



HEL福德 RIVER SAILING CLUB

HEL福德 - L'ABER WRAC'H PURSUIT RACE

FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2026

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NOTICE OF RACE

65th ANNUAL PURSUIT RACE TO L'ABER-WRAC'H – FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2026

Helford River Sailing Club will hold its Annual Pursuit Race to L'Aber Wrac'h on Friday 26th June 2026.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Helford River Sailing Club.

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Rules

Racing will take place under the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2026 – 2028 and World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2026-27, the RYA prescriptions, this Notice of Race and the Safety Rules therein, and the HRSC Sailing Instructions. Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted (this changes RRS 52).

Safety

World Sailing Offshore Racing Category 3 shall apply, the full text of which can be found online at www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/. Every yacht must also carry a serviced life raft capable of carrying the entire crew. Any boat found to be in breach of the specified safety regulations will be disqualified. Yachts may use their engine to recover a man overboard, or to render assistance in grave emergency, full details of which must be reported on the declaration card.

Entries

Entries will only be accepted from competitors who have completed and signed a valid entry form and whose boat displays sail numbers in compliance with RRS Appendix H. Under-sixteen-year olds may only enter or crew if their parents or guardians have completed and signed the parental permission form available from HRSC. A Maritime Yacht Rescue Information form (available from HRSC website) should be completed and returned with the Entry Form.

Postal and email entries will be accepted up to 19th June and should be sent by post at the above address or emailed to the Club Administrator (email address as above). Entries in person can be made on the Thursday evening (25th June) 18:00 – 20:00.

Entries close at 20:00hrs Thursday 25th June 2026.

The Entry Fee is £40/€40 (or £30/€30 if paid by 12th June). If you wish to pay by BACS, the bank details are Sort Code 30-94-07 Acc No 00090120 - use reference LABboatname.

Classes

Racing will be provided for monohull and multihull yachts. The race will be the L'Aber Wrac'h Pursuit Race, in which every entrant shall be entered. Entrants will start at their designated pursuit time. This will entail competitors self-certifying their finish time. (Further details in the Sailing Instructions).

Handicaps and start times

Handicaps and start times will be issued by the HRSC handicap committee, to whom any queries or complaints must be addressed in writing.

Trophies and Prize giving

The first monohull yacht to finish the Pursuit Race will be awarded the Guncarriage Trophy. The monohull yacht with the youngest crew member will be awarded the Marie Jo Trophy. The first monohull yacht to finish the Pursuit Race, and owned by a Member of HRSC, will be awarded the Sundancer Trophy. The first monohull yacht under 10M, and owned by a Member of HRSC, will be awarded the Bobby Martin Trophy. Additional glassware may be awarded at the discretion of the HRSC Sailing Committee. Prize giving will take place in L'Aber Wrac'h at a time and venue to be announced in the Sailing Instructions.

Conditions

The safety of the boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience that are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used. Neither the establishment of these conditions nor any inspection of the boat shall in any way limit or reduce the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew is nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements. Any litigation arising from any claim for loss of or damage to any vessel involved, death or personal injury to any persons involved SHALL be held in an ENGLISH Court of Law.

Customs Requirements

Entrants shall be responsible for complying with all UK and French customs, passport and visa requirements on entry into UK or French territorial waters. All skippers and crew members must carry a valid Passport.

Tides, Access to HRSC and Moorings

Local Low Water on Thursday 25th June 2026 is 21:13 BST, height 1.7m. The outer end of the Club pontoon will be accessible to tenders at all times.

Local Low Water on Friday 26th June 2026 is at approximately 09:46 BST, height 1.6m. The outer end of the Club pontoon will be inaccessible to tenders at all times.

Please note (to avoid confusion) that all mooring fees in the Helford are payable to Helford River Moorings – these are not under HRSC jurisdiction.

Social Activities

All visitors are welcome to join the Club race on Wednesday 24th June.

There will be a Champagne Reception in the clubhouse 19.00 – 20.00 on Thursday 25th June, followed by live music. Food will be available.

A breakfast buffet will be available in the clubhouse on the morning of the 26th June. Please book on 01326 231606.