



FALMOUTH CLASSICS REGATTA 12-14 JUNE 2026



Organising Authority (OA) Falmouth Classics Association

Falmouth Cornwall UK.

Sailing Instructions (SIs) for the races on Friday & Saturday 12 & 13 June 2026

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028

1.2 Racing rules and definitions are changed as follows:

- a) RRS 61.4(b)(1) - see SI 3.4 and 12.5
- b) RRS 29.2- see SI 12.6
- c) Definitions - see SI 12.8
- d) RRS 60.1 - see SI 16.2
- e) RRS A2.1 – see SI 17.1
- f) RRS A5.2 and A 5.3 – see SI 17.3 and 17.4
- g) RRS 35 – see SI 17.3
- h) RRS 44.1 – see SI 14

1.3 All boats shall sail (while racing and during the Parade) either with the sail numbers declared on their entry forms clearly displayed, or with the number boards issued by the Race Office clearly displayed in their shrouds on both sides of the boat.

1.4 Class flags shall be displayed as listed in Appendix A.

1.5 If, for any of the races, a boat has a different number of crew (including skipper) to that declared on their entry form, the correct number of crew (including skipper) must be sent by WhatsApp or text to 044 7757 169351 (with boat name and either sail number or number from the issued number board) before the start of the relevant race.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted on the website before 09.00 on the day it will take effect except that any changes to starting times or schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 Changes made to SIs may be made on the water by VHF radio channel 77.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 An online Skippers briefing will be available on Face book and You Tube prior to the event.

3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on Face book and You Tube and if possible on the competitor WhatsApp.

A WhatsApp group for competitors is available access using QR code.



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HdymUY81vHc8b9xAuzCj18>

3.3 The Race Office is located at the Falmouth Water Sports Centre/Windjammer café. Just past Trago Mills Shop

what3words.com///listed.smooth.rust Mobile number 044 7757 169351.

3.4 On the water the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77, this may include start countdowns, course information and general and individual recalls. The Race Committee may also update competitors on general race management topics re: shipping movements, postponements, abandonment etc. Failure to receive this broadcast or the competitors WhatsApp will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No signals will be displayed ashore

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Two races are scheduled Friday 12th June and one race Saturday 13th June.

6.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for each race is five minutes before the first start.

6.3 No race will be re-sailed.

6.4 Classes and order of starting are shown in Appendix A.

7. CLASS FLAGS

These are listed in Appendix A.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will take place in Carrick Roads and Falmouth Bay on the “round the cans” courses, see chart Appendix C.

9. COURSES

Courses to be sailed by each class will be announced on channel 77 and displayed on the side of the race committee signals vessel away from the start line. Class letters will be displayed on the top row, beneath this courses for each class will be designated as follows either

a) A course numeral selected from the list of courses at Appendix B

or b) A sequence of mark letters indicating the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. Red letters signify that a mark is to be left to port and green letters indicate that a mark is to be left to starboard.

10. MARKS

Course mark letters, descriptions and co-ordinates are listed in Appendix C together with a chart illustrating the approximate positions.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 St Mawes south cardinal buoy must be passed to the south at all times.

11.2 Commercial and naval shipping. Areas around these vessels under way and constricted in their ability to manoeuvre are designated as moving exclusion zones. The zone extends to 100m on all sides of the vessel including tugs, pilot boats and escorting safety vessels. No boat shall enter an exclusion zone, and, if becalmed shall endeavour to use other means of propulsion to move out of the way. This should only be sufficient to move out of the exclusion zone and the shortest necessary to keep clear. Competitors who interfere with shipping bring the sport into disrepute and risk reporting by the Race Committee under RRS 69. Any complaint by the Harbour Authority will initiate a report by the Race Committee.

11.3 Diving Activity Exclusion zones extend 30 m around a dive boat displaying international code signal “A”, an orange pillar mark indicating a diver beneath the surface and a diver on the surface. No boat shall enter the exclusion zone.

12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal, see matrix.

Minutes before starting	Sound Signal	Meaning
5	One	Warning Signal
4	One	Preparatory Signal
1	One long	One minute to start
0	One	Start signal

12.2 The race committee signals vessel will be a blue hulled Mitchell 31 motor boat called Lady Jean and will be positioned downwind in the Carrick Roads to give a windward start to the first mark. Its approximate position may be announced by VHF before the start sequences.

12.3 The starting line will be between a mast on the signal vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a robotic mark displaying various sponsors’ logos and Flushing SC’s burgee at the port end.

