



# FALMOUTH WEEK REGATTA 2017

The Port of Falmouth Sailing Association and the member clubs look forward to welcoming competitors to Falmouth Week 2017.

The regatta has origins dating back to the 1830s. Today it caters for a range of abilities, from the novice to the professional, and the day-boat sailor to the offshore sailor.

Seven days of varied racing are scheduled in Falmouth Bay and in the Carrick Roads for 19 classes.

To complement the racing there is a comprehensive shoreside social programme. Each day except Wednesday a post-race tea and prize-giving will be held at one of the six local



clubs (Helford River Sailing Club, Mylor Yacht Club, Restronguet Sailing Club, Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, St Mawes Sailing Club, and Flushing Sailing Club).

The regatta is part of Falmouth Week which is a major festive event in the town's calendar, with something for everyone including plentiful and varied daytime activities and entertainment for non-sailors. In the evenings, competitors enjoy discounted entry to music events taking

place in the grand marquee on Events Square.

The Red Arrows will be displaying on Wednesday evening, and there will be a firework display on Friday evening.



[Visit the event website](#)

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Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August

Organising Authority: Port of Falmouth Sailing Association (PoFSA)

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. The following racing rules will be changed:
- (a) RRS 29.2. Recalled classes in the Carrick fleet will restart after the last scheduled start time of the other classes.
  - (b) RRS 35, A4 and A5. Boats may be scored DNS or DNF by the race committee without a hearing.
- 1.2** The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3** IRC Rules 2017 Parts A, B and C will apply.
- (a) For the purpose of IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days and the sails carried shall remain the same.
  - (b) IRC rule 22.4.2 will be changed: the number of crew shall not exceed the number printed on the certificate plus 2.
- 1.4** World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B – Inshore Racing will apply to boats competing in the Bay fleet.
- 1.5** Flying Fifteen Class Rule 14.5 will be changed to permit competing boats to use a marine VHF radio as required by NoR regulation 3.5(b).

### 2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Boats with painted topsides and/or painted spars may be exempt from this requirement.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** Boats shall enter in either the Bay fleet or the Carrick fleet, except that boats entered in the Carrick FAY cabin boat class may also enter the Bay Champagne Race on Wednesday if eligible to sail in a Bay class.

**3.2** Bay fleet.

Class Flag	Regatta class	Class Flag	Regatta class
F	Firebirds <sup>(1)</sup>	E	FAY 1 handicap yachts <sup>(2)</sup>
1	IRC 1 TCC 0.930 and above	U	FAY 2 handicap yachts <sup>(2)</sup>
2	IRC 2 TCC 0.869 to 0.929	R	FAY 3 handicap white sail yachts – spinnakers not permitted <sup>(2)</sup>
3	IRC 3 TCC 0.859 and below	K	Marieholm <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> These classes will not be required to display class flags.

<sup>(2)</sup> Falmouth Area Yardstick. See section 6.

(a) IRC classes.

- (1) No later than Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, the race committee may vary the rating bands, and amalgamate or split classes depending on entries.

- (2) Details will be published on the official notice board located at the race office, and on the event website.
- (3) In the event of adverse weather, IRC 3 may race on the Carrick course area under the control of the Carrick race committee. Details will be given in the sailing instructions.
- (b) FAY 1 and 2.
- (1) No later than Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, the race committee will place a boat in the class considered most suitable, based on the FAY number and the need to balance class numbers, but will consider the class in which the boat races at other times.
- (2) Boats with a FAY number greater than 1155 are not permitted to race in the Bay fleet. These boats are invited to race with the Carrick fleet.

### 3.3 Bay fleet safety equipment.

- (a) In addition to the requirements of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B – Inshore Racing, all boats shall carry at all times while racing:
- (1) A working marine VHF transceiver;
- (2) An Admiralty chart 1267, or equivalent.

### 3.4 Carrick fleet.

Group 1		Group 2	
Class Flag	Regatta class	Class Flag	Regatta class
F	Flying Fifteen <sup>(1)</sup>	B	Large Working Boat
W	Ajax <sup>(1)</sup>	C	Small Working Boat
J	FAY cabin boats <sup>(2)</sup>	V	Sunbeam <sup>(1)</sup>
K	FAY day boats <sup>(2)</sup>	G	Falmouth Gaffer (LOD < 23ft)
H	Shrimper <sup>(1)</sup>	E	Falmouth Restricted 18ft
		D	St Mawes One Design <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> These classes will not be required to display class flags.

<sup>(2)</sup> Falmouth Area Yardstick. See section 6.

### 3.5 Carrick fleet safety equipment.

- (a) Boats not controlled by recognised class associations shall carry the following safety equipment: manual bilge pump; bucket (not less than 9 litres) with a lanyard; compass (a hand bearing compass is acceptable); if an engine or a stove are on the boat, a fire extinguisher; lifebuoy or life sling; heaving line not less than 15m long, readily accessible from the cockpit; anchor and warp; and, alternative means of propulsion (engine, oars or paddles).

- (b) All boats shall carry a working marine VHF transceiver.

