



Ballad UK Class National Championship 2024

Thursday 20th - Monday 24th June

concurrently with the

Sigma 33 Offshore One-Design Class Championship 2024

Wednesday 19th - Sunday 23rd June

Organising Authority (OA): RCYC Sailing Ltd,
Falmouth, Cornwall, UK

in conjunction with
the UK Ballad Association

NOTICE OF RACE FOR BALLAD

Abbreviations:

[DP] - Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
 - (a) RRS 63.7 will be changed to permit a rule in the sailing instructions to take precedence over a rule in the notice of race.
- 1.2 Local regulations will apply concerning safe navigation in close proximity of vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, including dive vessels. Full details will be given in the sailing instructions (SI).
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages then the English text will take precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SI will be available for download on the online official noticeboard from Monday 17th June. Preliminary versions of the SI may be posted on the website before this date. Entrants will be informed by email and WhatsApp.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at:
<http://www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org/official-noticeboard-sigma33&ballad/>
- 3.2 There will not be a physical noticeboard.
- 3.3 Competitors may be alerted by WhatsApp to new notices being posted. The race committee will also use WhatsApp to make other courtesy announcements concerning the event. Boats should register at least one device to receive WhatsApp.
- 3.4 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on international channels.
- 3.5 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy and safety broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel(s) will be stated in the SI.
- 3.6 [DP] Except in an emergency, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race each day a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats, unless using equipment provided by the OA.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats that are members of the UK Ballad Association. Boats shall declare at entry whether they intend to race with or without spinnaker (whitesail).
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter and pay the required fee by downloading and completing the entry form from the official noticeboard. The form will be available from 27th March 2024.
- 4.3 An entry is not finalised until entry fees have been paid in full and registration has been completed. The following information is required to be provided before completion of registration:
- (a) crew list;
 - (b) parent/guardian declarations (available for download from the official noticeboard) for competitors under 18 years of age at any time during the event;
 - (c) application for a boat to display national letters or sail number in contravention of class rules (see also NoR 15);
 - (d) personal details and declaration form, available at registration.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The standard entry fee for entries received on or before 21st May is £120. Entries received after 21st May will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and subject to a Late Entry Fee of £40.
- 5.2 Social entry is £40.
- 5.3 The fees cover participation in the racing only, i.e. not including berthing or social programme.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

The number of crew onboard shall be no more than six.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority, in accordance with World Sailing regulation 20.4.1.

8 FORMAT OF RACING

- 8.1 The event will consist of a championship series of four races over the two days 22nd - 23rd June plus a standalone pursuit race on 24th June that will not count towards the championship.
- 8.2 Spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats will be scored as separate divisions but will race together.

9 SCHEDULE

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Thursday 20 th June	Registration	1600-2000	RCYC
Friday 21 st June	Final registration	1400-2000	RCYC
	Event briefing	2000	RCYC
Saturday 22 nd June	Morning briefing	0845	Pontoon
	Race 1	Warning signal not before 1030	-
	Lunch	After Race 1	On the water
	Race 2	Warning signal not before 1330	-
	Reserve Race*	After previous race	-
Sunday 23 rd June	Morning briefing	0800 (optional)	Pontoon
	Race 3	Warning signal not before 1030	-
	Lunch	After Race 1	On the water
	Race 4	Warning signal not before 1330	-
	Reserve Race*	After previous race	-
Monday 24 th June	Morning briefing	0900	Pontoon
	Coastal pursuit race	First warning signal 0955	RCYC or PoFSA line

* A reserve race may be sailed on either Saturday or Sunday if required to maintain the schedule in the event of adverse circumstances, e.g. weather conditions.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected for compliance with the Ballad One Design Rule, and any alterations adopted by the UK Ballad Association.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Not applicable to this event.

12 VENUE

The race office will be situated at the RCYC. Racing will take place in Falmouth Bay or adjacent waters to the east. If conditions in the Bay are unsuitable, racing may be held within the estuary (see Appendix 1).

13 COURSES

13.1 Courses will be of Windward/Leeward/Triangle type as described in the sailing instructions. Races will be approximately 90 minutes in duration.

13.2 The course for the pursuit race will be displayed on the official noticeboard as described in the SI.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 SCORING

15.1 The spinnaker and whitesail divisions shall be scored separately.

15.2 A minimum of 3 races shall be completed to constitute the series.

15.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.

