



# FOWEY CLASSICS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2024 & Instructions for the Parade of Sail

The **organising authority** is the Fowey Sailing Committee (FSC) being the operating name of Port of Fowey Race Organising Committee (POFROC), an unaffiliated body owned and controlled by the Royal Fowey Yacht Club (RFYC) and Fowey Gallants Sailing Club (FGSC) in association with Fowey Classics.

## 1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 will be changed so that only one turn including one tack and one gybe is required. The sailing instructions may change other rules.
- 1.3 The Fowey Harbour Byelaws and Notices to Mariners published by the Fowey Harbour Commissioners (FHC) apply both within the harbour and the approaches to it. (The Byelaws are available from FHC or at <https://foweyharbour.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Fowey-Harbour-Byelaws.pdf>)

## 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the competitor WhatsApp group which will constitute the official noticeboard. Access to the group is available using the QR code below:



## 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted a minimum of one hour before the scheduled starting time of the race or races affected or notified at the day's briefing.
- 3.2 In the event of a conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice Of Race these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

## 4. Radio Communications

- 4.1 The race office, committee boats & safety patrol boats will operate on VHF channel M2.  
 4.2 The failure to receive any race committee transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

## 5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff or race office at RFYC.

## 6. Classes Racing & Class Flags

Class Flag	Class
1	Gaff Rigged Yachts 30ft LOA & over
2	Gaff Rigged Yachts 20ft – 29ft 11" LOA
3	Bermudan Rigged Yachts 35ft LOA & over
4	Bermudan Rigged Yachts 20ft – 34ft 11" LOA
5	Sailing Craft, Gaff or Bermudan Rigged under 20ft
6	Dinghies

## 7. Schedule of Races

- 7.1 Registration for competitors will be available at RFYC on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July from 18.00hrs or ahead of the briefing on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July.  
 7.2 The briefings for each day's sailing will take place at FGSC on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 12.00hrs and on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 10.00hrs.  
 7.3 One race is scheduled for each class on July 31<sup>st</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

Date	Race	Warning signal	1 <sup>st</sup> start
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Fowey Classics Race Day 1	13.50	14.00
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Fowey Classics Race Day 2	13.20	13.30

- 7.4 The start times for each class on each day will be confirmed to competitors at the day's briefing.  
 7.5 No race will be resailed.

## 8. Race Area & Courses

- 8.1 The racing area will be as described in the Appendices 1 and 2.  
 8.2 The course and number of laps, if more than one, will be broadcast by the committee boat on VHF Channel M2 or issued in advance at the day's briefing. If possible, details will be posted on the competitor WhatsApp group. Details for joining the competitor WhatsApp group will be available at registration and race briefings.

## 9. The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started using rule 26.  
 9.2 An attention signal will be made five minutes before the first warning signal by VHF announcement.  
 9.3 No class or preparatory signals will be displayed. VHF Channel M2 will broadcast the starting sequences including a countdown to each signal.  
 9.4 The start line will be either:  
**Line One** - a line between the line on the front of the race office wall to the seaward side of the Northern most Yellow Ship Buoy (previously known as the Silver Ship Buoy) located approx. 135° from the race office at RFYC. Note: For the purposes of starting, any vessel that is intentionally moored to this Ship Buoy shall not be considered part of the Buoy or the start line.  
**Line Two** - a line between the mast of a committee boat and the last mark designated in the course.  
**Line Three** - a line between the mast of a committee boat and either a yellow inflatable or "pipe" buoy with flag top mark outer distance finishing mark.  
 9.5 To register as a starter all competitors shall report to the committee boat by passing it on the opposite side from the starting line or pass by the race hut if there is an inside harbour start. Thereafter they shall keep clear of the line until their preparatory signal.

## 10. Shortening/Changing the Course

- 10.1 After the starting signal, the race officer may shorten (flag S displayed with two sounds) or abandon the race (flag N, N over H or N over A displayed with three sounds) in accordance with RRS 32.1 and 32.2.  
 10.2 If the race officer shortens the course, the finishing line shall be,

- at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff on a safety boat displaying flag S;
- at a line that the boats are required to cross at the end of each lap;

**10.3** If a committee or safety boat displays flag O and makes repeated sound signals, at or near a mark of the course, this means that boats are to pass this mark on the required side, then sail directly to the designated finish for the race. This changes rules 32 and 33.

## 11. The Finish

The finish line will be either:

**Line One** - a line between the line on the front of the race office wall to the seaward side of the Northern most Yellow Ship Buoy (previously known as the Silver Ship Buoy) located approx. 135° from the race office at RFYC.

**Line Two** - a line between the mast of a committee boat and the last mark designated in the course.

**Line Three** - a line between the mast of a committee boat and either a yellow inflatable or "pipe" buoy with flag top mark outer distance finishing mark.

## 12. Protests

The founder of Fowey Classics, the late Rusty Eplett, established a fundamental rule for the event that any boat protesting shall be disqualified. If the race management team observes any competitor to be in breach of RRS then at the discretion of the Race Committee that boat shall have 10 minutes added to her elapsed time.

