



ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

**The MOCRA UK National
Championships 2025**

2nd May – 5th May 2025

Notice of Race

Organising Authority (OA) – The Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd (RWYC)

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MARINE ELECTRONICS

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and the 2025 MOCRA Rating Rule
- 1.2 Where boats are racing within the boundaries of the Port of Plymouth they are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020, a copy of which can be downloaded from <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1261/made> , and Local Notices to Mariners. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1(a), Allegation of Misconduct.
- 1.3 Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter a class rule.
- 1.4 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.5 The exoneration penalty and the Advisory Hearing and Arbitration Procedures of the RYA will be available at this event. See <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>
- 1.6 Competitors should note that the Royal Western Yacht Club of England implements the RYA Racing Charter and entrants will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found on the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
- 1.7 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 4 shall apply. <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/> Additionally, all boats shall carry a life raft in accordance with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 4.20. Any boats that do not comply fully with the requirements may apply to the Organising Authority for written dispensation.
- 1.8 The time limit for each race will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the MOCRA Nationals page of the RWYC website at <https://rwyc.org/race/mocra-nationals-2025/> on or before Monday 28th April 2025.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats with a valid MOCRA rating certificate. The fleet may be split into 2 individual fleets depending on the numbers of entries. This will be available on the website on or before Monday 28th April 2025.
- 3.2 MOCRA multihull entrants shall comply with the World Sailing Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Category 4 races. Any boats that do not comply fully with the requirements may apply to the Organising Authority for written dispensation.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter as follows

3.3.1 The MOCRA Nationals entry form should be downloaded from the regatta Website at <https://rwyg.org/race/mocra-nationals-2025/>, completed and returned to the regatta office admin@rwyg.org together with the requisite entry fee detailed below. Or complete and pay via the online entry at <https://rwyg.org/race/mocra-nationals-2025/>

3.3.2 Entries should be received by Friday 25th April 2025. Entries received after this date will be deemed as late entries and will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

4. ENTRY FEES

4.1

	Whole Regatta
All boats	£120

4.2 Entry fees also entitle entrants for prizes in the MOCRA class of the Triangle race.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1

Date	Race	First warning signal
1 st May 2025	Skippers Briefing and Reception at RWYC	18.30
2 nd May 2025	Up to 3 races, W/L and Round the Cans. Reception at RWYC after racing	1055
3 rd May 2025	Plymouth - Falmouth	0845
4 th May 2025	Falmouth – Fowey	1045
5 th May 2025	Fowey – Plymouth	1015
5 th may 2025	Prize giving and reception at RWYC	1600 approximately after Fowey/Plymouth race

5.2 There will be a race reception and briefing at the RWYC on Thursday 1st May at 1830 and a reception at the RWYC on Friday 2nd May after racing

5.3 There will be a reception and prize-giving at the Royal Western Yacht Club on Monday 5th May 2025 at approximately 1600 after the race from Fowey to Plymouth where overall, daily, each leg and Triangle prizes will be awarded

6. VENUE

- 6.1 Racing on Friday 2nd May will take place in Plymouth Sound, which extends 2.5nms South of Plymouth Breakwater & surrounding waters. Refer Admiralty Chart 30: Plymouth Sound and Approaches. See **Appendix A**
- 6.2 Racing on Saturday 3rd May to Monday 5th May will take place in coastal waters, Refer admiralty Chart 1267 Plymouth to Falmouth. See **Appendix B**

7. COURSES

- 7.1 Friday 2nd May 2025. The MOCRA fleet will race both north and south of the breakwater using Navigational Marks/Laid Marks for coastal courses and Laid Marks for windward/leeward courses.
- 7.2 Saturday 3rd May to Monday 5th May. The MOCRA fleet will have one coastal race each day using Navigational Marks. Joining the RWYC Falmouth/Fowey/Plymouth Triangle Race
- 7.3 Precise descriptions of each day's courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 The Post-Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration system of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes> for details.
- 8.2 Discretionary penalties will be available to the Protest Committees (PC).

9 MEASUREMENTS

- 9.1 Changes to the rating of a boat other than upwards will not be allowed after 18.00hrs on Wednesday 30th April unless the rating change is:
- (a) Due to an error made by MOCRA. In such a case the rating shall be corrected for all races.
- (b) The result of a rating protest, when RRS 64.3 will apply together with the rules applicable to that rating system.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The MOCRA Nationals overall scores will be calculated using a high point (HP) weighted scoring system. The first boat in each leg will be awarded point's equivalent to the number of starters multiplied by the race weighting. Second and subsequent places will be awarded one point less than the previous place multiplied by the race weighting. This changes A4.1 RRS
- 10.2 MOCRA Class will be scored using the MOCRA Rating Rule

11. DISCARDS

- 11.1 (a) When 5 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. Discard limited to Friday races only.

