

Standing Orders 2026

1. **Notice of Race:** This Yearbook serves as the Notice of Race for the Club's annual programme of Closed and Open races as indicated.
2. **Unsocial Behaviour:** Notwithstanding RRS 69, the Club may take appropriate disciplinary action against the owner and/or crew of any yacht whose behaviour ashore or afloat incurs the censure of the Executive Committee. Disciplinary Action may result in being excluded from competing in the racing programme, and/or revocation of Club Membership.
3. **Insurance:** Members' boats shall carry adequate third party liability insurance of at least £3,000,000 sterling, or higher if required by Class Rules. Yachts shall not compete in races without racing risks insurance. Payment of the Race Entry Fee implies appropriate insurance is in place.
4. **Liability:** The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge, who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used. The establishment of these regulations, their use by race organisers, or the inspection of a yacht under these regulations does not in any way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.
Person in charge. In case of EMERGENCIES the person in charge of the vessel should phone 999 and ask for Coastguard or call Coastguard on VHF Ch16.

5. Safety Equipment and requirements.

5.1.1 Minimum equipment requirement.

Manual bilge pump	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifejacket for each crew member, within its service period, with whistle & crotch straps compatible with harness, marked with boat name, Min 150 Newtons buoyancy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bucket	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marine grade retro reflective material on Lifejacket(s),Lifebuoy(s) Lifeslings,&Liferaft	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compass.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifeline & harness for each crew member.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fog Horn.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifebuoy + self-igniting light & drogue	<input type="checkbox"/>
Min. 2 fire extinguishers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Detailed paper navigational charts covering the area of the race.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Echo Sounder or lead line	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Red pyrotechnic flares or laser/LED EVDS equivalent.	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 anchor (readily accessible)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Orange Smoke pyrotechnic flares	<input type="checkbox"/>
First aid kit +manual	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waterproof safety equipment location chart	<input type="checkbox"/>
Navigation lights + spare bulbs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buoyant material marked with boat name	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum two halyards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tools & spare parts including means to quickly disconnect standing rigging from the hull.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heaving Line 15–25Metres	<input type="checkbox"/>	Softwood plugs attached to skin fittings	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cockpit Knife	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engine AND/OR outboard AND/ OR Paddles.	<input type="checkbox"/>
VHF transmitter/ receiver.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radar Reflector	<input type="checkbox"/>

Definitions for the above equipment are available at www.sailing.org/specialregs under Category 4 Monohulls

- 5.1.2 It is recommended that all yachts shall comply with World Sailing offshore special regulations appropriate to the race in which they are taking part.
- 5.2 **Yachts limited by size, design or other factors:**
- 5.2.1 Yachts which cannot comply with 5.1.1 above shall inform the Race Committee, who may issue an alternative safety requirements checklist which will not be less than class requirements, should they exist, and shall as a minimum conform to **World Sailing OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS / Appendix B/ CATEGORY 5 SPECIAL REGULATIONS for inshore races - Part B Portable Equipment.**
- 5.2.2 Yachts limited by size, design, or other factors and subject to 5.2.1, shall not be eligible to participate in Passage Races.
6. **Inspections:**
- 6.1 Inspections of competing boats may take place prior to, or within 2 hours of the finish by the Race committee or a Representative appointed by the Race Committee. Boats which do not comply with the above regulations may be penalised under RRS Appendix A 'Scoring', up to and including disqualification.
7. **Race Officers:**
- 7.1 Duty Rotas are detailed on pages 15 and 21 for Fairlie and Passage Race RO duties. Anyone unable to carry out their Race Officer duties MUST obtain a substitute and inform the appropriate Race Secretary.
8. **Protest procedures:**
- 8.1 The club will run a modified version of the RYA's Rules Disputes Process. Full details of the RYA's Rules Disputes Process are available at www.rya.org.uk/general/rulesdisputes.
- 8.2 Competitors may ask a rules advisor for an advisory hearing at any time but must inform the other competitor(s) should they wish to be present. Club Rules Advisors will be provided by the Race Committee on request.
- 8.3 Protest Hearings will be convened by the Race Committee and comprise at least three Members of the Club who are not parties to the dispute. The Protest Committee will meet as soon as convenient after the lodging of a protest.
9. **Organising Authority:** The Organising Authority for the races referred to in this Yearbook is Fairlie Yacht Club.
10. **The Race Committee:** Consists of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Race Secretaries and Racing Sub Committee.