



Guernsey Yacht Club

“Alderney Races” 2026

(the "Event")



Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August 2026

Notice of Race

THE EVENT

The Event comprises of two races:-

Race 1 is a Pursuit Race from Guernsey to Alderney on Saturday 8th August 2026;

Race 2 is a Race from Alderney to Guernsey on Sunday 9th August 2026

A £20 entry fee will be payable per boat.

Please note, we can't prebook buoys in Alderney so be prepared to anchor if necessary. We have normally been able to find enough buoys but it is Alderney week and likely to be busy.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

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RULES and SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The Event will be governed by:-

a) the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS) and the prescriptions of the RYA;

b) the Notice of Race;

c) Sailing instructions and amendments thereto. The Sailing Instructions will be available by Monday 3rd August.

Minimum Safety Requirements: - ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 (with liferafts) or in accordance with GYC Sailing instruction number 18.

ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY and ENTRY FEES

The Event is open to yachts that satisfy the Minimum Safety Requirements above.

Multihulls shall only race in the Multihull Class.

Please advise Rear Commodore Sailing as soon as possible of your intention to participate.

PROVISIONAL RACE PROGRAMME

		Start (BST)	HW (BST)	
Saturday 8th August	Race 1 – Pursuit Race - Guernsey to Alderney	12.30*	Gsy 14.47	7.1
Sunday 9th August	Race 2 – Alderney to Guernsey	0900	Gsy 16.21	7.4

* 12.30 is approximate time of first start. See list of start times for details

PROVISIONAL CLASSES

All yachts shall start together, except for Race 1, the Pursuit Race, see separate instructions for this race. Should numbers allow there will be two Monohull Classes, Racer and Cruiser and a Multihull Class.



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HANDICAPS, SCORING and PRIZES

All races will be sailed using the Channel Island Handicap System (CIHS), the same handicap system used for the Inter Island race. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply and all races shall score equal points. Prizes will be awarded for each race and prizes will be awarded for the overall results. Both races will count towards the overall series results and there shall be no discard.

RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the Race Organisers 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.

INSURANCE

Each yacht shall be insured for third party liability in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

PROVISIONAL SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Saturday 8 th August	Meal at “The Moorings” 1800 *
Sunday 9 th August	Individual races and Overall prizegiving at the GYC at 1600*

*Times to be confirmed.