12. BERTHING

- 12.1 The Race Committee will ensure that the respective harbour authorities / marinas at Falmouth and Fowey are aware of the event and inform them of the expected number of yachts for berthing.
- 12.2 Finding a berth/ mooring at each port is each yacht's responsibility.
- 12.3 Cattewater Harbour have agreed the use of the pontoons in the river adjacent to the RWYC. Could entrants specify what nights they need a spot there Thursday, Friday and Monday. Details of berthing arrangements can be found on the MOCRA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mocra/> Berthing fees are not included in the entry fee.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14.0 PRIZES

- 14.1 Daily prizes will be awarded. Overall class prizes/trophies will be awarded.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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".
- 15.2 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 they;
- 15.2a 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;
- 15.2b they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 15.2c they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
- 15.2d their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 15.2e 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;
- 15.2f provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 15.3 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce their responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold Insurance against third part claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000. It is the duty of each boat owner to have his boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the event.

17. MEDIA WAIVER

- 17.1 Competitors give their consent to the Royal Western Yacht Club and its sponsors, to use their name, comments, photograph and likeness in order to promote the Plymouth Race Week event and subsequent events.

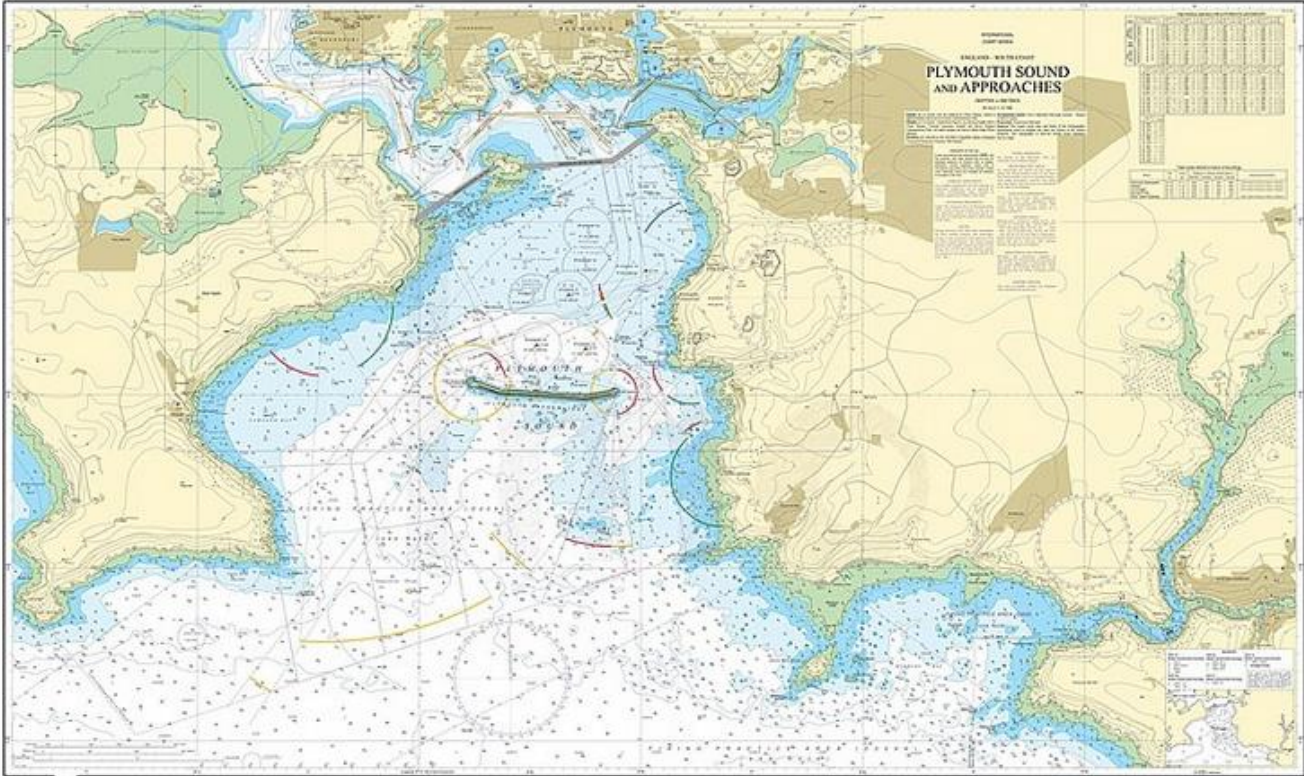
18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For further information, please contact

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APPENDIX A

Area for courses on Friday 2nd May 2025 (Admiralty Chart 30)



APPENDIX B

Area for courses from Saturday 3rd May 2025 to Monday 5th May 2025 (Admiralty Chart 1267)

