



RCYC Sailing Ltd

## RCYC TRINITY RACE

(an element of the COGS Offshore Series 2024)  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Organising Authority (OA): RCYC Sailing Ltd,  
Falmouth, Cornwall, UK  
in conjunction with the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club

### NOTICE OF RACE

Abbreviations:

[DP] – Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee.

#### 1 RULES

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- 1.1 (a) The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).  
(b) RRS 63.7 will be changed to permit a rule in the Sailing Instructions to take precedence over a rule in the Notice of Race.  
(c) International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) will also be used as detailed in the Sailing Instructions (S.I's)  
(d) World Sailing Offshore Special Regs (OSR) 2024-25 Cat 3 with Cat 2 liferaft will apply.  
(e) IRC Rules 2024 Parts A, B and C will apply for IRC boats. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.
- 1.2 Local regulations will apply concerning safe navigation in close proximity of large vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, and dive vessels. Full details will be given in the S.I's.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be posted on-line at [www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org](http://www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org) before midday on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

#### 3 COMMUNICATION

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- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at [www.cogsracing.org.uk](http://www.cogsracing.org.uk)  
3.2 There will be no physical noticeboard.  
3.3 Competitors may be alerted by WhatsApp to new notices being posted. The race committee may also use WhatsApp to make other courtesy announcements concerning the event. Boats should register at least one device to receive WhatsApp.  
3.4 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy and safety broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel(s) will be stated in the S.I's. Any announcement, or failure to make an announcement, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).  
3.5 [DP] Except in an emergency, from the first warning signal until the end of the race a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1 The event is open to paid up members of COGS with mono-hull boats that:
- a) are seaworthy boats with hull length between 7.85 and 18.5m inclusive (as per World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, paragraph D3.1)
  - b) comply to World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2024-2025 Section 3 (cat 3).
  - c) are sailed fully crewed or two-handed.
  - d) have a current and valid IRC primary certificate or short-handed certificate or SWYTC (YTC) certificate on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. Changes to the rating will not be permitted after this date except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.
  - e) have, in the case of boats having an IRC rating as per paragraph 4.1(d) above, either a minimum SSS number of 15 *or* a minimum STIX value of 23 *and* an AVS value of at least (130-0.005m) where m=minimum sailing weight in kg. Boats with a series date of 2000 or later will be categorised by STIX only, boats with a series date earlier than 2000 may be categorised by either method. (See <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/> for guidance).
  - f) have, in the case of YTC mono-hulls, stability and buoyancy properties enabling them to be assigned to Design Category B of ISO 12217-2. 2022
  - g) are registered with the [safetrx.rya.org.uk](http://safetrx.rya.org.uk) system (NB boats must **not** submit the race as a SafeTrx journey; it is only necessary for boat details to be held on the SafeTrx database).
- 4.2 All entries shall be submitted on-line at [www.cogsracing.org.uk](http://www.cogsracing.org.uk) prior to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.
- 4.3 An entry is not complete until:
- the entry form has been completed on the COGS website and the fee has been paid.
  - a copy of the IRC or YTC certificate has been submitted on-line to COGS at [www.cogsracing.org.uk](http://www.cogsracing.org.uk)
  - a crew list has been submitted to the organising authority (OA). The crew list shall identify the designated “deputy person-in-charge” should the person-in-charge become incapacitated, and shall contain full emergency shore contact details. The form will be available for download at [www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org](http://www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org).
  - a parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration has been submitted to the OA for crew age 18 and under. The form will be available for download at [www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org](http://www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org).

## 5 FEES

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- 5.1 There will be no fee to the OA.

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

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- 6.1 IRC rule 22.4 will not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.

## 7 ADVERTISING

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- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 7.2 IRC Rules Part D will not apply.