12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

12.5 No class or preparatory signals will be displayed. VHF channel 77 will broadcast the starting sequences including a countdown to each signal. Failure to receive this broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

12.6 General Recall the signal 1st substitute will be removed 4 minutes after the start without a further sound signal. The new warning signal for the recalled class will be made at the last scheduled starting signal for the last class on that race (i.e. back of the queue). If more than one class is recalled then the starts will be in the original order. This changes RRS 29.2.

12.7 No boat may sail through the start line except when starting

12.8 All competing boats are deemed to be members of the Falmouth Classics Association for the duration of the event and that the rules of the Falmouth Classics Association state that for the purposes of the definition of "Start" and "Finish" and rules 21.1, 29.1, 30 and 44.2 of the RRS (but not any other rules) the term "hull" includes a boat's bowsprit in its normal position.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finish will be between a committee boat displaying a blue flag and the "T" mark with a blue buoy attached. The finish boat will be "Melkin" a 9.4m Westerly Longbow. (Note- the angle of the finish line may not necessarily be as show on the chartlet, but may be more perpendicular to the last leg of the course).

13.2 Any race can be shortened at any mark of the course in accordance with RRS 32.2.

13.3 No boat may sail through the finish line except when finishing.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44 .1 is changed so that the Two–Turns Penalty is replaced with a One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS

Format	Time Limit
Two-race day	2 hours after class has started,
One-race day	3 hours after the class has started,

15.1 There will be no finishing window or time limit extension.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 Competitors are reminded of the requirements in Part 5 Section A.

16.2 Given the long-standing tradition at Falmouth Classics of protesting only in incidents leading to serious damage or injury, a rules advisory service is available.

16.3 Breaches of SI 18 shall not be grounds for protest. This changes RRS 60.1.

16.4 The protest/hearing request procedure is as follows:

Friday races

Blank hearing request forms will be available from, and completed hearing request forms must be submitted to, the Berthing Officer Patrick Clarke based on or near the yacht Tehari 2 at Falmouth Haven. The time limit for submitting completed hearing request forms is 1700 for all races.

Saturday races

Blank hearing request forms will be available from, and completed hearing request forms must be submitted to, Sue Treneer at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club. The time limit for submitting completed hearing request forms is 60 minutes after the last boat in that boat's class has finished.

Hearing request forms are also available online at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/running-racing/templates> and the Falmouth Classics website. On both days they may be submitted electronically to info@falmouthclassics.org.uk before the time limits stipulated above.

The timing and venue of any protest hearings will be announced on the FH26 WhatsApp group and posted on the Falmouth Classics website - <https://www.falmouthclassics.org.uk/> - under RACING – RACE INFO - PROTESTS/HEARINGS.

17. SCORING

17.1 Three races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute the series. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no discard. This changes RRS A2.1.

17.2 A 5.3 will apply.

17.3 Any boat starting more than 4 minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules A5.2 and A5.3 without a hearing.

17.4 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (World Sailing - Time Limit Expired). A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.2 and A5.3 and A10 without a hearing.

17.5 Competitors who wish to question their standings in the Provisional Results may submit a Scoring Enquiry by WhatsApp or telephone to 044 7757 169351.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Any boat retiring from a race shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee by VHF 77 before leaving the race area.

18.2 All competitors with boats not fitted with bulwarks or guard rails sailing in Falmouth Bay shall wear a personal floatation device at all times to a minimum standard required by class rules or OSR Appendix B.

18.3 Competitors who leave the safety of the cockpit of a boat not fitted with bulwarks or guard rails shall wear a personal floatation device at **such** times to a minimum required by class rules or OSR Appendix B.

18.4 If a race is abandoned, all boats (apart from those berthed at Falmouth Haven which will be tallied in by the Berthing Team there) shall report by WhatsApp or text on 044 7757 169351 (with boat name and either sail number or number from the issued number board) after returning to their mooring to advise the safe return of all crew members.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Perpetual trophies and “keeper” prizes will be presented to the series winners in each class. Place prizes will also be awarded subject to the number of boats competing in the class.

19.2 An individual race prize will be awarded to the winner in each class, place prizes will also be awarded subject to the number of boats competing in the class.

20 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states` The responsibility for a boat`s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 and omissions;
- (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) provision of 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 for the event.

21 INSURANCE

Each boat participating in the sailing regatta and /or one or more of the parades shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Appendix A

Note 1. These classes are not required to display class flags

Note 2 These classes are not required to display number boards.

