FOWEY CLASSICS
NOTICE OF RACE 2026

The organising authority is Fowey Sailing Committee (FSC) which is the operating name of 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* (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 to view on the FHC website - https://foweyharbour.co.uk/publications/.

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

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 Racing in Fowey Classics is open to boats of the following classes. Gaff rig includes gunter, lugsail, spritsail and any other boat with a four-sided mainsail. Multi masted boats shall sail in the class appropriate to their type of mainsail. The organising authority reserves the right to allocate boats to classes and to amalgamate, cancel, divide or rearrange classes at its discretion depending on entries received.

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	Sailing Dinghies

2.2 Entry in Fowey Classics shall be by completion of the Entry Form and payment of the relevant fee as indicated on the Entry Form.

2.3 A share of the paid entry fee for each boat shall constitute membership of POFROC for the purposes of racing in the Port of Fowey.

3. Handicapping

3.1 Gaffers and Luggers will be scored using an OGA handicap which may be obtained free by completing the measurement form available from Fowey Classics website.

3.2 Bermudan rigged yachts should obtain a handicap prior to entry free on Jauge Classique Handicap (JCH) www.jch-online.org.
Entrants are encouraged to complete and submit the necessary forms as early as possible.

4. Schedule of Races

The schedule is shown in the attached programme for the event.

5. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions and instructions for the Parade of Sail will be available online on the Fowey Classics website from 19th July 2026. No boat shall race until its entry has been accepted.

6. Venue & Courses

6.1 Racing will take place in Fowey Bay and Fowey Harbour.
6.2 The Parade of Sail will take place inside Fowey Harbour.

7. Penalty System

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.

8. Prizes

Details of prizes will appear in the Classics event programme.

9. Risk Statement

Rule 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 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.

10. 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.

11. RYA Racing Charter

Competitors should note that FSC has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that, when entering, competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 or at https://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.

12. Media Rights

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

13. Further Information

The West Country Classics Series 2026

Vessels that have a minimum length on deck of 5.5m (18ft) LOD or displacement vessels with centreboards will be eligible for the series. To qualify it is necessary to race in at least two of the following regattas. Falmouth, Looe Lugger Classics, Fowey or Dartmouth www.westcountryclassics.org

For further information about this year's Fowey Classics, please visit the event website www.foweyclassics.com or email foweyclassics@gmail.com

FOWEY CLASSICS 2026 PROGRAMME

Monday 27th July

Afternoon	Boats arrive
1800 hrs	Welcome/Registration Desk open, Fowey Gallants Sailing Club
2000 hrs	Welcome Reception followed by supper, Fowey Gallants Sailing Club Talk by Allen Toms – “A Life in Boats”

Tuesday 28th July

1200 hrs	Briefing, Fowey Gallants Sailing Club
1400 hrs	Racing in Fowey Bay/Harbour
1800 hrs	Dinner at RFYC

Wednesday 29th July

1200 hrs	Free Day with optional activities and talks TBC
Evening	Troy & Fowey River Classes Classics Race

Thursday 30th July

1000 hrs	Briefing for Parade of Sail & Racing, Fowey Gallants Sailing Club
1200 hrs	Parade of Sail in Fowey Harbour
1330 hrs	Racing in Fowey Bay/Harbour
Evening	Prize Giving & BBQ, Fowey Gallants Sailing Club

Friday 31st July

Start TBA	Passage Race from Fowey to Looe for those boats taking part in Looe Classics

Otherwise…Cruise in company onwards or homewards to Tamar, South Devon harbours & Falmouth

FOWEY CLASSICS 2026 ENTRY FORM

Fowey Classics Admin Only

Entry No: _____

Date in: _____

Payment Recd: _____

ENTRANTS DETAILS

Your name (Owner/Skipper/" Friend"): ……..……...

Boat Name: ……..……...

Address: ……..……

……..…… Postcode: ……

Email address: ……..……

Tel: ……..…… Mobile: ……..……

Safety information: No of crew aboard your boat for Fowey Classics, including skipper: Adults* ……..… Childen** ……

Shore-based emergency contact person & tel no.: ……

ENTRY FEE

Entry is **£35**

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SPECIAL RATES FOR MOORINGS

Fowey Harbour Commissioners have kindly given Fowey Classics participants a special rate of £15 per night per boat.
e.g. Rates for July 27th to July 30th 2026 – 4 nights inclusive = £60. Please specify how many nights you wish to stay.

Would like a FHC Classics mooring? **YES / NO** **Nights** ____ **MOORING FEES** £

(No electric hook up)

SHORESIDE SOCIAL EVENTS

Please indicate which you will attend:

Welcome Supper, FGSC, July 27th *Bookings closed Weds 22nd July* **Amount** £

Fowey Classics Dinner, RFYC, July 28th *Bookings closed Weds 22nd July* **Amount** £

Barbeque, FGSC, July 30th *Bookings close Mon 27th July* **Amount** £

TOTAL FEES £

Welcome Reception, FGSC. Free event **BUT** by ticket only. **No. Tickets Wanted** ____

ALL ENTRANTS: MARINE INSURANCE & ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Each boat participating in Fowey Classics MUST have valid Third-Party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million including racing risks.

I confirm that my boat, as entered, meets this insurance requirement and I further confirm that I agree to be bound by the conditions of entry including the acceptance of all risks, to be responsible for the safe and proper management of my boat and any decision relating to whether to sail or not and for all other responsibilities and legal liabilities as set out in the conditions of entry.

Signed …… **Date …** ……

Please return the entry form by email to foweyclassics@gmail.com.
Online payments to: ***Account: Fowey Classics**, **Bank: Lloyds**, **Sort Code:** 30-97-28, **Account Number**: **01386083**.*

MENU CHOICES

Prize Giving BBQ, Fowey Gallants SC, July 30th

BBQ Options	No. Required
Meat Platter Smokey Bourbon BBQ pork rib, marinated chicken thighs, lamb chump steak with salad, coleslaw & chunky chips (£23.50)	
Fish Platter Catch of the Day, rosemary & garlic monkfish skewer, garlic & chilli whole king prawns with salad, coleslaw & herb new potatoes (£24.50)	
Vegetarian Platter Grilled aubergine & courgette, pepper& red onion, spiced cauliflower steak with salad, coleslaw & herb new potatoes (£21.50)	

ALL ENTRANTS: Please provide your boat details for "WHO'S WHO" – Measurements in feet and tenths of a foot

Boat name …… Sail Number or distinguishing mark ……..

Designer ……... Year Built …… Year rebuilt / major restoration ……

Hull topside colour …… Length on Deck (LOD) …… Waterline Length (LWL) ……

Bowsprit YES/NO …… Bumpkin YES/NO ……. Length over Spars (LOS) incl. Bowsprit / Bumpkin ……

Draft …… Draft with centreboard down (if fitted) ……. Working sail area in square feet (approx) ……

Mainsail type eg Bermudan, Gaff, Lug, spritsail, gunter etc. ……

Sail plan eg Catboat, cutter, ketch, sloop, schooner, yawl etc. ……

HANDICAP (not applicable to Entrants with non-sailing craft and "Friends")

If you wish to take part in the racing, please provide us with your Old Gaffers Association (OGA) or Jauge Classique (JCH) handicap.

My OGA handicap number is……. OR My JCH handicap is ……

For entrants without a handicap

Handicaps for gaffers and luggers can obtained free of charge by completing the OGA measurement form https://www.oga.org.uk/boat_register/help/handicaps.html and submitting it to the OGA.

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Thank you for your entry - we look forward to welcoming you to the 33rd Fowey Classics