### 3.6 Additional regatta classes. The race committee will consider requests from design classes with sufficient number of entries to be scored, and possibly started, as a regatta class.

### 3.7 Entry. Entry will open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Entries are to be submitted online via the Falmouth Week website ([www.falmouthweek.co.uk](http://www.falmouthweek.co.uk)). Payment will be made online using a secure system hosted by PayPal. The last date for discounted entries is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

- 3.8** Confirmation of entry. Entry will only be finally confirmed when the entrant has completed fully, and submitted to the race office, the following:
- Online information;
  - Payment in full;
  - A completed crew list form (available at [www.falmouthweek.co.uk](http://www.falmouthweek.co.uk));
  - Where appropriate, completed parent/guardian consent forms for competitors under the age of 18 on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August (available at [www.falmouthweek.co.uk](http://www.falmouthweek.co.uk));
  - For IRC boats, a valid copy of their rating certificates to be received by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. No alteration in a boat's rating will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors. Day entries shall submit a rating certificate at the time of entry.
  - For boats requiring a Falmouth Area Yardstick (see Section 6), a FAY application form (available at [www.falmouthweek.co.uk](http://www.falmouthweek.co.uk)).

**3.9** Daily Entries.

- All enquiries regarding daily entries must be directed to the race office.
- FAY boats which are not regular competitors at a PoFSA club. Daily entry will be accepted up to 1500 hrs on the day before a boat wishes to race.
- Non-FAY boats, and FAY boats which are regular competitors at a PoFSA club. Daily entry will be accepted up to 1000 hrs on the day on which the boat wishes to race.

- 3.10** Race office. The race office, located at the Falmouth Watersports Centre, Grove Place, Falmouth TR11 4AU, will open as follows:

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	0830 - 1600
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	1000 - 1230

The office may be contacted by telephone (01326 211555) and email ([raceoffice@falmouthweek.co.uk](mailto:raceoffice@falmouthweek.co.uk)) at other times.

**4. FEES**

The regatta entry fees are as follows. The fee does not include berthing or launching costs.

	Full seven days		Daily
	Discounted	Normal (after 7 <sup>th</sup> July)	
Bay fleet	£105	£120	£20
Carrick fleet	£95	£110	£20

**5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1** Racing is scheduled on 7 days from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August. A skippers' briefing will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> at 1800. The venue will be advertised on the website and with the sailing instructions.

**5.2** Bay Fleet

- For Firebirds, one race per day is scheduled.
- For other classes, 2 races per day are scheduled, except on Wednesday.
- If races are not completed due to adverse weather etc then an additional race may be scheduled on one or more following days, except on Wednesday, to recover the schedule.



- (d) On Wednesday, all classes will each sail one race (The Champagne Race) which will not be scored in the series. Any race not completed on Wednesday will not be re-sailed.
- (e) The warning signal for the first race for the Bay fleet will be at 1125, except on Wednesday when it will be at 1055. The warning signal for the second race will be as soon as practicable after the finish of the first race.
- (f) No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Saturday.
- (g) Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board by 2030 on the day before it will take effect.

### 5.3 Carrick Fleet

- (a) One race is scheduled each day, except that:
  - (1) on Tuesday and Thursday the Ajax will sail 2 races back to back;
  - (2) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Sunbeams will sail 2 races back-to-back, which will comprise an embedded 3-day series.
- (b) For the Ajax and Shrimper classes, Wednesday is a stand-alone race that will not be scored in the series.
- (c) The warning signal for the first race in Group 1 will be at 1240, and in Group 2 at 1350. The warning signal for a second race of a class will be as soon as practicable after the finish of that class's first race.
- (d) No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Saturday.
- (e) Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board by 2030 on the day before it will take effect.

### 5.4 Prize-givings.

- (a) Daily prize-giving, regatta tea and other refreshments will be available at a different local club after racing. Details will be published on the event website, and with the sailing instructions.
- (b) The series prize-giving will take place at Flushing SC on Saturday at 1900.

## 6. **HANDICAPPING POLICY**

- 6.3 None of the IRC classes are designated as short-handed.
- 6.4 Falmouth Area Yardsticks (FAY), for boats in classes E, U and R (Bay fleet), and classes J and K (Carrick fleet), will be issued by the independent PoFSA handicap committee. FAY is an established system which produces handicap numbers similar to the former RYA PY numbers for yachts. A note explaining FAY is available on the Falmouth Week website [www.falmouthweek.co.uk](http://www.falmouthweek.co.uk).
- 6.5 Boats which have not raced under FAY in 2017 at a local club will be required to provide the following data: waterline length, beam, draft, displacement and total sail area (upwind sails only), and information concerning the boat's keel profile and configuration of propeller.
- 6.6 FAY numbers will not be progressively adjusted during the week.
- 6.7 R class. Only upwind sails, and no more than two upwind sails, shall be used on any point of sailing, i.e. sloop rig, unless permitted in writing by the OA. Boats wishing to enter with other rig configurations should contact the race office in good time.
- 6.8 Marieholm, B, C and G classes. Results will be calculated using handicaps provided by the class associations.

