



## THE YM CELTIC TRIANGLE 29<sup>th</sup> May - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Falmouth, GBR; Kinsale, IRL; Tréguier, FRA; and Fowey, GBR**

Organising Authority: RCYC Sailing Ltd,  
Falmouth, Cornwall, UK

in conjunction with

UK Double Handed Offshore Series  
and

Kinsale Yacht Club, Club Nautique de Tréguier, Town of Tréguier and Royal Fowey Yacht Club

### NOTICE OF RACE

**Note: All times are given in British Summer Time (BST, UTC+1)**

#### 1 RULES

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- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- (a) RRS 41 will be changed to permit certain forms of outside help paid for by subscription or fee.
  - (b) RRS 63.5(c) will be changed to permit a rule in the sailing instructions to take precedence over a rule in the notice of race.
  - (c) Sailing instructions will replace rules of Part 2 When Boats Meet by the right-of-way rules of The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) for parts of the race.
  - (d) Sailing instructions may change other rules.
  - (e) Before the start of a leg, the Race Committee may change sailing instructions on the water orally using VHF Ch **72**.
  - (f) The prescriptions of the Irish and French National Authorities will not apply.
  - (g) Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, the definition of Start will be changed in the SI so that boats that are over the line at or before the start shall carry on and receive a mandatory time penalty instead of returning to start properly.
  - (h) World Sailing Appendix WP – Rules for Waypoints may apply.
- 1.2** IRC Rules, Part C will apply.
- (a) For the purposes of IRC rule 21.1.5(d) the stopovers are considered to be lay days.
  - (b) IRC rule 21.1.5(e) is deleted and a spare mainsail may be used during the race.
  - (c) Rules 22.4.1 and 22.24.2 are deleted and replaced as follows:  
“The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be not more than two.”
  - (d) Only one current IRC certificate shall be used for the whole event. See IRC rule 8.2.1.
  - (e) Boats may use stored power for steering (IRC rule 15.2(d)).
- 1.3** World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2026-2027 will apply. The event is classified as OSR Category 3 plus Category 2 Liferaft ((OSR 4.20), supplemented by requirements of the organising authority (OA). When details of the OSR cannot be met the OA may accept an alternative (e.g. Class Rules).

- 1.4** In addition to OSR Category 3 plus Category 2 Liferaft requirements, competitors shall comply with the following OA regulations:
- (a) The requirements of OSR Category 2 Hull Construction Standards (Scantlings) (OSR 3.03) shall apply.
  - (b) The requirements of OSR Category 2 Inboard Engine (OSR 3.28.1 c)) shall apply.
  - (c) The alternative means of identification required under OSR 4.01.2 shall be displayed on the port quarter.
  - (d) Boats shall ensure that their AIS transponder (OSR 3.29.7) is transmitting the name of the boat rather than just the MMSI, unless the equipment does not have this capability.
  - (e) A floating waterproof torch shall be available for use in the event of man overboard at night, which can be thrown into the sea as a marker.
  - (f) A combined harness and lifejacket shall be worn when on deck:
    - (1) between the hours of sunset and sunrise
    - (2) when alone on deck
    - (3) when reefed
    - (4) when the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
    - (5) when the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile.
  - (g) At night, each crew member shall carry a waterproof torch/light.
- 1.5** Competitors will be temporary members of the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club for the duration of the event.
- 1.6** If there is a conflict between languages then the English text will take precedence.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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The sailing instructions will be available on the event website no later than Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Draft sailing instructions will be made available beforehand for comment.

## **3 COMMUNICATION**

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- 3.1** The official noticeboard will be online at <https://rcycsailing.org/>. There will not be a physical noticeboard. WhatsApp will be used to alert competitors that notices have been posted, and to make other announcements. Competitors are strongly encouraged to have at least one device connected to the event WhatsApp group.
- 3.2** The race management VHF channel will be marine channel **72**. A boat may, without infringing RRS 41, request or receive repetition of information communicated by the race committee or be told whether or not a communication has been made.
- 3.3** Information under RRS 41(c) shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any person not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.
- 3.4** By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted as is the use by competitors of publicly available cloud-based weather routing services. Receiving messages or information which is the result of human interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

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- 4.1** The maximum number of entries to be accepted for the race depends on marina capacity in Tréguier, which is to be confirmed. In the meantime, 40 entries will be accepted. If Tréguier is able to accommodate more boats, which could be up to 5, then additional entries will be accepted.
- 4.2** The race is open to boats that:
- (a) are seaworthy monohull boats with hull length (IRC "LH") between 7.62m and 14.63m inclusive.
  - (b) are sailed throughout either single-handed or double-handed with the same crew.
    - (1) In reasonable circumstances, the OA may authorise a change of crew following written application from a boat.
  - (c) have a current and valid IRC rating (primary certificate or secondary certificate) on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Boats shall submit a copy of their IRC certificate not later than Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date except as a result of a rating protest or to correct Rating Office errors.

