

Mylor Yacht Club – NOTICE OF RACE 2011

Invitation

Members of Mylor Yacht Club, members of other Clubs within the Port of Falmouth Sailing Association and visitors are invited to enter the following events.

The Friday Evening Racing will run as three series of six races each, scheduled on:

Penrose Sailmakers Series: 29 Apr, 6 May, 13 May, 20 May, 27 May and 3 June.

Mylor Chandlery & Rigging Series: 10 June, 17 June, 24 June, 1 July, 8 July and 15 July.

Falmouth Boat Construction Series: 22 July, 29 July, 5 August, 19 August, 26 August and 2 September.

The *Skidders Brewery Pursuit Series* will consist of 8 races scheduled on 8 May, 22 May, 5 June, 19 June, 3 July, 21 August, 4 September and 11 September. These races will be held in the Carrick Roads.

Other events:

Fowey Pursuit Race (sponsored by SKB Sails): Saturday 28 May (daytime).

Helford Pursuit Race (sponsored by SKB Sails): Saturday 26 June.

Ladies' Race (sponsored by SKB Sails): Saturday 9 July.

Cup Races: Friday 15 July.

The Bay Race (sponsored by Ellis Wharton Wines): Sunday 17 July.

Heard Memorial Race (Working Boats and Gaffers): Sunday 17 July (afternoon).

Five Creeks Race: Sunday 24 July.

Pandora Cups (Working Boats): Sunday 31 July.

Newlyn Race (sponsored by SKB Sails): Saturday 27 August.

Laying Up Race: Sunday 25 September.

Silver Oyster Race: Friday 5 November.

Organising authority

The organising authority is: Mylor Yacht Club, Mylor Churchtown, Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 5UF.
Telephone 01326 374391.

Classes

Racing will be held for the following classes:

Friday Evening Series:

Class G/H: Gaffers and Shrimpers

Class E: PY yachts Division 1)

Class U: PY yachts Division 2)

Class Q: PY yachts Division 3)

Class B/C: Large Working Boats / Small Working Boats

These classes will only race if sufficient entries are received.

Ladies' Race:

Class E/U/Q: PY yachts

Class G/H: Gaffers and Shrimpers

Heard Memorial Race:

Class B: Large Working Boats

Class C: Small Working Boats

Class G: Gaffers

Pandora Cups:

Class B

Class C

Silver Oyster Race:

Large and Small Working Boats with a current dredging licence

Large and Small non-dredging Working Boats

Pursuit Races:

All boats will be given starting times based on their Mylor YC PY handicap.

Series scoring

The low point scoring system will be used.

For the Friday Evening Racing, 3 series of 6 races are scheduled; for the Sunday Pursuit Races, a series of 8 races is scheduled. Discards will be operated as follows:

<u>Friday series.</u>	6 races: 5 count; 5 races: 4 count; 4 races: 3 count; otherwise, all count.
<u>Pursuits.</u>	8 races: 6 count; 7 races: 5 count; 6 races: 4 count; 5 races: 4 count; 4 races: 3 count; otherwise, all count.

When a skipper (as named on the Entry Form) undertakes a duty as a race officer, committee boat crew, safety boat coxswain, safety boat crew or provides the committee boat then their boat will be given a score equal to their average of their race scores or discarded scores in that series. "DNC" scores will not be considered in the calculation and no skipper will be eligible for this concession more than twice per series. For all skippers, if their boat races without them the boat's score will count.

Prizes

Friday Evening Series and Pursuit Series: 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class plus trophies. Prize giving will be on Friday 7 October in the clubhouse from 8 pm.

Prizes for the Cup Races will be presented after racing on Friday 15 July.

Prizes for other races may be presented after racing or on Friday 7 October.

How to enter

Competitors should send their completed entry forms and handicap forms to:

MYC Sailing Secretary, Mylor Yacht Club, Mylor Churchtown, Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 5UF.

All race documentation is available on the MYC website (www.myloryachtclub.org.uk). Entries can also be e-mailed to racing@myloryachtclub.org.uk.

Please refer to the Rules and Conditions of Entry on page 3.

Entries will be accepted up to 48 hours before the race. Late entries may be accepted on the day of the race but a result will not be given unless the boat has a known handicap.

Handicap Classes

The Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as set out in the current YR2 publication will be used for all classes except Working Boats. The Heard Memorial race will continue to use Working Boat and gaffer handicaps. Portsmouth Yardstick numbers will be those published by the Sailing Committee prior to the start of each race. Boats without PY numbers listed in the current YR2 or established club numbers will be allocated an estimated trial number. PY numbers will be adjusted by the method set out in the club's handicapping policy, which is available on the Club website.

All boats must complete the handicap form. Handicaps will be issued on the information declared. Undeclared information or changes will invalidate the handicap and a new one must be requested.

The Sailing Committee may place a boat in the class considered the most suitable, based on the handicap number and the need to balance the fleet numbers, but will consider the skipper's/owner's/competitor's preference as indicated on their entry form. Classes E/U will normally sail longer courses than class Q. Competitors should check their class from the club notice board or by contacting the Sailing Secretary before the first race.

