



FOWEY CLASSICS

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2023

& 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*.
- 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 <http://www.foweyharbour.co.uk/assets/file/pdfs/Downloads/byelaws.pdf>)

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the competitor WhatsApp group.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

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.

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 RFYC on Tuesday 25th July from 18.00hrs or ahead of the briefing on Wednesday 26th July.
- 6.2 The briefings for each day's sailing will take place at FGSC on Wednesday 26th July at 12.00hrs and on Friday 28th at 10.00hrs.
- 6.3 One race is scheduled for each class on July 26th and 28th.

Date	Race	Warning signal	1 st start
Wed 26 th July	Fowey Classics Race Day 1	13.50	14.00
Fri 28 th July	Fowey Classics Race Day 2	13.20	13.30

- 6.4 The start times for each class on each day will be given to competitors at the day's briefing.
- 6.5 No race will be resailed.

7. Race Area & Courses

- 7.1 The racing area will be as described in the Appendices 1 and 2.
- 7.2 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.

8. The Start

- 8.1 A warning signal will be made 10 minutes before the first start. Preparatory signals will be made 5 minutes before the first start. After the first preparatory signal, the start for each class will be the preparatory signal for the next start. No class or preparatory signals will be displayed. VHF Channel M2 will broadcast the starting sequences including a countdown to each signal. Failure to receive this broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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 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.

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.

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 Retirements.

13.4.1 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.

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

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

14. 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.

15. 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.

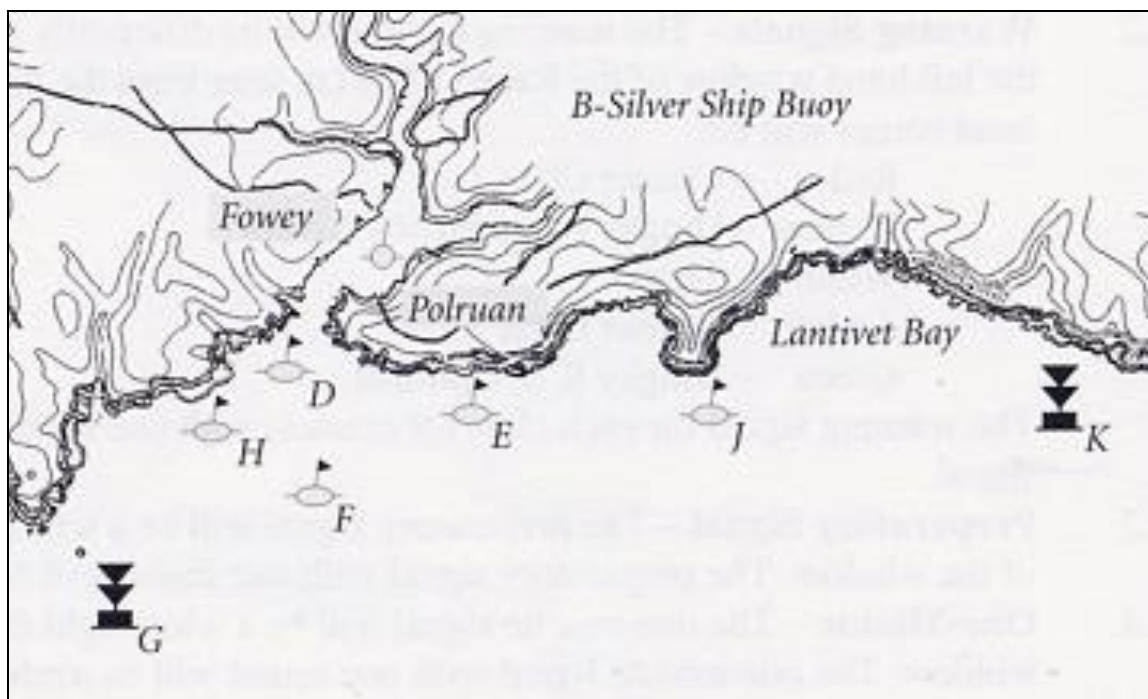
16. Prize Giving

The prize giving for all races will take place at FGSC on Friday 28th July at 18:30.

