TERA SOUTHWEST TRAVELLER

FOWEY

27 September 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Final

September 2026

Organizing Authority: Fowey Sailing Committee (FSC) being the operating name of Port of Fowey Race Organising Committee (POFROC) in conjunction with the Tera Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)
The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 Rules

1.1 The Event will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The Fowey Harbour Byelaws and Notice to Mariners published by the Fowey Harbour Commissioners (FHC) apply both within the harbour and the approaches to it.

1.3 The following rules are changed:-

(a) RRS 40.1 applies whilst afloat.

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

(c) RRS 35 is changed, see 14.3.

2 Changes to Sailing Instruction

2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board (WhatsApp) before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 Communications with competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event WhatsApp group.

3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Flag Staff at RFYC.

3.3 The race office is located at RFYC.

3.4 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and FHC staff.

3.5 [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 communication that is not available to all boats.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Royal Fowey Yacht Club.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 1 hour' in Race Signals AP.

4.3 Flag D displayed ashore with a sound means: The warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made.

5 Schedule

Date	Time	Event
27 September 2026	09:45	Race briefing at FGSC

Schedule of Races

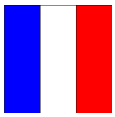
Date	First warning signal not before	Event
27 September 2026	10:30	First race
27 September 2026	Asap after race 1 finish further warning signals	Races 2 onwards

5.1 Changes to the Schedule will be made in accordance with 3.1 above.

5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 14:55.

6 Class Flag

6.1 The class flag will be Code flag T. 

7 Racing areas

7.1 The racing area shall be within the confines of Fowey Harbour.

8 Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The number of laps for each race will be displayed on a board in front of the race hut at RFYC prior to the Warning Signal.

8.3 Course 1 or course 2 will be displayed by a numeral 1 or 2 flying from the RFYC flagpole

9 Marks

9.1 The marks will be orange inflatable marks or marks with a pole and an orange flag, to be rounded to port.

10 The Start

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26, with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between the flagpole at RFYC displaying an orange flag and the seaward side of the yellow ship buoy at the other end.

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

11 Change of the next leg of the course

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position.

12 The Finish

12.1 The finishing line will be between the flagpole at RFYC and the seaward side of the yellow shipping buoy at the other end.

13 Penalty system

13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two turns penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty.

14 Time limits and target times

14.1 The time limit and target time for the lead boat in minutes is as follows:

Race day	No of Races	Time limit (Minutes)	Target time (Minutes)	Extension time (Minutes)
1	4 max	45	30	15

14.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.6(b)1.

14.3 At the discretion of the race committee, a tail-ender who has lost contact with the body of the fleet may, towards the end of the race, receive verbal instructions from the race committee that she need not complete that lap but may return directly to the starting area for the start of the next back-to-back race. The Race Committee vessel giving the instruction will display a Flag W. An appropriate finishing position will be recorded based on her position in the fleet at the last mark rounding. Failure of the race committee to implement this sailing instruction shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. [changes rules 35, A4.1 and A5].

15 Hearing Requests

15.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

15.3 Competitors will be advised no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to advise any hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, and to advise where the hearings will take place.

15.4 The Post Race Penalty procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure shall apply.

16 Scoring

16.1 RRS A5.3 will apply.

16.3 A minimum of 2 races shall be completed to constitute the series.

16.4 When more than 3 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 Safety Regulations

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer or a safety boat as soon as possible; and may be required to remain in the race area until released to return ashore.

18 Replacement of crew or equipment

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution of Equipment between races will be allowed where such equipment has been damaged only.

19 Equipment and measurement checks

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 Support Boats

20.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 Trash Disposal

21.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support boats.

22 Risk Statement

22.1 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.'

22.2 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 or omissions;

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e) 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;

(f) The 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 any safety briefing held for the event.

