejackets when appropriate.
- k) Rendering Assistance. If any boat is in serious difficulty and requires assistance, the nearest boat is expected to stand by and assist if possible until the arrival of a safety boat.
- l) Insurance. Members taking part in club racing must be insured against third party liability for at least £3,000,000, underwritten by an ABI Member Company or Lloyds of London

APPENDIX A**Course marks**

Abbreviation	Mark	Description	Sponsor
BR	Black Rock Buoy	Red Lateral Mark	
CA	Castle	Green Lateral Mark	
CC	Cream Cornwall	Yellow Spherical	Cream Cornwall
CN	Carricknath	Yellow Spherical	SKB Sails
G	Governor	East Cardinal	
GY	Gylyngvase	Yellow Spherical	Penryn Dental Practice
HD	Hine Downing	Yellow Spherical	Hine Downing
I	Inner Distance Mark (not shown on chartlet)	Flag I	
J	St Just	Red Lateral Mark	
L	Long Lodge	Flag L	
NB	North Bank	Red Lateral Mark	
P	Pendennis	Yellow Spherical	Pendennis Shipyard
PB	Pasco's Boatyard	Yellow Spherical	Pasco's Boatyard
SD	Outer Distance Mark	Flag D	
SN	South Narrows	Yellow Spherical	Sailtech
T	Trefusis	Truncated cone with X topmark	Penrose Sailmakers
TN	Turning Mark	Flag T (blue cone)	
TV	Tavern	Flag V	
V	Vilt	Green Lateral Mark	
W	Waterloo	Truncated cone with X topmark	Mylor Chandlery and Rigging
WN	West Narrows	Red Lateral Mark	
Z	Zone	Yellow Spherical	Falmouth Boat Co

