



NOTICE OF RACE 2026



The Organising Authority is the Guernsey Yacht Club LBG ('GYC').

1. RULES

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the RYA Prescriptions, the Sailing Instructions (as published in the GYC Yearbook) and the rules of each class as modified by these instructions.

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The races, dates and start times of races are as stated in Racing Programme 2026 printed in the Yearbook of the GYC, with the exception of the following for which separate Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions will be issued:

- The Inter Island Race;
- The DFM Regatta;
- The CI Open Dinghy Masters Championship;
- The Weekday Race & Lunch Series
- Races organised by The Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club ('RCIYC');

There may be other races organised by the GYC from time to time for which separate Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions are issued.

3. CLASSES AND HANDICAPS

Classes and handicaps are as follows:

<i>Designation</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Handicap</i>
A	All Yachts and Dinghies	Portsmouth Yardstick
D	Dinghies	Portsmouth Yardstick
J	All Juniors	Portsmouth Yardstick
L	Laser, Laser Radial	Portsmouth Yardstick
O	Optimists	Class Rules
1	Class 1 Yachts	IRC
2	Class 2 Yachts	IHS Adjusted
3	Class 3 Yachts	IHS Adjusted
Y	All Yachts	IHS Adjusted
5	Class 5 Catamarans	SCHRS
6	Class 6 Dinghies	Portsmouth Yardstick <1009 *
7	Class 7 Dinghies	Portsmouth Yardstick >1010 *
8	Junior Class 1	Portsmouth Yardstick <1445
9	Junior Class 2	Optimist

* Dinghies in the range of 1010 to 1050 can elect to sail in Class 6 or stay in class 7, but once that decision is made they have to remain in the chosen class for the remainder of that series.

Notes:-

- 1) re Multihulls (yachts) - Multihulls will start with Class 2.
- 2) Yachts that wish to sail Double Handed may do so in Class 2. If there are sufficient yachts racing Double Handed, prizes may be awarded for a Double Handed Class, within Class 2.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEES

Races are open to all Yachts and Dinghies complying with GYC Safety Regulations and which are owned by or on charter to and when racing, in the charge of a member of the GYC or a GYC affiliated Club, or of any Yacht or Sailing Club recognised by a National Authority; but only members of the GYC, RCIYC Guernsey or GYC Affiliated Clubs are eligible to receive points or trophies unless otherwise stated.

Entries shall be made on the appropriate form available on the Club website and submitted at least 24 hours before the first race in which a Yacht or Dinghy is to compete. In the case of Class 1 Yachts a photocopy of the IRC Certificate must accompany the entry form. All entries must include the appropriate fee as follows:

YACHT FEES

£20 per race, £70 per series or for the season £7.35 per foot LOA (any fraction of a foot is rounded up). See GYC Yacht Race Entry Forms on the Club website.

DINGHY FEES

Dinghy Race Entry Fees and Dinghy Park Fees are combined and an application for both should be submitted on the Dinghy Race Entry Form 2025, which can be found on the Club website.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Dinghy Types (examples)</i>	<i>Race Entry Fee</i>
Optimist	Optimist on racks – (juniors only)	£77.50
Mono small	Laser on racks, RS Feva – (juniors only)	£181.00
Mono small	Laser on racks, RS Feva, RS Aero	£246.00
Mono regular	GP 14, Finn, RS100, RS200, Laser 2000	£271.00
Mono large	RS300, RS400, RS800	£304.00
Catamaran	Hobie Tiger, Dart	£386.50

Dinghy owners must return a completed **Dinghy Park Registration Form** in order to be allocated a space, **before** leaving their craft on the dinghy park. These fees cover the dinghy and launching trolley **only**. **No road bases or any paraphernalia other than the hull, launching trolley and cover should be left in the Dinghy Park.**

In all races sailed under Class J, only boats helmed and crewed by persons of GYC Junior Member age group shall be eligible to receive points or trophies, or to have their results recorded in this class. Helmsmen **MUST** be a member of the GYC. All Juniors are required to have parental permission to participate in GYC races.

A Junior Member may continue to race in that Class for the remainder of the year in which his/her 18th birthday falls.

5. SAFETY

Safety Regulations are as stated in the Sailing Instructions.

6. COURSES

Courses for racing will set using fixed marks, navigational buoys, the Club's fixed and portable buoys. Full details can be found in the Sailing Instructions.

7. SCORING

Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A. Rule A5.3 will apply.

Dinghy Classes - At the discretion of the Dinghy Captain, competitors allocated to Club duties during a series shall be given average points for the race(s) they are unable to participate in. Average points will be calculated at the end of the series on the basis of all races in the series that the sailor sailed in, irrespective whether or not these races are subsequently discarded. See Sailing Instructions 17.2.

8. 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this Notice of Race, 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 patrol boats umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The 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 held for the event.

9. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after racing.

10. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (three million pounds) per incident or the equivalent.

11. GDPR

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the race programme 2026. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the race programme 2026 (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.