



INTERNATIONAL SIX METRE British Open Championships 18th – 22nd May 2011

Organising Authority: RCYC Events Ltd,
Falmouth, Cornwall, UK

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (as amended 01 January 2010 and 01 January 2011).
- 1.2** Racing rules 44.1, 60.1(a) & 64.1(a) will be changed as follows:
- (a) Rule 44.1 – Two-Turns Penalty replaced by One-Turn Penalty.
 - (b) Rule 60.1(a) – A boat's right to protest or request redress will be limited.
 - (c) Rule 64.1(a) – Protest committee may impose penalties lesser or greater than disqualification.
- 1.3** The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4** All boats shall comply with Falmouth Harbour Commissioners bye-laws: <http://www.falmouthport.co.uk/pdf/bye-laws.pdf>. Infringement of the bye-laws shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5** In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 and the ISAF 2007 International Six Metre Class Rating Rule and Measurement Instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The regatta is open to members of the International Six Metre Association.
- 3.2** Boats shall comply with class rules and prescriptions with regard to safety equipment and shall carry a buoyancy aid complying with EN 393 – 50 Newtons for each person onboard.
- 3.3** Preferably, competitors should obtain an entry form at www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org, and, after completion, e-mail it to sailing@royalcornwallyachtclub.org, making payment either by card by telephoning the RCYC office on 01326 132126 or by posting a cheque to the Executive Secretary at the RCYC, Greenbank, Falmouth, TR11 2SP.

- 3.4 Alternatively, paper entry forms may be requested from the RCYC, and completed manually before returning, with payment, to the above address.
- 3.5 The closing date for normal entries is Monday 16th May. Late entries will be accepted up to noon on Wednesday 18th May 2011, which will be subject to payment of an additional late entry premium.
- 3.6 Final entry will only be confirmed when the entrant has completed fully and submitted the following:
- The entry form with the entry fee paid in full, including any late entry premium;
 - A parental consent form for crew age 16 and under.

4. FEES

4.1 The entry fee for the regatta is £310 (inclusive of VAT), covering race management, prizes, berthing at Port Pendennis Marina, and a reception. The late entry premium is £50.

4.2 Additional optional payments apply as follows:

Craning in/out at Falmouth Docks* (organised by Ocean Yacht Co Ltd)	£90 per hour plus VAT divisible by the number of boats using
Assistance of Ocean Yacht Co. Ltd*	£31.50 per hour plus VAT

*Please notify requirements as soon as possible www.oceanyachtcompany.com Tel: 0044 (0)1872 863708 or 0044 (0)7831 215230.

4.3 Additional charges will apply for the optional social programme. Details will appear on the entry form.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Racing

Date	Activity	Time
Fri 1 April	Entries open	Noon
Mon 16 May	Normal entries close	Midnight
Wed 18 May	Late entries close	1200
	Launching at Falmouth Docks	1400 - 1600
	Registration at RCYC	1700 - 2100
	Skippers' briefing at RCYC	2000
Thu 19 May	Final registration at RCYC	0830 - 0930
	Up to 3 races*	First warning signal 1055
Fri 20 May	Up to 3 races*	First warning signal 1055
Sat 21 May	Up to 3 races*	First warning signal 1055
Sun 22 May	Up to 2 races*	First warning signal 1055 No race will be started after 1400
	Prize-giving at RCYC	After racing
Mon 23 May	Haul-out at Falmouth Docks	0900 - 1100

*Actual number sailed will be agreed with representatives of the class on the day, but a maximum of 7 races will be sailed.

Separate starts will be provided for "Modern" and "Classic" Six Metres, if there are sufficient entries for each division.

5.2 Social

Date	Function	Time
Wed 18 May	Reception at RCYC followed by optional supper	1900
Thu 19 May	Racing in Falmouth Working Boats	Evening
Fri 20 May	Boat trip to Helford River	1900
Sat 21 May	Class dinner at a local hotel	1930
Sun 22 May	Prizegiving and BBQ at RCYC	After racing
19 - 21 May	Non-sailors programme featuring group visits to local attractions	Various

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1** Each boat may be requested to present a valid Certificate of Rating at registration.
- 6.2** Boats may be subject to inspection before or after any race at the discretion of the Race Committee. Failure of a boat to comply with class rules, notice of race, and sailing instructions will be grounds for disqualification from a race or the series. Inspections do not reduce the absolute and exclusive responsibility of the Person in Charge of a boat to comply with any safety requirement.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the RCYC website from Monday 16th May.

8. VENUE AND COURSES

- 8.1** The Regatta Centre and Race Office will be situated at the RCYC.
- 8.2** Racing will take place in Falmouth Bay unless weather conditions are unsuitable in which case courses may be set in Carrick Roads.
- 8.3** Courses will be Windward/Leeward.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10. SCORING

- 10.1** A minimum of 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2** When more than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats may be subject to restrictions on position during a start sequence and race. Full details will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

12. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept at their assigned places in Port Pendennis Marina. There will be accessible long-term parking close nearby for box trailers. Low loaders will be kept in a secure compound within Falmouth Docks with restricted access.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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 regatta.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1** 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.
- 15.2** The Race Committee may use marine VHF Channel 72 to communicate with competitors. This will include safety information (especially in connection with commercial shipping movements), and may include a countdown sequence.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1** Pendennis Shipyard Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners in both the Modern and Classic Classes.
- 16.2** Prizes will be awarded for overall finishing positions 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Modern and Classic Six Metre classes. Additional prizes may also be awarded.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority or its members will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 17.2** It is for the Person in Charge and crew of the boat to decide whether he/she is fit to sail in the conditions which he/she will find. By launching or going to sea, or staying at sea, the Person in Charge and crew confirm that they are fit for those conditions and the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 17.3** Nothing done by the organiser can reduce the responsibility of the Person in Charge or crew of a boat nor will it make the organiser responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever it may have incurred, as a result of the boat taking part in racing. The organiser encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officers, patrol boats and berthing masters.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1** Further information may be obtained from Dr Neil Andrew, Sailing Secretary at the RCYC:
Tel: 01326 317190. e-mail: sailing@royalcornwallyachtclub.org
- 19.2** Information about Falmouth and its environs, including accommodation, may be found at: www.discoverfalmouth.co.uk/site/visitor-info/falmouth-tic