



SANDERS SAILS YW DAYBOAT WEEK 2026

Saturday 25th – Thursday 30th July 2026

Organising Authority (OA): The Poole Yacht Club,
The Yacht Haven, New Harbour Road West, Hamworthy, Poole
BH15 4AQ, UK

in conjunction with the Yachting World Dayboat Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Local regulations will apply concerning safe navigation in close proximity of commercial and military vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, and dive vessels. Full details will be given in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 In the event of conflict between this notice of race and the sailing instructions then the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all registered boats of the Yachting World Dayboat class having current race certificates issued by the YWDBA.
- 3.2 Any person helming in any race (including the subsidiary races) shall be a member of the YWDBA.
- 3.3 The Association welcomes sailors with a wide range of abilities to enter for Dayboat Week. The Racing takes place in open, tidal waters with natural hazards and boats are often close together. Therefore, in the interests of both other competitors, and the race organisers, we reserve the right to only accept entries from helms who have good boat handling skills, some racing experience, and a working knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 3.4 All entries shall be submitted using the entry form published with the Notice of Race.
- 3.5 The closing date for advance entries is Wednesday, 1st July. Entries submitted after this date will be subject to payment of an additional late entry premium. No entry will be accepted after Saturday 18th July.
- 3.6 An entry is not complete until:
 - (a) Entry fees have been paid in full.
 - (b) The boat has a valid Race Certificate issued by the Association.
 - (c) The helm's membership of the YWDBA has been verified.
 - (d) An RYA parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration has been submitted for crew age 18 and under.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for the regatta is £280.00. The late entry premium is £20.
- 5.2 The entry fee covers launch & haul-out, trailer parking, at The Poole Yacht Club, and 2 tickets per boat for the Welcome Reception and Final Prize-giving Dinner. Additional tickets will be available for purchase prior to the event.
- 5.3 Subject to the discretion of the Committee, refunds will only be given if cancellation is received by 12pm on Saturday 18th July.

6. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of six scheduled series races and one stand-alone, subsidiary race

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 See attachment 18.3 for the provisional Race and Social Programme, the final version will be in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Thursday 30th July 2025.
- 7.3 The race schedule may be amended if the series falls behind schedule or if predicted conditions warrant it necessary, but no racing will be brought forward of the published first warning signal on Sunday 26th July. Any changes to the sailing programme will be posted by 2000hrs on the preceding day.

8. SAFETY REGULATIONS & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate. In addition, boats will be subject to spot checks before launching.
- 8.2 RRS Rule 40.1 applies.
- 8.3 A racing dinghy shall carry a floating rope at least 10m x 6mm for towing purposes (this shall be an additional safety equipment item: using an existing rope, e.g. jib sheet, is not acceptable).

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing instructions will be published online by Saturday 11th July at <https://www.pooleyc.co.uk> and on the class association website at www.ywdb.co.uk/

10. VENUE AND COURSES

- 10.1 The regatta office will be situated at TPYC (The Poole Yacht Club). Racing will take place in Poole Harbour (see attachments 18.1 and 18.2).
- 10.2 Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions. Races will be approximately 60 minutes in duration with a time limit of 90 minutes. RRS 35, A3, A4 and A5 will be changed so that boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).
- 10.3 The Long-Distance Race is subject to weather conditions on the day. Course details will be displayed in the event office no later than one hour before the first warning signal. The time limit will be 240 minutes. RRS 35, A4 and A5 will be changed so that boats not finishing within 60 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). The Long-Distance Race could include going into Poole Bay i.e. outside of Poole Harbour.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1** The RYA Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures will be available.

13. SCORING

- 13.1** The championship shall comprise of the 6 series races. A minimum of 1 race of the series shall be completed to constitute the championship. The event will be scored under RRS A5.3.
- 13.2** When fewer than 3 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.
- 13.3** When from 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1** Boats shall be kept ashore/on a pontoon at the TPYC (The Poole Yacht Club), except by prior arrangement with the race committee.
- 15.2** Trailers will be kept at the Poole Yacht Club.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1** YWDB Association perpetual trophies and keeper prizes will be awarded.

20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1** 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".
- 20.2** 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 and omissions.
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - (e) 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) 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.
 - (h) The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration to this effect at registration.

22. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 22.1** Substitution of helms is not permitted. Substitution of the nominated crew will be permitted with the prior approval of the race committee.

23. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 23.1** Competitors and/or their Guardians automatically grant to the OA, YWDBA, and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.

