

Swansea Yacht & Sub-Aqua Club 2025 Padstow Race

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority (OA) is Swansea Yacht & Sub-Aqua Club.

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by:

- a. the racing rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028 (RRS); and
- b. the National Authority (RYA) prescriptions which can be found at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules>.

1.2 Boats shall also abide by:

- a. the RYA Racing Charter, which can be found in the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2028-28) and at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter> ; and
- b. the byelaws and regulations of ABP Swansea and ABP Port Talbot, as applicable.

1.3 Skippers/those responsible for boats must ensure satisfactory compliance with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 races plus liferaft (as Category 2).

1.4 The Notice of Race can be changed by amendment or by the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.5 The Official Notice Board will be the official notice board located in SYSAC club hallway.

1.6 The Racing fleet must have at least two boats registered and willing to race.

1.7 Between sunset and sunrise (as defined in the Sailing Instructions) navigation lights shall be lit and International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea shall replace the corresponding rules of RRS.

1.8 An engine may only be used for propulsion to recover a man over-board, to render assistance, or in any other grave emergency, but may be subject to protest. Full details must be reported on the race declaration. Any time penalty or disqualification will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 42.

1.9 In variance to WSSR rule 15.2, irrespective of crew size, races may be sailed with the assistance of self-steering gear, including wind, electric or stored power driven, provided that a proper lookout is kept at all times.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the OA.

3. RATING AND MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES

3.1 Boats will be handicapped using the YTC system. Boats that do not have a valid 2025 YTC certificate may apply for one online, using the procedure set out within the YTC website (www.ytc.rorcrating.com).

3.2 A copy of a boat's valid 2025 RYA YTC certificate shall be received before the start of the race, unless otherwise agreed by the OA in which case the race will be retrospectively scored according to the rating once received. Where the OA holds a certificate supplied for a previous race or series in the 2025-2026 year and a replacement is not supplied, the previous rating will be taken to apply.

3.5 Boats shall declare to the OA prior to the race the YTC sail configuration with which they will compete. Boats failing to so declare their sail configuration shall be handicapped according to their spinnaker rating.

4. ENTRY

4.1 Eligible boats may enter by:

- i. Completing the on-line entry form available at <https://sysac.org/yachting-and-racing/>; or
- ii. Submitting to the office of the OA a completed copy of the paper entry form at Annex A.

4.2 A full list of the boat's crew with next of kin / emergency contact details must be provided to the OA prior to commencement of the race. This may be provided in a sealed envelope and will be securely destroyed within one week after completion of the race.

4.3 Entries **must be received by 17:00 on the 21st of May, 2025**. Timely entries are encouraged and the race may be cancelled if insufficient entries have been received by Friday the 16th of May, 2025.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 There will be one race scheduled to start at 19:00 on 23rd of May, 2025. The warning signal will not be before 18:55.

5.2 Notwithstanding 5.6, the race start may be postponed until 14:00 on Saturday the 24th of May, 2025 with a warning signal not before 13:55, by the OA giving at least 24 hours notice via the official notice board and other reasonable communication channels.

5.4 The warning signal is expected to be at five minutes prior to the advertised start time.

5.5 The race may be cancelled due to causes including insufficient demand or unsuitable weather.

5.6 The start time may be changed due to weather considerations or by consent of the competitors for other reasons.

5.7 Reasonable efforts shall be made to consult competitors prior to decisions to cancel the race or change times.

5.8 Times shown are in BST.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be published on the SYSAC website and official notice board at least 48 hours prior to the race.

7. RACE AREA

The racing area will be the Bristol Channel.

8. THE COURSES

The course will be set according to the SIs.

9. PENALTIES

9.1 The two-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.1 is replaced by one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).

9.2 A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of the first related protest hearing, notify the RC that she accepts a 30% scoring place penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is two places provided that does not result in a score worse than DNF.

9.3. Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

10. SCORING

10.1 RRS 90.3e shall apply.

10.2 Whether or not a committee boat or shore-based finish line is used, boats shall record their own finish times in local time (i.e. BST until the 26th of October and thereafter GMT) using GPS acquired time as a reference, and convey these to the OA within 48 hours of finishing each race.

11. PRIZES

11.1 Prizes are not given for this race.

12. COMMUNICATION

12.1 All boats shall carry a Marine VHF radio and monitor the appropriate channel as defined in the SIs at all times while competing.

12.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions except in communication with the race committee or other competitors on the specified race channel, and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. Any competitor transmissions on channels used by the race committee shall be limited to those pertaining to the race(s) taking place at the time.

12.3 Owing to the small fleet size and informal nature of this racing, the race committee afloat responsible for course communication and transmission of start sequence may be, by agreement of the competitors, part of the crew of one of the boats competing. 12.2 shall not apply to transmissions from that boat conducting the business of the race committee.

12.4 Further to 12.2, RRS 41(c) is changed to read as follows: “*Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis is allowable. Allowable internet sourced services received by a boat while racing must be computer generated and not have any direct human input from outside the boat.*”. Competitors may use any means to retrieve the data. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of RRS 41.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the OA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

14. INSURANCE

14.1 Each entrant shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured for racing against all third-party claims with a minimum of £3 million cover.

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.”. 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:

- i. 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;
- ii. they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- iii. they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- iv. their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- v. the 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;
- vi. the provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- vii. it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event; and
- viii. 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 a 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.

16. PRIVACY STATEMENT

16.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (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 organizing 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.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 Contact details:

Swansea Yacht & Sub-Aqua Club,
The Clubhouse,
Pockett's Wharf,
East Burrows Rd,
Swansea,
SA1 1RE

SysacOffice@sysac.org.uk

<https://sysac.org/yachting-and-racing/>

17.2 All competitors are welcome as guests of SYSAC on race days.

SYSAC Padstow race Entry Form

Please register my entry for the SYSAC Padstow race on the 25th/26th of May, 2025.

Boat details

Boat Name:

Make and model:

Sail number:

Length overall (LOA) (m): Draught (m):

YTC rating: **Please enclose copy of certificate**

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules which govern this event. I have read the Notice of Race including the conditions of Entry above and confirm that I shall conform to these requirements throughout the events, and I undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.

Your details

Phone: Email:

Whatsapp ?

Print name:

Signature: Date:

Emergency contact

In case of emergency, please contact:

Telephone Number.....