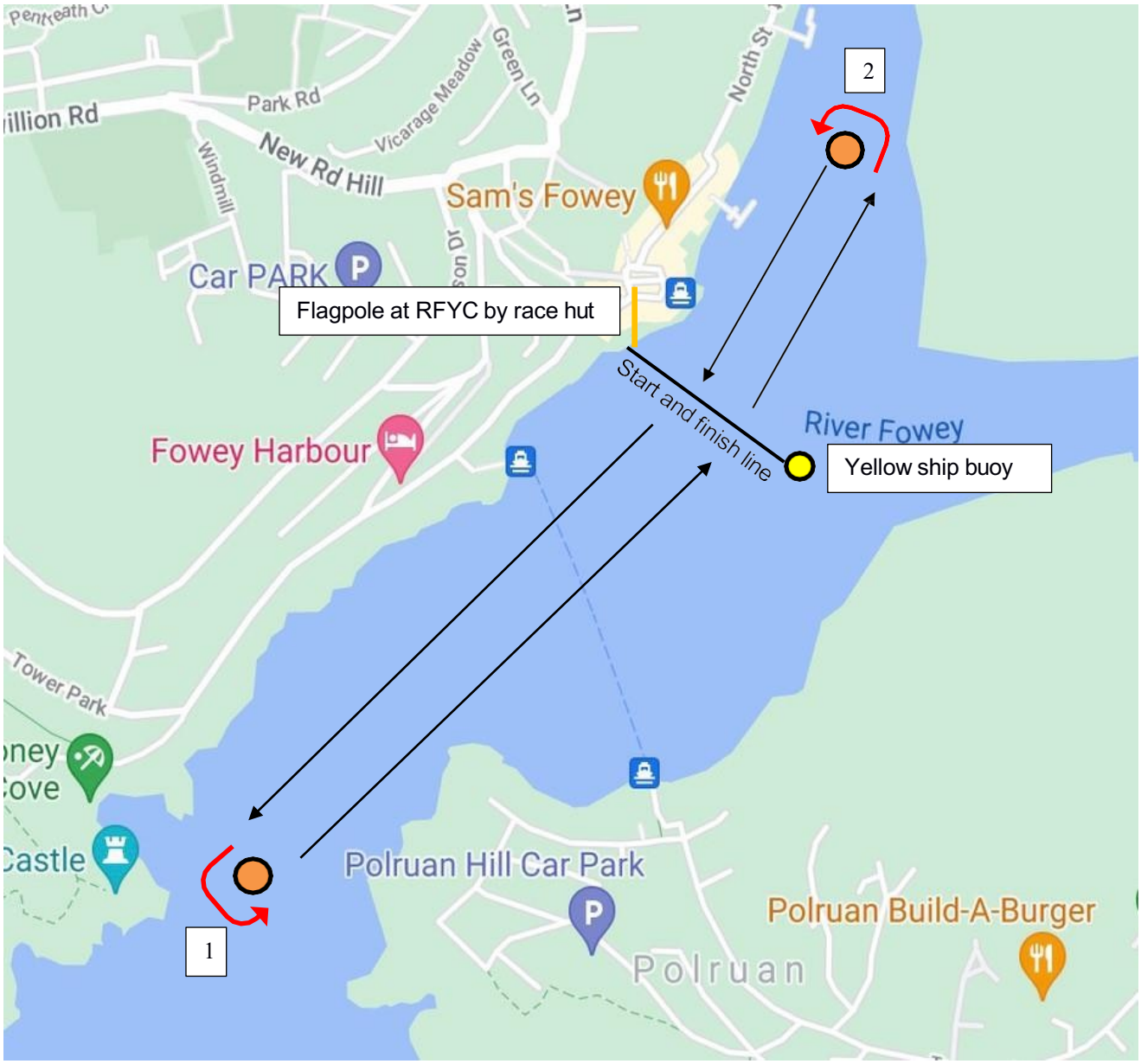
23 Insurance

23.1 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular hold insurance against a third party claim up to at least £3,000,000

Appendix A – Course Diagrams

Course 1- 1st leg to harbour entrance

No. of Laps:	Mark rounding order:
2	Start–1p–line-2p–line-1p-line-2p- Finish
3	Start–1p-line–2p-line–1p-line-2p-line–1p-line-2p–Finish
4	Start–1p-line–2p-line–1p-line-2p-line–1p-line–2p-line- 1p-line-2p- Finish



Course 2 – 1st leg heading upriver

No. of Laps:	Mark rounding order:
2	Start–2p–line-1p–line-2p-line-1p- Finish
3	Start–2p-line–1p-line–2p-line-1p-line–2p-line-1p–Finish
4	Start–2p-line–1p-line–2p-line-1p-line–2p-line–1p-line-2p-line-1p- Finish