## 13. Time Limit

The time limit is 2.5 hours after the start. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes of the first boat in each class, which sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish.

## 14. Safety Regulations

**14.1 Identification.** Sail numbers are compulsory and shall be the same as on the entry form.

**14.2 Personal Flotation Devices.** Rule 40, personal flotation devices, shall apply to all participants without the display of flag Y. This requirement alters rule 40.

**14.3 Alternative Means of Propulsion.** All boats shall have an effective alternative means of propulsion for safety.

**14.4 Retirements.** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by visual, oral or VHF message to a committee boat or safety boat. Committee boats, safety patrol boats and the race office all operate on VHF Channel M2.

## 15. Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the RRS 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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, safety patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organising authority does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of safety patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

## 16. Insurance

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

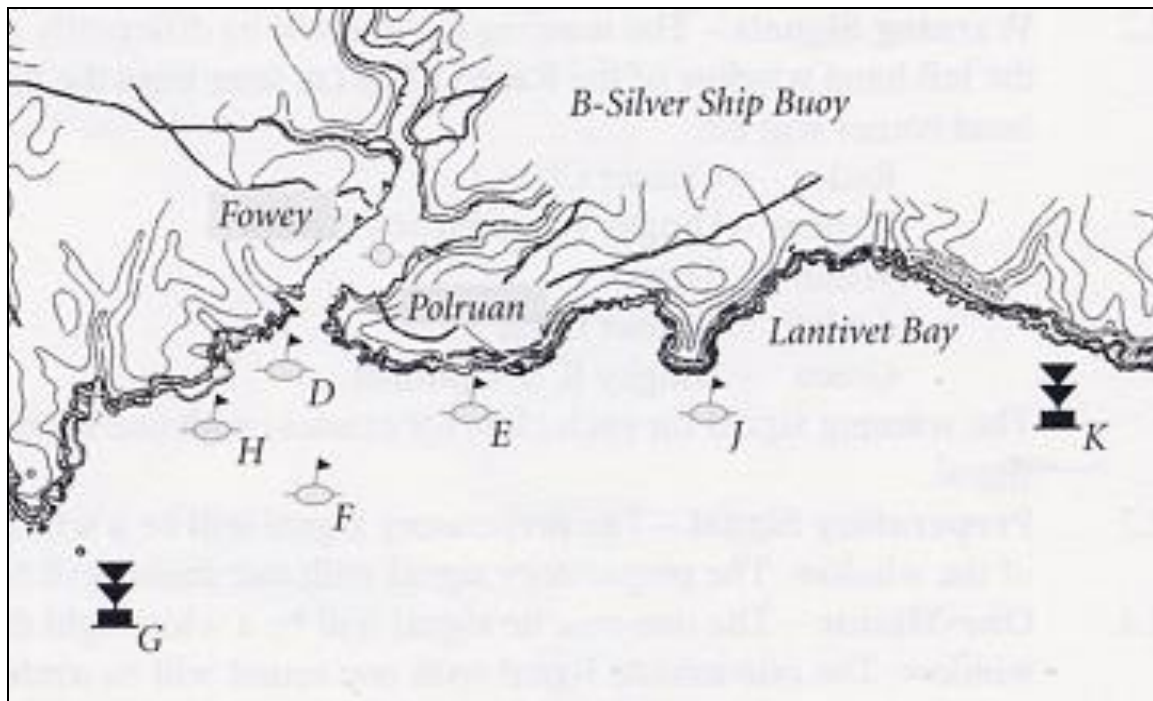
## 17. Prize Giving

The prize giving for all races will take place at FGSC on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

## APPENDIX 1

# Race Area & Marks for Out of Harbour Courses

This chart must not be used for navigation. The position of marks is for identification only.



## Description of Marks & Approximate Positions

D	"Tribute" St. Austell Brewery	50° 19.504'N 004° 38.838'W	Yellow Top Hat buoy
E	Sail Shape	50° 19.333'N 004° 37.956'W	Yellow Top Hat buoy
F	Dinghy South		Yellow Norfloat buoy marked F – not fixed
G	Cannis Rock Buoy	50° 18.450'N 004° 39.879'W	IALA South Cardinal buoy
H	Four Turnings Garage	50° 19.161'N 004° 39.399'W	Yellow Top Hat buoy
J	Polruan Sails	50° 19.100'N 004° 36.400'W	Yellow Top Hat buoy
K	Udder Rock Buoy	50° 18.930'N 004° 33.848'W	IALA South Cardinal buoy

## Navigation

The Cannis Rock and Udder Rock Buoys are to be passed on their correct navigational sides, unless designated as marks of the course. Passage between the Cannis Rock Buoy (Mark G) and the adjacent shore is not permitted.

**The Sailing Community of Fowey extends huge thanks to the sponsors of the yellow racing marks for their kind contribution and support.**

# Instructions for the Parade of Sail

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August - 12.00pm

The Parade of Sail is a unique Fowey spectacle and the sailing centrepiece of the Classics. All boats are invited to join the Parade in the harbour.

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

There will be a briefing for the Parade of Sail at 10.00am on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at FGSC.

Boats should sail in a clockwise direction around the harbour between the two turning marks which should be left to Starboard. Mark A turning buoy is the upstream limit and Mark C turning buoy in the harbour entrance is the lower limit of the Parade. See chart in Appendix 2 for chart of harbour marks with approximate positions of buoys.

Yachts with auxiliary engines may motor sail the upwind legs if necessary. It is in any case advisable to keep engines idling at all times.

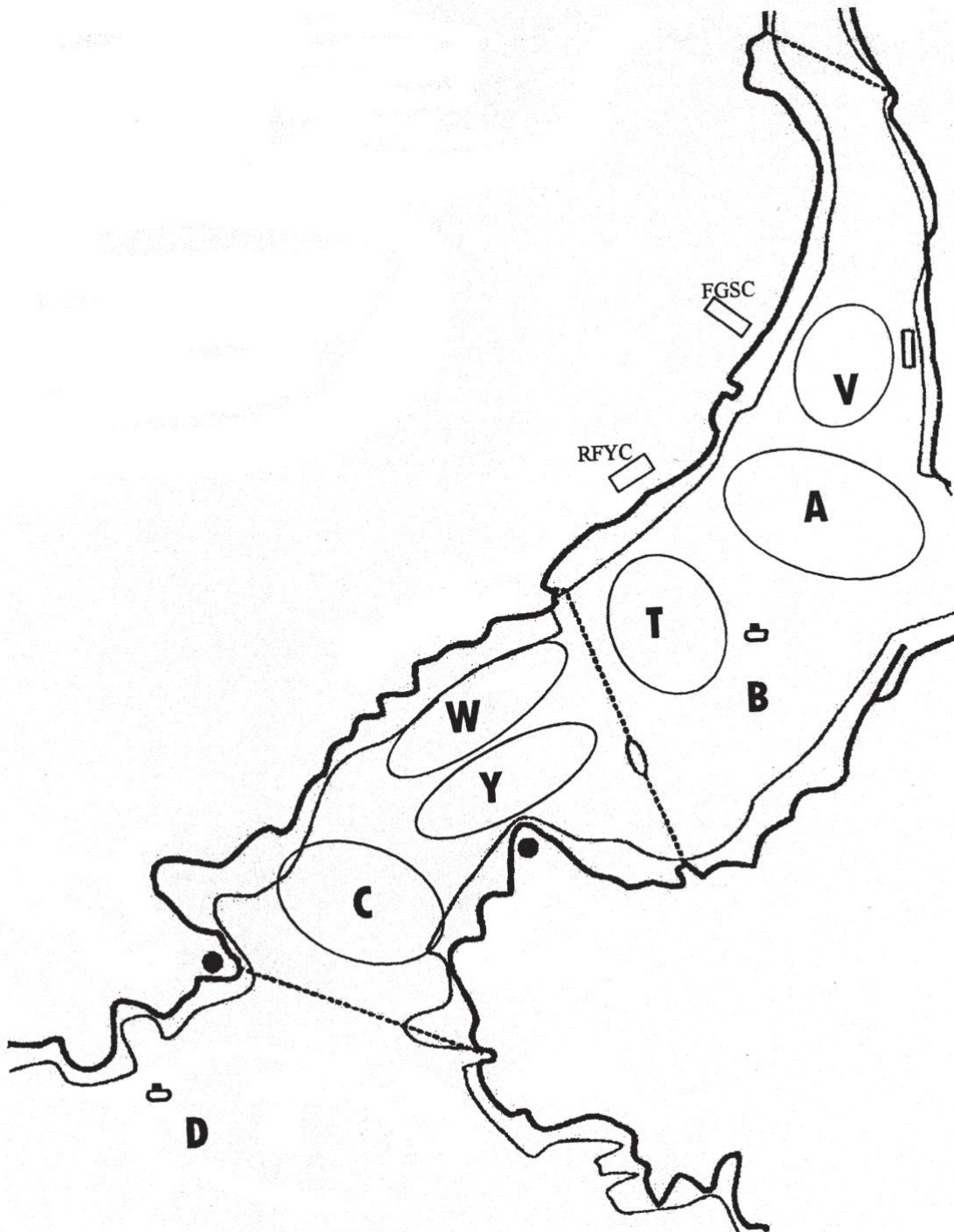
The Parade involves a lot of boats of widely differing sizes, speed and manoeuvrability so please keep a very good lookout. Patrol craft will be in attendance.

No sailing is permitted within the permanent moorings on either side of the harbour.

## APPENDIX 2

### Marks for the Parade of Sail & In-Harbour Racing

This chart indicates the areas in which the in-harbour marks will be laid.



### Navigation

Passage between Punches Cross and the eastern shore and Lamp Rock and the eastern shore is forbidden.