RSC Christmast Pudding Race

Restronguet SC, Falmouth, Cornwall

13th December 2026

The Organising Authority is Restronguet Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Class Rules will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions and a list of start times for classes will be available on the Restronguet SC website at SIs and Amendments - Restronguet Sailing Club (restronguetsc.org) on or before 30/11/2026

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Entry is open to all dinghies with a PY handicap with handicap or class racing in the following divisions:
- Fast Handicap PY921-1039
- Medium Handicap PY1040-1260 (except for boats with an asymmetric spinnaker)
- Slow Handicap PY1261 and above
- Asymmetric Dinghies PY921-1260
- Turbo – Monohull inc. Foiling PY920 and below
- RS Aero (all rigs)
- Laser (all rigs)
- Catamaran

3.2. Entry for visitors will be available via Webcollect on the Restronguet SC Website at: https://webcollect.org.uk/restronguet/event/christmas-pudding-race-for-visitors-2026

3.3. RSC Members who have already registered for club racing do not need to enter for the race. RSC members who have not already entered club racing shall enter using the "Club Racing Sign Up" on Webcollect https://webcollect.org.uk/restronguet/category/racing-events. Boat that fail to enter on Webcollect may not have their results recorded.

3.4. The helmsperson named on the boat entry form shall be the helm for the race.

3.5. A maximum of 20 visitor entries are allowed

4. ENTRY FEES

4.1 RSC Member - Free
Visitor Entry – £5 per boat

5. FORMAT OF RACING

5.1 There will be ONE Christmas Pudding Pursuit race.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Sunday 13th December 1 Pursuit Race 1100

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 Each boat shall conform to their respective class rules.
7.2 Where relevant, a request may be made to present an individual boats class measurement certificate.

8. VENUE

8.1 The 2026 Christmas Pudding race will be held at Restronguet Sailing Club, Falmouth, Cornwall
8.2 Racing will take place in the Carrick Roads

9. THE COURSE

9.1 Course for the Christmas Pudding race will be set out in the sailing instructions

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 For the Turbo division & Catamaran division classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. For all other classes the Two-Turns Penalty applies.
10.2 For Turbo division class, touching a mark (other than a starting or finishing line mark) with any part of the boat or crew shall not constitute an infringement of the Rules. Manhandling a mark, which results in an advantage, is not allowed and a boat so doing shall be subject to the normal penalty.
10.3 If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 31.
10.4 For Turbo, Fast, Asymmetric & Medium division classes, when an incident occurs where a penalty applies while the head of the spinnaker is above the main boom gooseneck, the penalty may be taken immediately after the next time the head of the spinnaker is lowered below the main boom gooseneck, but shall always be taken prior to rounding the next mark or crossing the finishing line. This changes rule 44.2.

11. SCORING

11.2 The Christmas Pudding race is a pursuit race, the position of boats on the course at the end of the race will determine their score.

12. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

12.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the external clubhouse wall and on - www.restronguetsc.org

13. BERTHING

13.1 No berthing facilities are available at Restronguet SC for visitors

14. PROTEST COMMITTEE

14.1 A Protest Committee will be appointed on an ad-hoc basis if required.
14.2 Written protests must be handed to the Race Officer, or a member of the Sailing Committee, on the day.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing.

16. SAFETY

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

17. LOCAL BYELAWS

17.1 Competitors should be aware that Falmouth is a busy harbour and large vessels frequently move to and from Falmouth Docks, typically escorted by Harbour Patrols Pilot Boats.
17.2 Competitors should also be mindful of Falmouth Harbour Byelaws including when travelling to and from races. Byelaws can be found at: https://www.falmouthharbour.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/30-130-01-FHC-Byelaws.pdf
17.3 The beachfront at Restronguet SC may only be used by vehicles for loading / unloading.

18. RISK STATEMENT

The decision to launch, participate in a race and continue to race is solely the responsibility of the skipper and crew of the boat sailing, and in the case of children, their parent or guardian. By taking part in the event, each competitor, and, in the case of children, their parent or guardian, agrees and acknowledges that;

a) They are responsible for the safety of themselves and their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
b) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
c) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
d) 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;

e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
f) 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 event and to attend any competitors briefing held for this event.

Racing Rules of Sailing states as Fundamental Rule 1 :-

"Helping Those in Danger. A boat, competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger."

Restronguet SC therefore reminds all competitors that they share a responsibility to go to a boat and help if they believe a person or vessel is in danger.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least £3,000,000 per incident.

20. PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be given at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

21.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and their sponsors 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.

22. SUSTAINABILITY

22.1 All competitors are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 For further information or queries, please contact:-

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Restronguet Sailing Club www.restronguetsc.org

For further information on the Mylor Churchtown, Mylor Harbour, the Carrick Roads, Falmouth and its environs, including accommodation, please visit https://www.visitcornwall.com/places/falmouth

ATTACHMENT A - RACING AREA