Friday 12th June 2026

Class all lengths are LOD	Class Flag	First race	Start Time	Second Race
Bermudans 10.6m (35 ft) and over	F	10.30		13.00
Gaffers 12.1m (40ft) and over	M	10.35		13.05
Bermudans 9.1m (30ft) and under 10.6M (35ft)	E	10.40		13.10
Gaffers 9.1M (30ft) and under 12.1M (40ft)	Q	10.45		13.15
Bermudans 7.6M (25ft) and under 9.1M (30ft)	U	10.50		13.20
Gaffers over 7M (23ft) and under 9.1M (30ft)	K	10.55		13.25
Bermudans 4.2M (14ft) and under 7.6M (25ft)	T	11.00		13.30
Gaffers 7m (23ft)and under	G	11.05		13.35
Shrimpers (1) (2)	H	11.10		13.40
Luggers 7.6M (25ft) and over	L	11.15		13.45
Luggers under 7.6M (25ft)	J	11.20		13.50

Saturday 13th June 2026

Class all lengths are LOD	Class Flag	Start Time
Bermudans 10.6m (35ft) and over	F	10.30
Gaffers 12.1m (40ft)and over	M	10.35
Bermudans 9.1m (30ft) and under 10.6 (35ft)	E	10.40
Gaffers 9.1m(30ft) and under 12.1m (40ft)	Q	10.45
Sunbeams (1) (2)	V	10.50
Large Falmouth Working Boats (2)	B	10.55
Small Falmouth Working Boats (2)	C	11.00
Bermudans 7.6m (25ft) and under 9.1 (30ft)	U	11.05
Gaffers over 7m (23ft) and under 9.1 (30ft)	K	11.10
Bermudans 4.2 (14ft) and under 7.6m (25ft)	T	11.15
Gaffers 7m (23ft) and under	G	11.20
Shrimpers (1) (2)	H	11.25
Luggers 7.6 (25ft) and over	L	11.30
Luggers under 7.6 (25ft)	J	11.35

Appendix B

Preset courses

RED letters leave mark to PORT – GREEN letters followed by (S) leave mark to STARBOARD

Wind N Race committee signals vessel positioned near mark P

COURSE NUMBER	MARK SEQUENCE	APPROX; DISTANCE (NM)
1	W – G – SN – F	2.7
2	W – G – SN – CC – F	3.1
3	V – S – G – WN – F	3.5
4	J – NB – G – WN – F	4.5
5	J – PW – G – CC – F	4.7
6	J – NB – G – V – S – W (S) – F	5.7
7	V – S – CA (S) – HD – BR – CC – F	6.0
8	J – NB – CA (S) – HD – BR – CC – F	6.8
9	J – NB – CA (S) – HD – Z – CC – F	7.7
10	J – NB – CA (S) – HD – BR – NB – W (S) – F	8.1
11	J – NB – G – SN – J – S – BR – WN – F	8.4
12	J – NB – CN (S) – GY – Z – CC – F	9.4
13	J – NB – CA (S) – HD – C – Z – CC – F	9.7

Wind NE Race committee signals vessel positioned near mark G

14	CC – S – WN (S) – F	2.6
15	W – S – SN (S) – F	2.9
16	CC – S – CA – W – F	3.8
17	WT – S – WN (S) – P – W – F	4.5
18	J – NB – WN (S) – P – CA – W – F	5.0
19	J – NB – WN (S) – HD – CA – W – F	6.0
20	J – NB – WN (S) – HD – CN – CC – F	6.6
21	CC – S – WN (S) – HD – BO (S) – BR (S) – W – F	6.7
22	CC – S – WN (S) – GY – CN – CC – F	7.2
23	J – V – SN (S) – P – BO (S) – BR (S) – BO (S) – CC – F	7.6
24	J – NB – BR (S) – GY – CN – W – F	8.4
25	J – S – WN (S) – BR (S) – GY – C – Z – W – F	10.5

Wind E Race committee signals vessel positioned just north-west of G

26	SN – S (S) – WT (S) – F	2.9
27	SN – W – G – CA – CC – F	3.6
28	SN – PW (S) – J (S) – WT (S) – F	3.7
29	SN – W – P – CN – V – F	4.5
30	SN – W – G – CA – S (S) – WT (S) – F	4.6
31	SN – V – P – CN – CC – F	5.1
32	SN – W – P – CN – S (S) – WT (S) – F	5.4
33	SN – CC – P – CN – NB – F	5.6
34	SN – NB – P – CN – V – F	6.0
35	SN – NB – G – BO (S) – BR (S) – NB – F	7.5
36	SN – CC – BR (S) – GY – CN – V – F	7.8
37	SN – NB – BR (S) – GY – Z – NB – F	9.8