24. DATA PROTECTION

- 24.1** In order to manage the event, information provided by the competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images will comply with the UK General Data Protection Regulations.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

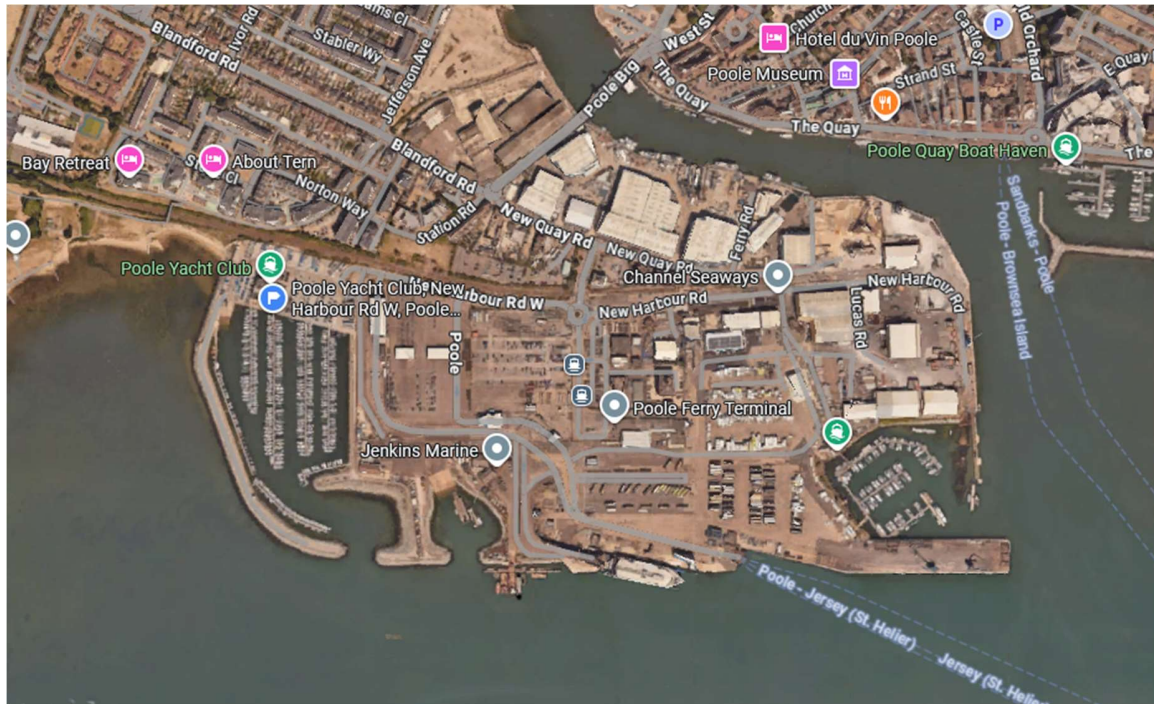
- 25.1** For further information about the event please contact: Steve Wilson at:
Email: stevetwilson675@gmail.com. Mobile 07986 905940

For further information about the venue please visit <https://www.pooleyc.co.uk>
or contact the regatta office: Tel: +44 (0)1202 672687,

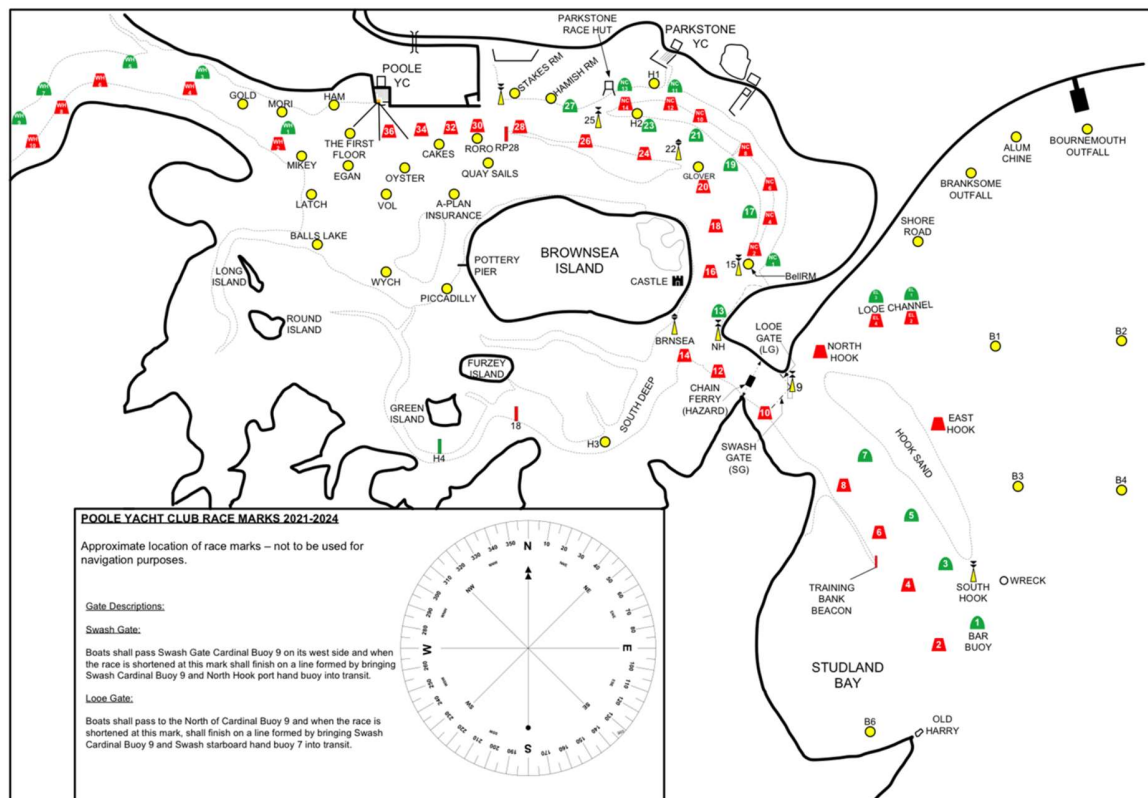
For additional information on accommodation see <https://www.quayliving.co.uk>
(suggestion is phone them at 01202 683444, as not everything is shown on their website).