(d) have produced to the OA Crew & Boat Declarations, in the form published on the event website, not later than Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The declaration forms will be published not later than Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

(e) have paid the appropriate fees detailed in section 6 below.

**4.3** Entry will not be completed until boats have complied with 4.1(c) - (e) above and have completed registration in Falmouth.

**4.4 Online entry.** Entry will be initially offered to the first 40 eligible boats that registered an expression of interest. At approximately 1500 on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February these boats will be emailed a private link to access the entry system. They then have **7** days to convert their expression of interest into an entry by completing an online form and paying in full the appropriate fee stated in 6(a) and (b) below. If a boat has not taken up the offer of entry within **7** days of being offered, then its expression of interest will be voided and its place offered to the next boat on the waiting list.

## 5 CLASSES

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**5.1** The class boundaries in 2025 were as follows and will be similar in 2026.

(a) Class 1 – TCC from 1.003 to 1.080

(b) Class 2 – TCC from 0.950 to 1.002

(c) Class 3 – TCC from 0.870 to 0.949.

**5.2** Boats will be required to display class numeral pennants from the backstay.

**5.3** The rating bands may be adjusted in the light of entries received to achieve balanced classes. The race committee may move individual boats across class boundaries irrespective of their ratings in order to group together boats of a similar design class.

**5.4** If numbers in some classes are small, classes may be amalgamated or deleted.

## 6 FEES

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Required fees (including UK VAT) are as follows:

(a) The standard race entry fee for a single-handed boat is £725.

(b) For a double-handed boat, the fee is £1020.

(c) The fees are fixed and cover participation in the race; marina berthing (2 nights), race briefing and meal in Falmouth; marina berthing (3 nights) and prize-giving meal in Kinsale; marina berthing (4 nights), prize-giving meal, and civic reception in Tréguier; and marina berthing (2 nights) and overall prize-giving and meal in Fowey. Each boat will receive one or two tickets for each social. Additional tickets may be purchased from the race office.

(d) **Refunds.** If a boat withdraws and its place is taken by another boat, then its entry fee will be refunded in full. If its place is not taken by another boat, then until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May entry fees will be returned less an administrative charge of £250, and after Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May no entry fee shall be returned.

## 7 CREW LIMITATIONS

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All members of a boat's crew shall be aged eighteen years or over on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

## 8 ADVERTISING

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Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. Advertising from other events shall be removed before arrival in Falmouth.

## 9 QUALIFICATION SELF-CERTIFICATION

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**9.1** No later than 1500 on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May all competitors shall self-certify that they have completed sufficient qualifying race(s) or a qualifying passage in the boat in which they will complete the race and shall state the race(s) / passage undertaken.

**9.2 Qualification Races.** The following races are recognised:

(a) YM CelticTriangle Race 2025;

(b) One or more RORC, JOG or SORC offshore races amounting to 200nm in total and including two overnight segments, completed since 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

**9.3 Qualification Passages.** All competitors who do not qualify through participation in offshore races shall complete a non-stop qualifying passage, under sail alone, of not less than 125 nautical miles.

(a) The distance sailed shall be measured as the shortest navigable distance between the start, finish and two other points. The passage shall include not less than one overnight segment.

- (b) When a boat is to be sailed single-handed in the race, the qualifying passage shall be completed single-handed.
- (c) When a boat is to be sailed two-handed, the qualifying passage shall be completed two-handed by the same people who will be sailing the boat in the race.
- (d) The qualifying passage(s) shall have been completed after 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 and before 1500 on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- (e) Competitors are advised to maintain, and retain, an appropriate log of their qualifying passage(s), including GPS tracks and turning points, against the possibility of a challenge to the validity of the qualifying passage(s).

**9.4 Waiver.** The race committee may waive or modify the requirements of section 9 following written application from a boat.

## 10 SCHEDULE

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**10.1 Registration.** Competitors shall register their arrival in Falmouth at the race office located in the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club no later than 1500 on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. The office will be open from 1000 to 1800 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May and from 1000 to 1500 on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

**10.2 Briefing.** A briefing will be held for crews at 1800 on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May in the RCYC. All crews shall attend. The briefing will be followed by a sailing supper.

**10.3 Racing.** The first warning signal of each leg is scheduled as follows:

- (a) Falmouth to Kinsale 1000 Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May
- (b) Kinsale to Tréguier 1200 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June
- (c) Treguier to Fowey 1200 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

**10.4 Overall Prizegiving.** An overall prizegiving supper will take place at 1900 on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at the RFYC. If lack of wind delays boats' arrival in Fowey, then the prize-giving and meal may be postponed to 1200 on Friday.

**10.5 Social Events.** Social events are planned in for all three ports and the race has been planned so that crews will have time to attend and enjoy such events.

## 11 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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The OA may inspect boats for compliance with the rules of the event. Inspection will take place in Falmouth before the start and all boats should anticipate that they will be inspected.