15.4 When 4 are completed each boat's worst score shall be excluded.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 [DP] All support person vessels (SPV) shall register with the OA and comply with event regulations that will be published with the sailing instructions.

16.2 Small SPV arriving by road may be launched and recovered from the public slipway at the Falmouth Watersports Centre after paying the applicable fee. Larger SPV arriving by sea should book in with Falmouth Haven www.falmouthhaven.co.uk Tel: +44 (0) 1326 310 990.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race in which she participates.

18 BERTHING

18.1 [DP] Competing boats may berth at Falmouth Haven marina. Depending on the number of entries boats may need to raft up.

18.2 The Class Association has negotiated a 15% discount for competing boats but owners should book directly with Falmouth Haven (www.falmouthhaven.co.uk Tel: +44 (0) 1326 310 990) to ensure their requirements both before and after the event are addressed.

18.3 The race committee may give permission in writing for a boat to be removed from the marina during the event, e.g. to undergo repair.

19 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during either event except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race committee.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

[DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

21 DATA PROTECTION

RCYC Sailing Ltd, in compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (UK GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of this event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the UK GDPR and shared with the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, the Class Association and, if necessary, the emergency services. It will not be shared with any other third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future Ballad events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.

22 MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors and/or their Guardians automatically grant to the organising authority and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.

23 RISK STATEMENT

23.1 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”.

23.2 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:

- (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 and omissions;
- (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) 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;
- (f) 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 a safety briefing held for the event

23.3 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration to this effect at registration.

25 PRIZES

25.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows, except that if any day’s racing is lost the relevant daily trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the OA:

Jean Ellis Memorial Trophy	Overall winner
Upper Deck Trophy	2 nd overall
Toms Trophy	3 rd overall
City of Plymouth Trophy	Highest Plymouth yacht (outside the first three overall)
Pam Sheridan Trophy	Highest Plymouth yacht (outside the first three overall)
Corinthian Trophy	Overall winner of the Whitesail division
Old Ferry Inn Trophy	Winner of the pursuit race
The Julian Foye Trophy	Winner of the Concours d’Elegance
Noakes and Habermehl Voyager Trophy	Participating boat that has travelled furthest from her home port

Variety Trophy	Best endeavour
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- 25.2 Engraved glassware will be awarded to boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the overall series.
- 25.3 The 1st boat in each championship race will be awarded a glass except that no boat will be awarded more than one glass during the series.
- 25.4 In addition, mementos of the event will be presented to each entered boat.

26 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the venue please visit www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org or contact the office: Tel: +44 (0)1326 312 126, Fax: +44 (0)1326 211 614, E-mail: events@royalcornwallyachtclub.org.

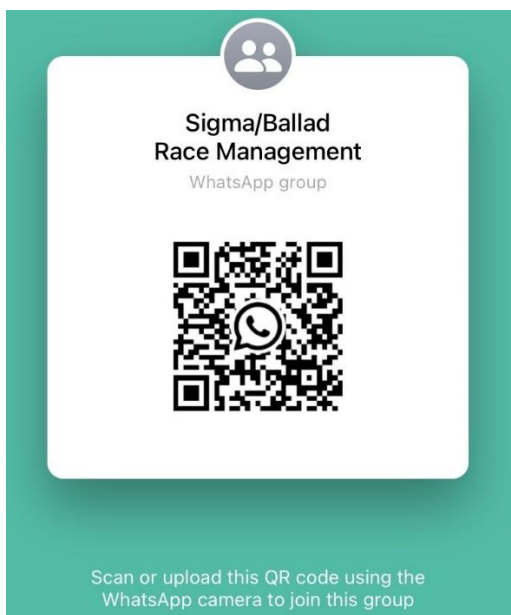
For further information on Falmouth and its environs, including accommodation, please visit www.falmouth.co.uk.

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JOIN THE EVENT WHATSAPP GROUP

The organisers and race committee will use this group to alert competitors to notices being published on the official noticeboard, and to make other courtesy announcements.

Please note that this is not a discussion group.



Appendix 1

Venue



- 1 - Royal Cornwall Yacht Club (race office, protest hearings)
- 2 - Falmouth Watersports Centre (spare equipment storage, public slipway)
- 3 - Falmouth Haven (pontoon berthing & signals mast)
- 4 - Public car parks

Indicative course areas

