

 **PLYM YACHT CLUB**  
— **PRESIDENT'S J/24 AUTUMN CUP** —

**PLYMOUTH SOUND**

10–11 October 2026

*The Organising Authority is Plym Yacht Club*

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## Notice of Race (NoR)

*'[DP]' denotes a rule for which the penalty may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, RYA Prescriptions, J/24 Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Plymouth is a Naval/Commercial Port; shipping movements can be frequent and must have priority. Boats, at all times, must keep clear of ships leaving or entering the port and obey instructions from the Race Committee where avoiding action is necessary. Failure to obey Race Committee instructions may be treated as misconduct. See <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1261/made>
- 1.3. The Post Race Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and Arbitration Procedures of the RYA will be available at this event.
- 1.4. The designation “[DP]” in a rule in the NoR/SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5. Competitors should note that Plym Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and entrants will be expected to sail in compliance with it. See the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
- 1.6. Class rule changes as permitted by the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) Class Rules, Section H:
  - 1.6.1. Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with class rule H.4.3, which allows limited declared crew substitution.

- 1.6.2.** Class rule C.10.2 is replaced with class rule H.2, which allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.

## **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1.** The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before 18:00 on Saturday 3rd October 2026 on the J/24 UK Class Association WhatsApp group.

## **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1.** The official notice board is the J/24 UK Class Association WhatsApp group. All communications during the event will be made on this WhatsApp group and by VHF.
- 3.2.** **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
- 3.3.** **[DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on all channels.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1.** The event is open to all boats of the J/24 class with a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2.** J/24 owners and helms must be members of their National Class Association (NCA) and shall race in accordance with their class rules. They may be required to produce evidence of this and to show a valid boat certificate of measurement at registration.
- 4.3.** Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, at <https://forms.gle/QRx1G5m56SKLKueC6> by 23:59 on Sunday 4th October 2026.
- 4.4.** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **5. ENTRY FEES**

- 5.1.** Entry fees are as follows:

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Entry</b>                                               | <b>Fee</b> |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| J/24         | Standard entry fee up to 3rd October 2026                  | £260       |
| J/24         | Reduced entry fee, excluding PYH crane in/out and berthing | £60        |

- 5.2.** See NoR 12.1 for berthing details.

## **6. CREW LIMITATIONS**

- 6.1.** Any crew member under 18 years of age on 10th October 2026 shall submit a Parent or Guardian agreement by completing the declaration (see Appendix A).

## **7. ADVERTISING**

- 7.1.** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## **8. QUALIFYING SERIES — N/A**

## **9. SCHEDULE**

- 9.1.** No competitor briefings will be held during the event. All communication regarding racing will be by VHF and/or the J/24 UK Class Association WhatsApp group.

- 9.2.** The schedule of racing is:

| <b>Date</b>           | <b>Max no. of races</b> | <b>First warning signal not earlier than</b> | <b>Notes</b>                                                      |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 10th October | 4                       | 10:55                                        | Daily prizegiving and social at Plym Yacht Club, TBA by WhatsApp  |
| Sunday 11th October   | 3                       | 10:25                                        | The warning signal for the last race will not be made after 14:00 |

## **10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS**

- 10.1.** Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
- 10.2.** Boats may be inspected at any time for any class rules during the event. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## **11. N/A**

## **12. VENUE**

- 12.1.** Launching at Plymouth Yacht Haven (PYH), trailer storage, two nights' berthing (Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October) and lift-out on Sunday 11th October at PYH are included in the entry fee.
- 12.2.** For the alternative entry excluding PYH crane in/out and berthing, see NoR 5.
- 12.3.** The racing area will be Plymouth Sound, including the area south of Plymouth Breakwater.

### **13. COURSES**

- 13.1.** Courses sailed will be windward/leeward (World Sailing LA and WA) and marks will be inflatable laid marks, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

### **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1.** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2.** Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

### **15. SCORING**

- 15.1.** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2.** If four or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### **16. N/A**

### **17. N/A**

### **18. N/A**

### **19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 19.1. [DP]** Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. This restriction also applies to rudders.
- 19.2. [DP]** Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the event.
- 19.3. [DP]** The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans is prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

### **20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 20.1. [DP]** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.

### **21. DATA PROTECTION**

- 21.1.** By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and their agents the right in perpetuity to make, use

and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them during the period of the event in which the competitor participates, and in all material related to the event, without compensation. The competitor also grants the Organising Authority, the event sponsor and its agents the right in perpetuity to publish details of the competitor, excluding methods of contact but including the competitor's club, on the internet without compensation.

## **22. RISK STATEMENT**

- 22.1.** 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:
- 22.2.** 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;
- 22.3.** They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 22.4.** They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 22.5.** Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 22.6.** The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 22.7.** The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 22.8.** 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 at the venue;
- 22.9.** Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims. It is the duty of each boat owner to have their 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.

## **23. INSURANCE**

- 23.1.** 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.

## **24. PRIZES**

- 24.1.** The prizegiving will be held at approximately 16:00, or straight after haul-out, on Sunday 11th October 2026 at Plymouth Yacht Haven.

## **25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 25.1.** For further information please contact Plym Yacht Club RCS by email at [rcs@plymyachtclub.org.uk](mailto:rcs@plymyachtclub.org.uk)

## **A. APPENDIX A — PARENT OR GUARDIAN AGREEMENT FORM**

The RYA Parent or Guardian agreement form is available at:  
<https://assets.rya.org.uk/assetbank-rya-assets/action/directLinkImage?assetId=50918>