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	“Tribute” St. Austell Brewery	50° 19.504'	4° 38.838'	Yellow Top Hat buoy
E	Sail Shape	50° 19.333'	4° 37.956'	Yellow Top Hat buoy
F	Dinghy South			Yellow Norfloat buoy marked F
G	Cannis Rock Buoy	50° 18.450'	4° 39.879'	IALA South Cardinal buoy
H	Four Turnings Garage	50° 19.161'	4° 39.399'	Yellow Top Hat buoy
J	Polruan Sails	50° 19.100'	4° 36.400'	Yellow Top Hat buoy
K	Udder Rock Buoy	50° 18.930'	4° 33.848'	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.

Instructions for the Parade of Sail

Friday 28th July - 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 28th July 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.

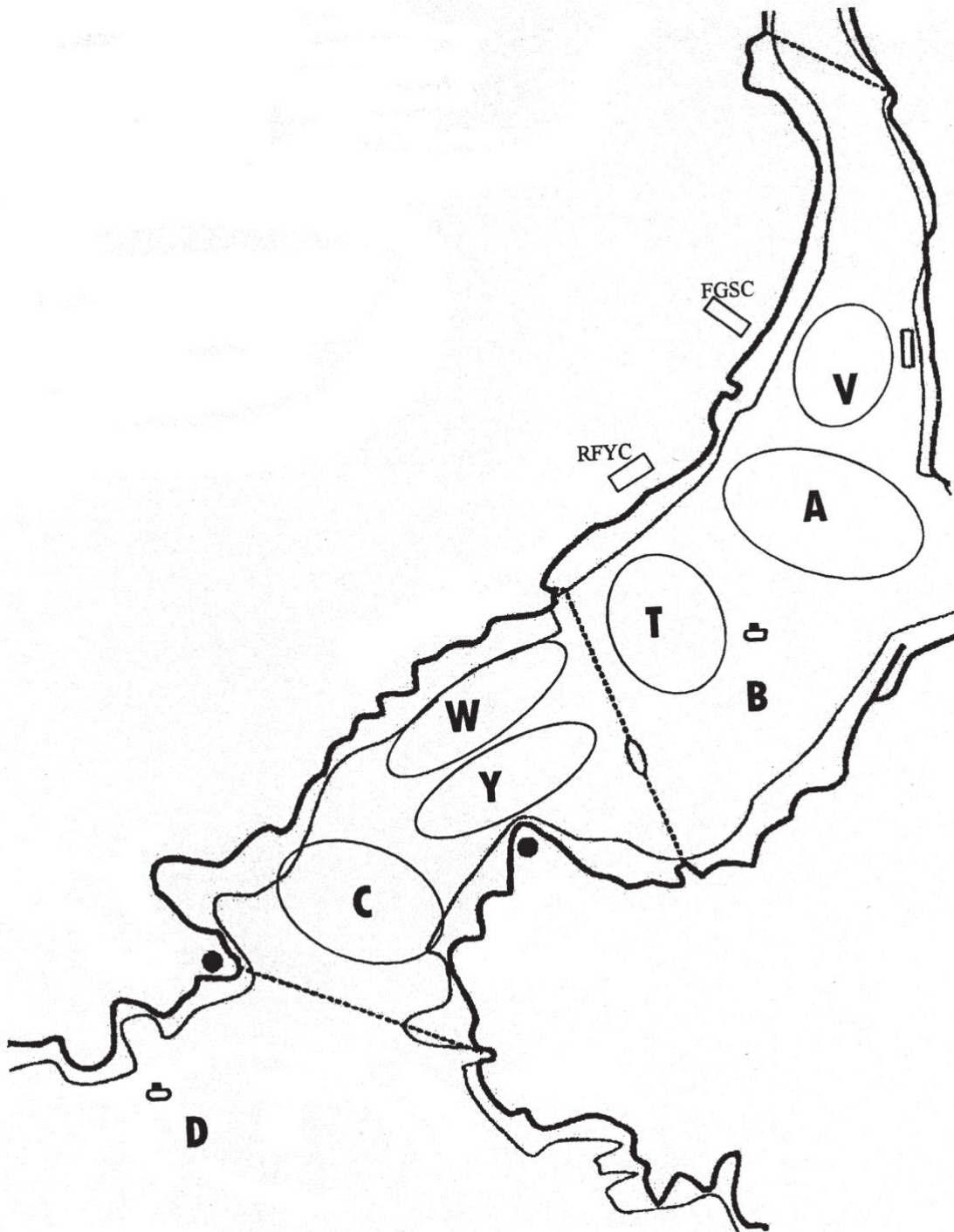
The Parade involves a lot of boats of widely differing sizes, speed and manoeuvrability so please keep a very good lookout. Patrol craft will be in attendance.

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.