



Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th August 2025

NOTICE OF RACE
for
THE WALCON CUP
International and National
Team Event for
Nordic Folkboats

**ORGANISED & HOSTED BY THE
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Abbreviations:

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

NFIA: Nordic Folkboat International Association Rules

UKFAR: UK Folkboat Association Class Rules and Regulations.

RSYC: Royal Solent Yacht Club.

TCF: Time Correction Factor.

1 Organising Authority.

1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

2 The Rules

2.1 The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 The Protest Committee may decide the penalty for breaches of any Rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2. This modifies RRS 64.1(a).

2.3 RRS 35 (time limits) as laid out in Appendix 1, may be changed by the Sailing Instructions.

3 Communication

3.1 The official Notice Board is located in the Reception of the RSYC Clubhouse.

3.2 In addition to the official Notice Board, communication with competitors will be via this link: [Walcon Cup page of the RSYC website](#) and on VHF channel 72.

3.3 The event messaging system will be via WhatsApp, please [click here](#) to join the Walcon Cup WhatsApp group.

3.4 All boats will carry an operational VHF radio while racing, proceeding to a race or returning from a race.

3.5 A boat that retires from a race shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee as soon as practical.

4 Class Rules

4.1 The Nordic Folkboat International Association Rules shall apply with the exception that UKFAR B2 British Spinnakers only will be allowed.

4.2 This Notice of Race may be changed or supplemented by the entry form, Sailing Instructions or by a notice or poster on the official Notice Board.

5 Advertising

- 5.1 Advertising is required by the Organising Authority.

6. Eligibility and Entry for the Walcon Cup

- 6.1 Racing will be in Teams of two Nordic Folkboats and is open to teams from International and National fleets.
- 6.2 Entries should be made online, which together with the appropriate entry fee shall have been received by the Royal Solent Yacht Club no later than midnight Sunday 10th August 2025. Please [click here](#) to enter.
- 6.3 **All helms must be either Full or Associate Members of the UK Folkboat Association or other Country National associations affiliated to NFIA.**
- 6.4 Overseas helms/boats in Open Division, will be temporary members on the payment of £10 to the UK Folkboat Association.

7 Schedule of Races/Time Limit and Fees Payable

- 7.1 Racing Schedule & Time Limits will be as per Appendix 1. This changes RRS 35.
- 7.2 The Time Limit or Schedule for races may be varied by the Organising Committee; changes will be published on the RSYC Notice Board not later than 0800 on the day of the race and may also be published on the RSYC website and WhatsApp.
- 7.3 Fees payable online, as Appendix 1, by midnight Sunday 10th August 2025.

8 Courses

- 8.1 Courses for Race Day 1 Saturday 16th August - Windward/Leeward
- 8.2 Courses for Race Day 2 Sunday 17th August - will be Around the Buoys type as defined by Folkboat Week races 1 and 2.
- 8.3 Charts of racing mark locations and the letter, number or symbol designated to each will be available from the Club office and on the Club website, and may be posted on the official notice board. The courses to be sailed will be described in the relevant Sailing Instructions.

9 Venue Racing

- 9.1 The venue will be RSYC, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0NS.
- 9.2 Racing will be in the Western and Central Solent and may include the Western Approaches to the Solent.
- 9.3 Haulout Restrictions: Boats may not be hauled out during the Walcon Cup without the express prior permission of the P.R.O. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means from 0900 Saturday 16th August.
- 9.4 Courses may be transmitted only by VHF on Channel 72.

10 Sailing Instructions

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the RSYC Sailing Office, or the RSYC website no later than 1st August 2025 please [click here](#) after 1st August.

11 Scoring system Walcon Cup

- 11.1 The minimum number of races to constitute a series is 2.
- 11.2 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Low Points System.
- 11.3 Race Day 1 - Saturday 16th Windward Leewards. The team score will be the total of the scores for each boat in the team for each race completed
- 11.4 Race Day 2 - Sunday 17th. The Walcon Cup teams will race in Folkboat Week fleet races 1 and 2 and boats will score points for their finishing position relative to the other Walcon Cup competing boats. The team score will be the total of the scores for each boat
- 11.5 There will be no discards.