Rules and Conditions of Entry

Rules

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, Class Rules, RYA Portsmouth Yardstick publication 2009 (YR2), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

Advertising

Competitors and boats shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

Entries

Entries will only be accepted from competitors who have completed and signed a valid entry form (entry fee applicable to series races from non-members) and whose boat displays sail numbers (competitors racing for the first time may request an issue of a temporary POFSA "Z" series number or acceptance of other unique insignia). It is the responsibility of the owner/skipper to ensure that all under 16 year olds crewing on the boat have permission from their parent or guardian.

Conditions

The safety of the boat and her entire management shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/skipper/competitor who must ensure that the boat is seaworthy and is manned by a crew of sufficient number and experience for the prevailing conditions. The owner/skipper/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and gear. The owner/skipper/competitor must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used. The establishment of these conditions shall not in any way limit or reduce the absolute responsibility of the owner/skipper/competitor. The crew is none the less advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements. All boats shall be insured with racing risks and valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of two million pounds.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions are available with this race pack or may be printed from the Mylor YC website (www.myloryachtclub.org.uk). Where appropriate, additional copies of Sailing Instructions for special races may be available in the clubhouse. Skippers who have not entered any of the Series but are planning to enter one or more of the special races are reminded that they must submit a signed entry form prior to competing.

Choice of VHF Channel for Race Communications

All communications will be by VHF Channel 6 unless the Race Officer decides to use Channel 77, in which case, for Races with Class Starts, Pursuit Races, the Pandora Cup Race, the Laying Up Race and the Silver Oyster Race, flag "7" will be displayed beneath the orange starting flag on the Committee Boat. For the Newlyn, Fowey and Helford races, the Race Officer will inform competitors on Channel 16 of the working channel to be used.

Commercial Shipping

Vessels constrained by their size or draught form moving exclusion zones which competitors are to treat as obstructions. The exclusion zone extends 100m on all sides of the vessel and includes tugs and pilot boats. No competitor is to enter the exclusion zone and if becalmed may use their engines or other means of propulsion in accordance with RRS 42.3(h). Competitors who unnecessarily interfere with commercial shipping bring the sport into disrepute and risk protest by the Sailing Committee under RRS 69. A complaint by the Harbour Authority will automatically initiate a protest hearing.

Divers

Competitors shall not enter a two boat length zone around any of the following: a dive boat flying International Code flag "A", an orange pillar indicating a diver beneath the surface or a diver on the surface. All are to be treated as obstructions.

Harbour Restrictions

After her preparatory signal, no boat shall enter the moorings areas off Mylor, Loe Beach and St Just. The areas are bounded by the outer moorings or boats moored thereon and are designated as continuous obstructions.

Carllys Rocks

Competitors should be aware of the rocks in the vicinity of Carrick Carllys beacons and other shallows presenting a risk of grounding.

Water ski areas

Competitors should be aware of the two water ski areas off the Roseland shore, presenting a risk of close quarter situations with water skiers and their towing boats.

Courses

The Fowey and Newlyn Races will be daylight passage races. The course for the Helford Passage Race will be in Carrick Roads and Falmouth Bay. The courses for all other races will be in the Carrick Roads.

Safety

All competitors should carry the following equipment:

Anchor and cable	Bilge pump
Bucket and lanyard	Personal buoyancy for each crew member
Life belt or horseshoe type life float	Oar and rowlock (if no engine)
Auxiliary engine	Compass and chart of the area to be sailed
Depth sounding equipment	Powerful torch with spare batteries
Two red flares and two orange smoke flares	Foghorn
VHF radio	Mobile phone

Any additional equipment required by class / association rules.

Each of the above items should function properly and be suitable for its intended purpose. It shall be of the type, size, capacity and design adequate for its intended use, taking account of the type and size of boat on which it is carried. All equipment should be within the manufacturer's expiry date. Competitors are advised to monitor VHF Channels 16 and 6 or 77 whilst racing.

Additionally, for the longer passage races outside the Carrick Roads (the Bay, Fowey and Newlyn races), boats should comply with the current ISAF special regulations category 4 (see www.isaf.com for details) and each boat should register with the MCA safety identification scheme (CG66). Boats unable to comply with ISAF Cat 4 regulations may be permitted to take part in these races, at the Race Officer's discretion.

Owners/skippers/competitors should follow the following emergency procedures. All injuries should be notified to the Race Officer on VHF Channels 6 or 77 or mobile phone 07837 609319. If for some reason the Race Officer cannot be contacted then the owner/skipper/competitor should contact the emergency services immediately. Where appropriate the Race Officer will use the safety boat (RIB) to take a casualty to a pick-up point. For emergencies occurring north of a line between Vilt and East Narrows buoys, casualties should be disembarked at the water taxi station at Mylor Yacht Harbour. Emergency services should be directed to Castaways Restaurant. When south of Vilt/East Narrows, casualties should be taken to Pendennis Dock slipway/pontoon or to Mylor Yacht Harbour as above. Helicopter or lifeboat rescues will be coordinated by the MCA (Falmouth Coastguard).