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions will be available after Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July and may be downloaded from the Falmouth Week website [www.falmouthweek.co.uk](http://www.falmouthweek.co.uk). Additional copies may be available at PoFSA clubs.

**8. VENUE AND COURSES**

**8.3 Bay fleet.** The race area is in Falmouth Bay, except that on Sunday the race area will include the mouth of Helford River. Firebirds will sail a regatta course on each day. Except on Wednesday, the first scheduled race for other classes will be over a trapezoidal or windward/leeward course, and the second scheduled race will be over a regatta course. On Wednesday, longer regatta courses will be set for all classes in keeping with the tradition of the Champagne Race

**8.4 Carrick fleet.** The race area is in the Carrick Roads and the area immediately outside Black Rock, except that on Sunday, weather permitting, B class will race in Falmouth Bay and the Helford River under the control of the Bay race committee. Regatta courses with a laid windward mark will be set.

**9. BERTHING**

**9.3** Visiting boats should arrange their own berthing. Marina berthing is available at:

- (a) Port Pendennis Marina ([www.portpendennis.com](http://www.portpendennis.com));
- (b) Falmouth Yacht Haven (<https://www.falmouthhaven.co.uk/visitors-marina/introduction/>);
- (c) Falmouth Marina ([www.premiermarinas.com/falmouth\\_marina](http://www.premiermarinas.com/falmouth_marina)); and
- (d) Mylor Yacht Harbour ([www.mylor.com](http://www.mylor.com)).

**9.4** Visitor's swinging moorings are available in Falmouth inner harbour; details are at [www.falmouthhaven.co.uk/visiting-yachts/visitors-moorings-anchorage/](http://www.falmouthhaven.co.uk/visiting-yachts/visitors-moorings-anchorage/).

**10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

**10.3** For all classes, the Two-Turns Penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**10.4** The RYA Rules Advisory Service will be available. Full details will be in the sailing instructions.

**11. SCORING**

**11.3 Daily entries.** Daily entries will not qualify for a series score, unless 4 or more days of the series are entered. This changes RRS A2.2.

**11.4 Bay fleet.**

- (a) For all classes, Wednesday is a standalone race that will not count towards the series.
- (b) Twelve races are scheduled, except Firebirds for which 6 races are scheduled.
- (c) Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series.
- (d) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (e) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (f) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst and second-worst scores.

**11.5 Carrick fleet.**

- (a) For the Ajax and Shrimper classes, Wednesday is a stand-alone race that will not be scored in the series.
- (b) The number of races scheduled in the series is as follows:

Regatta Class	Number of Races
Flying Fifteen, FAY cabin boats, FAY day boats, Large and Small Working Boat, St Mawes OD, Falmouth Gaffer, and Restricted 18	7
Shrimper	6
Ajax	8
Sunbeam	10

- (c) Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (d) When fewer than 5 races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (e) When from 5 to 8 races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (f) When 9 or more races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst and second-worst scores.

**11.6** Results Service. Results will be provided on request for groups of boats wishing to hold bespoke series within the framework of the overall regatta.

- (a) Sunbeam short series. Thursday, Friday and Saturday will comprise an additional intensive short series of 6 races for the Sunbeam class. The series will be scored in accordance with regulations 11.5 (c)-(e) above.

## **12. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to, the terms of the written prior permission of the race committee.

## **13. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Except in an emergency, boats shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **15. PRIZES**

**15.3** Daily and series prizes will be awarded as follows:

- (a) More 10 entries in a class - prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>;
- (b) Six to 10 entries in a class - prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>;
- (c) Four or 5 entries in a class - prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- (d) Less than 4 entries - prize for 1<sup>st</sup>

**15.4** The organising authority may award other prizes.

**15.5** On Wednesday, daily prizes will include bottles of champagne.

**15.6** At the discretion of the chairman of PoFSA, "best boat" prizes will be awarded for the Bay and Carrick fleets taking into account of such factors as race scores, the number of boats competing in each class, and the strength and depth of competition in each class. The chairman's decision will be final.

**15.7** Boats are encouraged to dress overall after racing on Wednesday. A prize will be awarded to the boat with, in the opinion of the judges, the best overall appearance.

**16. MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors and/or their Guardians automatically grant to the OA and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.

**17. RISK STATEMENT**

**17.3** Rule 4 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."

**17.4** Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the events listed in this Notice of Race, 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 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 and other officials and volunteers 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) For the offshore races, 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 and in date, and is familiar to the crew.

**18. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident, or the equivalent.

**19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information may be obtained from the Falmouth Week website ([www.falmouthweek.co.uk](http://www.falmouthweek.co.uk)), by telephoning the race office on 01326 211555 (see paragraph 3.10 above for office opening hours) or by emailing the race office at [raceoffice@falmouthweek.co.uk](mailto:raceoffice@falmouthweek.co.uk).

For further information on Falmouth and its environs, including accommodation, please visit [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk).