FOWEY CLASSICS
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2017
& Instructions for the Parade of Sail

The **organising authority** is the 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 and the prescriptions of the RYA.

1.2 Rule 44.1 will be changed so that only one turn, including 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 http://www.foweyharbour.co.uk/assets/file/pdfs/Downloads/byelaws.pdf)

1.4 All boats shall have an effective alternative means of propulsion for safety purposes.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Classics notice board at FGSC.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted a minimum of one hour before the schedule starting time of the race or races affected, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

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

5. 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 17ft 6” – 20ft
6	Dinghies up to 17ft 6” LOA

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Registration for competitors will be available at the race hut at RFYC on Tuesday 1st August from 16.00hrs or at FGSC ahead of the briefing on Wednesday 2nd August.

6.2 The briefings for each day's sailing will take place at FGSC on Wednesday 2nd August at 12.00hrs, on Thursday 3rd at 10.00hrs and on Friday 4th August at 11.30hrs.

6.3 One race is scheduled for each class on August 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Date	Race	Warning signal	1st start
Wed 2nd August	Fowey Classics Race	13.50	14.00
Thur 3rd August	Trafalgar Cup Race	13.20	13.30
Fri 4th August	Friday Race	13.20	13.30

6.4 The start times for each class on each day will be given to competitors in their registration packs, displayed on the Classics notice board at FGSC and outlined again at each day's briefing.

6.5 No race will be resailed.

7. Race Area & Courses

7.1 Racing will take place in Fowey Bay. The course area is given on the chart at Appendix 1.

7.2 The course and number of laps will be signalled on boards displayed on the side of the committee boat.

7.3 The class will be indicated by class flags displayed from the committee boat.

7.4 The course will be indicated by lettered boards, a green background for marks to be passed to starboard and a red background for marks to be passed to port.

7.5 The number of laps, if more than one, will be indicated by a white board with a black number.

7.6 The course for each class may also be broadcast by the committee boat on VHF Channel M2.

8. The Start

8.1 A warning signal will be made 10 minutes before the first start. Preparatory signals will be made before the first start. After the first preparatory signal, the start for each class will be the preparatory signal for the next start. The P flag will go up for the first start and stay up until the final start. This changes rule 26.

8.2 An attention signal (orange flag) will be displayed five minutes before the warning signal for the first class to start.

8.3 The start line will between the mast of the committee boat and either a yellow inflatable outer distance starting mark or an adjacent course starting mark outside the harbour entrance or a line extending from a transit formed by a white triangle with an orange border on the buildings behind the RFYC race office and the RFYC flagstaff limited by a line perpendicular to this start line that passes though mark B.

8.4 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.

9. Shortening/Changing the Course

9.1 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) for the following reasons:

- foul weather,
- insufficient wind making it unlikely that any boat will finish within the time limit,
- a mark is missing or out of position,
- for any other reason which directly affects the safety or fairness of the race.

9.2 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;

9.3 The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.

9.4 If a committee boat displays flag C with a repetitive sound signal the course shall be changed and boats shall round the adjacent mark of the course and proceed directly to the designated finishing line. This is in addition to rules 32.2 and 33, and alters the meaning of Race Signal flag C.

10. The Finish

The finish line will be either:

Line One - a line extending from the RFYC flagstaff to the seaward side (South side) of mark B, with this mark as the outer distance mark.

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Safety Regulations

13.1 Identification. Sail numbers are compulsory and shall be the same as on the entry form. All entrants shall fly the appropriate class flag.

13.2 Personal flotation devices. Personal flotation devices shall be worn by all participants in Class 6 at all times whilst racing and shall be carried on all other boats.

13.3 Alternative means of propulsion. All boats shall have an effective alternative means of propulsion for safety.

13.4 Safety Equipment. Appendix 3 is based on the RNLI Sea Check Gold Standard. All participants are advised to read these recommendations. Many are not applicable to Class 5 & 6 boats but these classes should have items marked with * on board.

13.5 Retirements.

13.5.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by visual, oral or radio message to a committee boat, safety boat or the race office or by telephone call to the race committee (07727 225840 / 01726 832335)

13.5.2 Competitors having retired should endeavour not to pass through the finishing line.

13.6 Committee boats, safety patrol boats and the race office all operate on VHF Channel M2.

14. Risk Statement

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.” 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:

(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, safety patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organising authority does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) 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;

(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 for the event.

15. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

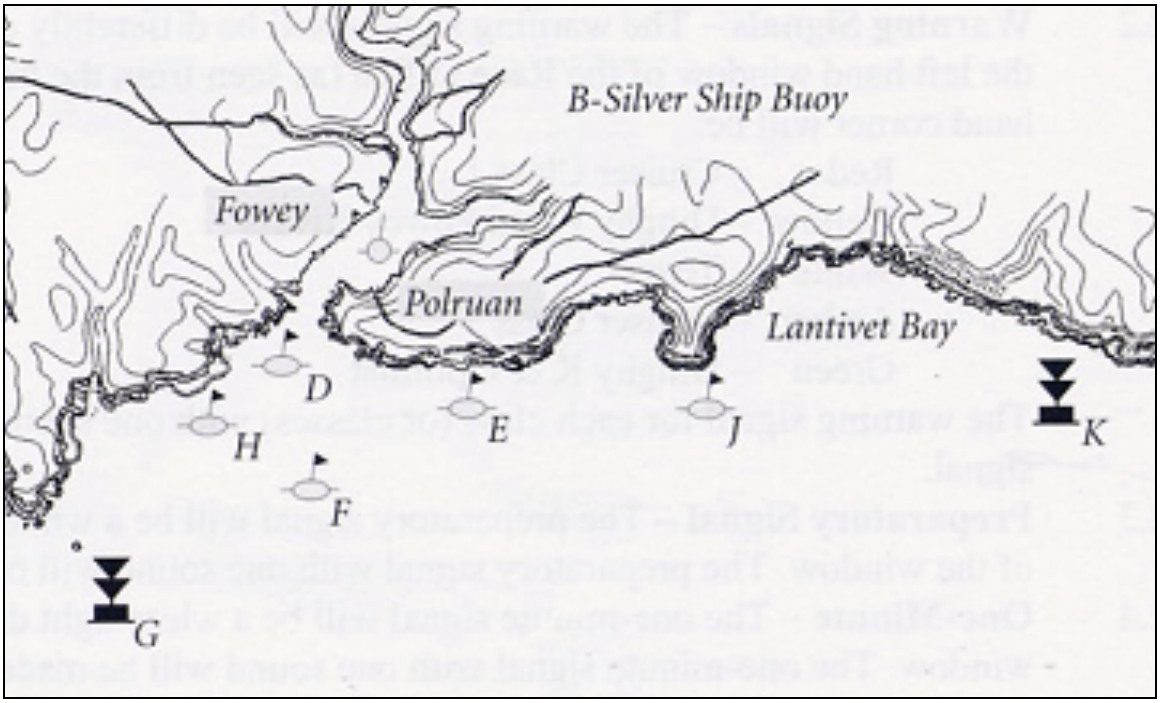
16. Prize Giving

The prize giving for all races will take place at FGSC on Friday 4th August before the Classics Summer Party.

APPENDIX 1

Race Area & Marks

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



Description of Marks & Approximate Positions

D	St. Austell Brewery “Tribute”	50° 19.5'	4° 38.8'	Yellow Spherical buoy
E	Sail Shape	50° 19.3'	4° 37.9'	Yellow Spherical buoy
F	Dinghy South	50° 19.0'	4° 38.5'	Yellow inflatable
G	Cannis Rock Buoy	50° 18.35'	4° 39.9'	IALA South Cardinal buoy
H	Four Turnings Garage	50° 19.2'	4° 39.33'	Yellow Spherical buoy
J	The Old Quay House	50° 19.1'	4° 36.4'	Yellow Spherical buoy
K	Udder Rock Buoy	50° 18.9'	4° 33.8'	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 and the adjacent shore is forbidden.

POFROC are appreciative of our sponsors without whom use of our yellow racing marks would not be possible.

Instructions for the Parade of Sail

Thursday 3rd August 2017 - 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 £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent

There will be a briefing at 10.00am at FGSC on Thursday 3rd August for the Parade of Sail.

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.

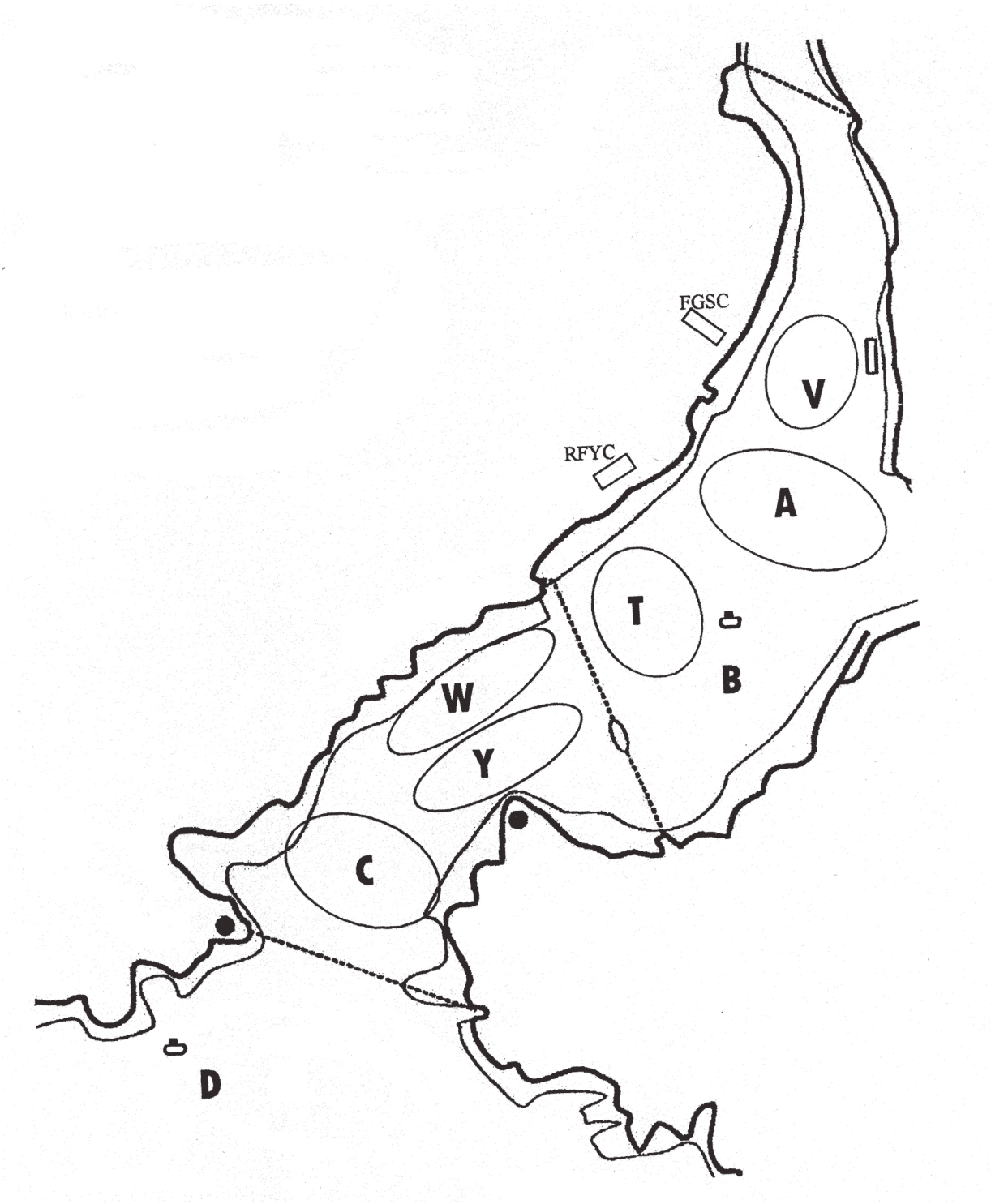
The Parade involves a lot of boats of widely differing sizes, speed and manoeuvrability so please keep a very good lookout. FHC patrol craft will be in attendance.

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

APPENDIX 2

Marks for the Parade of Sail

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.

APPENDIX 3

We recommend that all yachts should be equipped to at least the standard as defined below, which is based on the RNLI Sea Check Gold Standard. Class 5 and Class 6 boats must have aboard the items marked *.

* Anchor with warp / chain / strong point / fairlead
  Mooring warp and fenders
  Radar reflector
  Fixed navigation lights and shapes
  Lifebuoy or similar
  Life raft / inflatable dinghy
  Emergency steering
* Compass
* Alternative means of propulsion
  Engine tool kit and spares
* Lifejacket (150N) per person
  Safety harness / means of attachment
  Bucket and hand or electric pump
* Effective bailer or bucket
  Charts, navigation publications and navigation instruments
  VHF radio
* Torch
* Pyrotechnics – in date
  Fire blanket – for cooking appliances
  Fire extinguishers
* Clock / watch
  First Aid kit
  Heaving line / rescue quoit
  Boarding ladder
  Radio receiver – in addition to VHF
  Echo sounder
  Hand bearing compass
  Log
  Binoculars
* Personal protective / warm clothing
* An effective means of making a sound signal