It is recommended that if a boat is in difficulties and requires assistance the owner/skipper/competitor should contact the Race Officer on VHF Channels 6 or 77 or mobile phone 07837 609319. However, if the Race Officer cannot be contacted, or if the situation warrants it, they should also make an appropriate distress call.

Owners/skippers/competitors should obtain an up-to-date weather forecast before going afloat. It is recommended that all crew members wear lifejackets or buoyancy aids in adverse weather conditions **and must do so** at all times whilst racing when International Code flag "Y" is displayed from the committee boat.

Owners/skippers/competitors should note that Mylor Yacht Club implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which may be found at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

Note that the above information will not be repeated in full in the Sailing Instructions so it is important to retain this notice.

Mylor Yacht Club
Mylor Churchtown
Falmouth TR11 5UF

Mylor Yacht Club – RACING ENTRY FORM 2011

Name of Yacht

Type or Design Sail Number

Owner / Skipper Name (reference NoR page 2)

Address

e-mail (please print clearly)

Telephone numbers (home and mobile)

Contact name and telephone numbers ashore when racing

Normal mooring area for the boat

Please enter my boat for the following races:

Please tick

Penrose Sailmakers Friday Evening Series
Skidders Brewery Friday Evening Series
Mylor Chandlery Friday Evening Series
Falmouth Boat Construction Sunday Pursuit Series
Fowey Pursuit Race (sponsored by SKB Sails) (28 May)
Helford Pursuit Race (sponsored by SKB Sails) (26 June)
Ladies' Race (sponsored by SKB Sails) (9 July)
Bay Race (sponsored by Ellis Wharton Wines) (17 July)
Heard Memorial Race (Working Boats and Gaffers) (17 July)
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Laying Up Race (25 September)
Silver Oyster Race (Working Boats) (5 November)

* Competitors who are not members of Mylor Yacht Club are welcome to race, for which there is a one-off race fee of £30: this will allow such competitors to race in all races during the 2011 MYC season. Please make cheques payable to Mylor Yacht Club and attach them to this form. Competitors who are not members of Mylor Yacht Club who join the race fleet later in the season are requested to contact the MYC Sailing Secretary to arrange a pro-rata reduction in this fee.

Waiver: The race organisers shall not be held liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner, skipper or crew as a result of taking part in Mylor Yacht Club (MYC) races. Moreover, every owner/skipper warrants the suitability of their boat for racing.

Declaration: I declare that I hold a valid and current boat insurance which covers me for third party indemnity and racing for not less than two million pounds (£2,000,000) and that I will continue to do so whilst engaged in any MYC race. I have read the MYC Notice of Race and agree to be bound by its provisions and that my boat will conform to its requirements whenever racing at MYC. I consent to my name, boat name and racing results, but no other personal information, being publicised including posting on the MYC website. I have read the above waiver and accept this statement.

Signed

Date

Please print this form, fill in the details and send to:

Chris Davis, MYC Sailing Secretary, Mylor Yacht Club, Mylor Churchtown, Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 5UF.

Alternatively, leave it in the post rack in the Club. If you email the entry form and handicap form and accept the above waiver and declaration on the entry form, please type your name here:

and email to racing@myloryachtclub.org.uk

Mylor Yacht Club – HANDICAP FORM 2011

Entrants for all classes should provide the following information. Gaffers and Shrimpers sail with PY yachts in the pursuit races.

Name of Yacht

Type or Design Sail Number

Owner / Skipper Name (reference NoR page 2)

Previous or suggested handicap

Extract from Notice of Race: The Sailing Committee may place a boat in the class considered the most suitable based on the handicap number and the need to balance the fleet numbers, but will consider the skipper's/owner's/competitor's preference as indicated on their entry form. Classes E and U will normally sail longer courses than class Q. Competitors should check their class from the club notice board or by contacting the Sailing Secretary before the first race.

Preferred Class (please tick): E U Q G/H

Handicaps may be adjusted during the series in accordance with the MYC Handicapping Policy. Adjusted handicaps will be posted on the MYC notice board shortly before the next race.

Configuration of boat (please complete):

LOA: LWL: Draft: Beam:

Engine (please tick): None Outboard Inboard

Propeller (please tick): Folding/feathering Fixed 2 blade Fixed 3 blade

Keel (please tick): Drop Fixed Twin Triple

Will you be flying (please tick): Spinnaker Cruising chute Neither

For class boats: Are the rigging, sail plan and ballast of standard design? YES / NO
(delete as applicable)

If NO please give details of any variation from standard design or any other relevant information about the boat:

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For Mylor Yacht Club handicapping, consideration will be given to the declarations above. Boats must race to these declarations. Undeclared information or changes will invalidate the handicap and boats thus racing will lose points until an up-to-date declaration is made and a new handicap issued.