## 12 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

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Not applicable to this event.

## 13 VENUE

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The race will start in Falmouth and visit Kinsale in Ireland and Tréguier in France before finishing in Fowey.

## 14 THE COURSES

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**14.1 Leg 1 – Falmouth to Kinsale (approx 190nm)** . From a starting line at the mouth of Falmouth Harbour to Bulman South Cardinal Buoy off Kinsale.

**14.2 Leg 2 – Kinsale to Tréguier (approx 330nm).** From a starting line in the vicinity of Bulman South Cardinal Buoy then via the Fastnet Rock to Basse Crublent Pillar Buoy off the Grande Passe entrance to the Tréguier River.

**14.3 Leg 3. Tréguier to Fowey (appro. 100nm).** From a starting line in the vicinity of Petit Pen ar Guézec navigation buoy near the mouth of the Tréguier River to a finish line in the vicinity of the entrance to Fowey Harbour.

**14.4 Exclusion Zones.** The Lands End and Scillies Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS), Fastnet TSS and Ouessant TSS are exclusion zones that boats shall not enter.

## 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

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The protest committee may penalise boats by adding additional elapsed time. Such penalties may be awarded for:

- (a) A breach of the rules.
- (b) Late arrival in Falmouth (NoR 10.1) in which case the penalty shall be applied to the first leg.
- (c) Late submission of required information.

## 16 SCORING

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- 16.1** The YM Celtic Triangle Race consists of three legs. All three legs are required to be completed to complete the Race series.
- 16.2** For the purposes of RRS Appendix A each leg shall be scored as a separate race. A boat's overall score in the Race series shall be the sum of her leg scores with no discard. This changes RRS A2.1.

## 17 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

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Not applicable to this event.

## 18 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

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A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first start.

## 19 BERTHING

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- 19.1** Event berthing has been block-booked at Falmouth (Port Pendennis & Falmouth Haven marinas), Kinsale Yacht Club marina, Tréguier marina and Fowey Harbour pontoons and swinging moorings. Pre-race berthing in Falmouth is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Post-race berthing in Fowey is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.
- 19.2** Passage equipment not needed during the race may be offloaded in Falmouth and recovered in Fowey,

## 20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

## 21 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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- 21.1** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
- 21.2** Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

## 22 DATA PROTECTION & MEDIA RIGHTS

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- 22.1** The OA will process personal data for the purpose of administering the event, in accordance with the Data Privacy Policy, details of which are available at <https://rcycsailing.org/privacy-policy/>.
- 22.2** Competitors automatically grant to the OA and any party to which it 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.

## 23 RISK STATEMENT

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RRS 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 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) 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;

- (h) 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 in any information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## 24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately and suitably insured with valid third-party liability insurance before racing.

## 25 PRIZES

**25.1** Prizes will be awarded as follows:

### Legs & Series

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> for both single-handed and double-handed in each class.

### Overall

- Boat with the lowest aggregate corrected time.

### Special Prizes

- Boat with lowest series score having crew with combined age 120 years or more (Ancient Mariners Trophy).
- Boat with lowest series score having single-handed crew age 65 years or more.
- Boat with lowest series score having a Mixed Crew.
- Boat with the lowest series score having at least one crew member who has never before raced 150nm or longer, non-stop (prize-awarded to the crew member).
- Boat with the lowest series score having at least one crew member aged 30 years or under during the event (prize awarded to the crew member)

**25.2** The OA may change this schedule in the SI in light of entries received.

## 26 FURTHER INFORMATION

- Website: <https://rcycsailing.org/>
- Email: [ymtriangle@rcycsailing.org](mailto:ymtriangle@rcycsailing.org)
- Race Director: Chris Davis 07816 654 590 +WhatsApp;
- Race Manager: Neil Andrew 07768 157 287 +WhatsApp;
- Club Office: 01326 312126

## ADDENDUM – CALENDAR OF KEY MILESTONES

Date	Event	Comment
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Crew and boat declaration forms available on website	NoR 4.2 (d)
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Last day for receiving a refund	NoR 6 (d)
	IRC freeze	NoR 4.2 (c)
	Last day for producing crew & boat information	NoR 4.2 (c) & (d)
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	SI's published	NoR 2
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Event berthing in Falmouth opens	NoR 19
	Registration at RCYC 1000-1800	NoR 10.1
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Registration at RCYC 1000-1500	NoR 10.1
	Last opportunity to submit qualification details	NoR 9.1
	Race briefing at 1800 at RCYC	NoR 10.2
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May	First warning signal for Leg 1 at 0955	NoR 10.3
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> June	First warning signal for Leg 2 at 1155	NoR 10.3
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June	First warning signal for Leg 3 at 1155	NoR 10.3
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Overall prize-giving at RFYC (wind permitting)	NoR 10.4
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Alternative overall prize-giving at RFYC at 1200	NoR 10.4
	Last night of event berthing in Fowey	Nor 19