## 8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

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Not applicable

## 9 SCHEDULE

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Date	Activity	Time	Location
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	IRC warning signal	10:55	Pendennis headland
	YTC warning signal	11:00	Pendennis headland
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Race time limit	08:00	-
	Deadline for submitting finish declarations. <i>Yachts finishing on or close to the time limit may submit their declaration to the COGS results officer electronically, by phone or by VHF</i>	10:00	RCYC
	Prize-giving	Tba	Venue tba

## 10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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The OA may inspect boats and equipment for compliance with the rules of the race. Any such inspections will take place in Falmouth before the start and after finishing.

## 11 CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

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Not applicable.

## 12 VENUE

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- 12.1 NOR Addendum A shows the plan of Falmouth for the event. Racing will take place off the south Cornwall coast.
- 12.2 The race office will be situated at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club. Info online at [www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org](http://www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org).

## 13 COURSES

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- 13.1 The start area will be in Falmouth harbour off the eastern shore of Pendennis Point. Details in S.I's.
- 13.2 Courses will be Falmouth, Hand Deeps cardinal, Eddystone, Wolf Rock and back to a finish in Falmouth (or vice versa) and will be detailed in the S.I's..
- 13.3 The finish line will be off RCYC. Details in S.I's.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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- 14.1 For all boats RRS 44 is changed so that a Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

## 15 SCORING

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15.1 In the offshore series, one race is required to constitute a series. Series scoring will be as per RRS Appendix A except as amended in Section 2. When any part of Section 2 does not apply, the following Rule changes will apply for the purpose of scoring the COGS series:

1. Rule 90.3, to allow an abandoned race to be scored if at least one boat has started.
2. Rule A5.3 will apply.
3. Rule A2.1, to allow for a boat's worst score(s) to be excluded as per the following:

Series	Races completed	Exclusions
Offshore	5, 4, <4	1, 1, 0

For the purposes of scoring the COGS series, boats entered in the short-handed classes in any race will be scored in both the short-handed and fully crewed classes. For the purposes of scoring the COGS series, if an abandoned race has been scored it will not be re-sailed.

## 16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

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Not applicable.

## 17 CHARTERED OR LOAN VESSELS

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Not applicable.

## 18 BERTHING

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18.1 In Falmouth (see Addendum A):  
Visiting boats will need to arrange their own berthing before and after the race. Berthing is available at Port Pendennis marina ([www.portpendennis.com](http://www.portpendennis.com)), the Falmouth Haven Marina ([www.falmouthhaven.co.uk/moorings/introduction/](http://www.falmouthhaven.co.uk/moorings/introduction/)), and Falmouth Marina ([www.premiermarinas.com/pages/falmouth\\_marina](http://www.premiermarinas.com/pages/falmouth_marina)). Visitors swinging moorings are also available in Falmouth inner harbour ([www.falmouthhaven.co.uk/moorings/introduction/](http://www.falmouthhaven.co.uk/moorings/introduction/)).

## 19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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Not applicable.

## 20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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Not applicable.

## 21 DATA PROTECTION

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RCYC Sailing Ltd, in compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (UK GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of this event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the UK GDPR and shared with the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, COGS and, if necessary, the emergency services. It will not be shared with any other third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events.

## 22 MEDIA RIGHTS

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

## 23 RISK STATEMENT

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- 23.1 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”.
- 23.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk including strong winds, rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance and fatigue etc. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. 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) The provision of a race management team, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - f) 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;
  - g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- 23.3 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

## 24 INSURANCE

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Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent as per the COGS Entry Form declaration which they have agreed to.

## 25 PRIZES

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Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each class (IRC, YTC, IRC 2-handed, YTC 2 handed).

## 26 FURTHER INFORMATION

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For further information please visit [www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org](http://www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org) or contact the race office: Tel: +44 (0)1326 312 126, Fax: +44 (0)1326 211 614, E-mail: [sailing@royalcornwallyachtclub.org](mailto:sailing@royalcornwallyachtclub.org)

## NOR Addendum A

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### Venue



- 1 - Royal Cornwall Yacht Club
- 2 - Port Pendennis marina
- 3 - Falmouth Yacht Haven
- 4 - Falmouth Marina