18. ATTACHMENTS

18.1 Venue



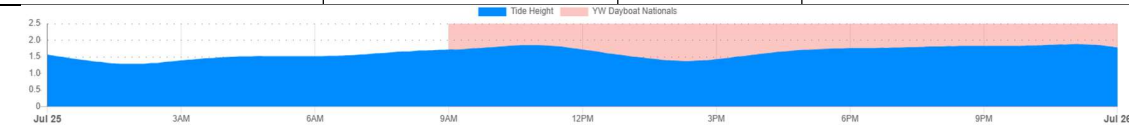

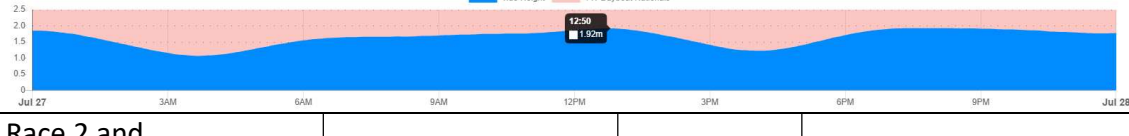

18.2 Indicative course area





18.3 Provisional Race and Social Programme

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RACE & SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Date	Activity	Time	Location	Notes	
Saturday 25 th July					
	HW = 05:04 Ht = 1.5m	Scrutineering	09:00-16:00	Dinghy Park	GP14 Open (Two Long distance races)
	Launching	09:00-16:00	Slipway		
	Registration	18:00-19:00	Academy		
	Welcome Supper	19:00 for 19:30	Skylight	GP14 Evening Meal	
Sunday 26 th July					
	HW = 11:49 Ht = 1.9m	Briefing	09:00	Terrace	GP14 Open (4 races B2B)
		Race 1	First warning – 10:25	Race area	
		Opportunity Races 1. Lady Helm Race & Crews Race 2. Cadet Helm Race 1	Briefing after lunch (note: 2 starts from PYC Race Box)		
	Free Evening			PYC closed from 1800	
Monday 27 th July					
	HW = 12:42 Ht = 1.9m	Race 2 and Race 3 (back-to-back)	First warning – 10:25	Race area	
		Cadet Helm Race 2	First warning – pm		
		Free Evening			PYC Club Racing Food available from 1900
Tuesday 28 th July					
	HW = 12:42 Ht = 1.9m	Briefing	TBD		
		Long Distance Race	First warning – 10:25	Race area	
		Rowing Race (PM)	Briefing after lunch		
		Quiz Night	20.00	Skylight	PYC Cruiser Racing Food available from 1900

Weds 29th July HW = 10:07 Ht = 1.9m				
	Race 4	First warning – 10:25	Race area	
	Race 5 (back-to-back)			
	Cadet Helm Race 3	First warning - pm.		
	AGM	16:00	Skylight	
	Evening - Free			PYC Training Evening Food available from 1900
Thursday 30th July HW = 10:38 Ht = 2.0m				
	Race 6	First warning – 10:25	Race area	
	Recovery of boats	After racing		
	Prize-giving dinner	19:00 for 19:30	Skylight	PYC Club Racing

Note:

- Tide times are BST (GMT +1)
- Thursday after race 6 - space available for catch up for
 - Main race programme and then
 - Cadet race programme.