Wind SE Race committee vessel positioned between marks S and T

38	P – W – F	2.8
39	G – CC (S) – WN (S) – F	3.0
40	P – CA – V – F	3.1
41	G – PW (S) – CC (S) – F	3.5
42	G – SN – PW (S) – CC (S) – F	3.7
43	CN – PW (S) – CC (S) – F	4.8
44	P – CA – G – CN – V – F	5.0
45	P – PW (S) – WN (S) – V – F	5.2
46	P – PW (S) – CN – V – F	6.8
47	P – CA – NB – G – CN – V – F	7.1
48	BR (S) – GY – C – CN – V – F	8.5
49	Z (S) – GY – C – CN – HD (S) – CA – V – F	11.0

Wind S Race committee vessel positioned near mark NB

50	G – CA – WN – F	2.9
51	P – CA – CC – F	3.3
52	G – SN – CC – W (S) – F	3.5
53	G – CA – J – W (S) – F	4.7
54	P – CN – BO – BR (S) – CC – F	5.3
55	P – CN – BO – BR (S) – V – W (S) – F	6.2
56	G – SN – J – P – CA – CC – F	6.4
57	P – CN – BO – BR (S) – J – W (S) – F	7.0
58	HD – BO – BR (S) – J – W (S) – F	7.6
59	HD – BO – V – P – SN – CC – F	7.9
60	HD – Z – HD – C – CN – WN – F	9.0
61	C – Z – HD – C – CN – CC – F	11.4

Wind SW Race committee signals vessel positioned near mark CC

62	G – CA – S – F	2.8
63	G – SN – V (S) – NB – F	3.1
64	G – CA – V (S) – NB – F	3.7
65	G – CA – WN (S) – V (S) – J – F	4.2
66	G – BR – V (S) – J – F	4.5
67	HD – CN – WN (S) – V (S) – J – F	5.7
68	G – CA – BO (S) – P (S) – V (S) – J – F	5.7
69	G – CA – BO (S) – P (S) – V (S) – PB – F	6.5
70	G – CA – BO (S) – HD – CN – WN (S) – V (S) – J – F	7.4
71	HD – Z (S) – C (S) – CA – WN (S) – V (S) – NB – F	8.5
72	G – CA – BO (S) – P (S) – BO (S) – P (S) – V (S) – J – S – J – F	9.5
73	HD – Z (S) – C (S) – GY (S) – BR – V (S) – NB – F	9.8
74	HD – Z (S) – GY (S) – Z (S) – C (S) – BR – S – F	11.5

Wind W Race committee signals vessel positioned near mark W

75	WX – G – WN – F	2.6
76	WX – G – S (S) – WT (S) – F	3.6
77	WX – G – V (S) – NB – F	3.8
78	WX – CN (S) – BR (S) – WN – F	4.1
79	WX – P – S (S) – WT (S) – F	4.5
80	WX – P – V (S) – NB – F	4.5
81	WX – G – V (S) – J – PW – WT (S) – F	4.8
82	WX – HD – V (S) – J – PW – WT (S) – F	6.4
83	WX – CN (S) – BR (S) – V (S) – J – PW – WT (S) – F	6.7
84	WX – CN (S) – GY (S) – P – S (S) – WT (S) – F	8.0
85	WX – Z (S) – GY (S) – CA – V (S) – NB – F	8.7
86	WX – Z (S) – GY (S) – HD – GY (S) – CA – WN – F	9.1

Wind NW Race committee signals vessel positioned south east of mark CA

87	SN – G – CA – F	2.7
88	W – G – CA – F	3.2
89	V – G – SN – CC – F	3.7
90	S – G – CA – F	4.0
91	V – G – CA – CC – F	4.2
92	S – G – CN (S) – BR (S) – W – F	5.2
93	V – P – CN (S) – BR (S) – CC – F	5.3
94	S – P – CN (S) – BR (S) – CC – F	5.5
95	V – G – CN (S) – BR (S) – V – WN (S) – F	6.2
96	S – HD – Z – BR (S) – V – WN (S) – F	7.4
97	V – G – CN (S) – HD – Z – BR (S) – V – WN (S) – F	8.4
98	V – G – CN (S) – C (S) – GY (S) – Z – BR (S) – CC – F	10.5
99	S – C (S) – GY (S) – Z – CC – F	10.8