12 Penalty System

- 12.1 The Two Turn Penalty is modified to a One Turn Penalty, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe in the same direction, is required. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 12.2 Exoneration Penalty.
A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2, or Part 3 RRS 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in RRS 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under RRS 30.3 or a penalty under RRS Appendix P.
- 12.3 It is not available for a breach of RRS 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under RRS 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.
- 12.4 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:
- a) Neither the boat nor a Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
 - b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rule.
- 12.5 For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2, the Protest Committee may decide the penalty.

13 Safety

- 13.1 **British Folkboat racing Regulations UKFAR Rule 6.3. apply**

14 Risk Statement

- 14.1 Rule 3 of the RRS states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.” 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 RSYC 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 the venue or 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.

14 Inspections

- 14.1 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.

15 Insurance

- 15.1 All boats shall have for the duration of the Regatta adequate insurance cover and in particular shall have insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £5,000,000 or equivalent.
- 15.2 Data Protection. The use of any personal data shall comply with current legislation. Further information can be found here: [Personal Data Protection/Privacy Policy \(royalsolent.org\)](https://royalsolent.org/Personal-Data-Protection/Privacy-Policy)

16 Prizes

- 16.1 There will be a daily Prizegiving for the Walcon cup at the end of Race Day 1 and Race Day 2. The Walcon Cup Trophy will be awarded to the winning team after completion of Race Day 2.

17 Further Information.

- 17.1 Moorings for Folkboats and Nanny Boats on Friday night 15th August must be booked directly with Yarmouth Harbour; tel: 01983 760321. Please follow the instructions of the Harbour Master.
- 17.2 Code Flag "F" should be worn in a conspicuous position in the rigging to indicate you are taking part in the Regatta.
- 17.3 Please note the Royal Solent Yacht Club cannot accept responsibility for private property left on the premises.
- 17.4 All events will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.
- 17.5 Social programme as per Appendix 1
- 17.6 All visiting competitors are welcome to enter Folkboat Week; please click here: [Event Bookings](#).

App 1: Schedule of Races and Social Events

EVENT	DAY	DAILY FEES	HW / LW Portsmouth BST	RACES	START TIME	TIME LIMIT
	Friday 15th Aug			1800 BRIEFING AT RSYC		
1/2/3	Sat 16 th Aug	£30	HW 0514 4.3m LW 1036 1.4m	WALCON CUP RACE DAY 1 Three windward Leewards	0900 Not before 1100	1hour after valid start time per race or 15 mins after 1st finisher
4/5	Sun 17 th Aug	£30	HW 0618 4.0m LW 1146 1.7m	WALCON CUP RACE DAY 2 Around the Cans Walcon Cup boats will race in Folkboat Week Trophy races 1 and 2	Not before 1030	2.5 hours after valid start time per race or 30 minutes after first finisher

All starts from Committee Boat in Bouldnor Bay area unless otherwise advised
The Race Committee reserves the right to change the schedule of races.

SOCIAL EVENTS - are combined **Folkboat Week 60th Anniversary celebrations as follows**

DAY	Start Time	Events	Price
Sat 16 th	1800 for 1830	Walcon Cup Prizegiving followed by Folkboat Week 60 th Anniversary Party Rum Cocktail Party and Dinner at RSYC Supported by Lymington Yacht Haven	£33.95
Sun 17 th	1800 for 1830	Walcon Cup Prizegiving followed by Hog Roast, Garden Games , Dinner at RSYC and Live Band Supported by Lymington Yacht Haven	£19.95

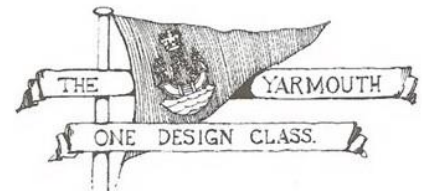
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