



The Chris Moyse Memorial Pursuit Race

Friday 18th July 2025

Hosted by

PLYM YACHT CLUB



Sailing Instructions

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Organising Authority (OA) – Port of Plymouth Sailing Association (PPSA) and Plym Yacht Club (PYC)

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the ‘Rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and the 2025 YTC Handicap Policy and Procedures.
- 1.2 Plymouth is a Naval/ Commercial Port, shipping movements can be frequent and must have priority. Boats, at all times, must keep clear of ships leaving or entering the port and obey instructions from the Race Committee where avoiding action is necessary. Failure to obey Race Committee instructions may be treated as misconduct.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association and the Plym Yacht Club implement the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 1.3 All boats shall monitor Ch M (37). Failure to receive a VHF communication shall not be grounds for redress.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) which is on the event website located at <https://www.ppsa.org.uk/yacht-regatta>
- 3.2 On the water the Race Committee will monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF Channel M (37).
- 3.3 Any changes to sailing instructions, details of the start line and course will be communicated on VHF at least 5 minutes before the first warning signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals will not be made ashore.

5. HANDICAPS

- 5.1 A boats YTC handicap for the Chris Moyse Memorial Pursuit Race shall be that listed on the competitors current 2025 YTC certificate and displayed on the RYA YTC Handicap Listings. A competitor may elect to use their YTC White Sail handicap on giving at least 7 days’ notice.

6. EVENT SCHEDULE

6.1 Schedule:

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Friday 18 th July	1830	First start for Chris Moyse Pursuit Race 1 race scheduled. Individual start times as communicated previously.

7. CLASS PENNANT AND SIGNALS

- 7.1 Racing pennant will be numeral 4, which should be flown from the backstay before and during racing. Where a boat does not have a backstay, it should be flown in a prominent position.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be Plymouth Sound, with the course set north of Plymouth Breakwater. Refer Admiralty Chart 30: Plymouth Sound and Approaches. See chartlet in Appendix A.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Letter boards indicating the course configuration will be displayed in accordance with the chartlet in Appendix A. The colour of the board either **GREEN** or **RED** (Starboard or Port) will indicate which side the mark should be left.
- 9.2 The course will be announced on VHF Ch M (37) in addition to being displayed on boards. The Race Committee may change, shorten or extend the course by announcement on VHF Ch M (37).

10. THE START

- 10.1 The start line will be between the white PYC Flagpole on Mount Batten Breakwater and West Mallard Buoy.
- 10.2 All boats shall pass close to PYC Race Control, before the start with mainsails hoisted for identification.
- 10.3 Entrants will be notified of their start time prior to the race and will be displayed on the official Notice Board. The first start is scheduled for 1830.
- 10.4 First start will be according to RRS 26, except no visual signals will be used, with procedures given via VHF Ch M.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 In addition to the procedures in RRS 29.1, the Race Committee may announce on VHF that one or more boats did not start correctly. Competitors are reminded that it's their responsibility to ensure that they have started correctly. Failure to make or receive such transmissions will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The Chris Moyse Pursuit Race will finish at the end of the prescribed finish time.
- 12.2 The prescribed finish time will be communicated to entrants via VHF Ch M (37) and given on the official Notice Board.
- 12.2 At the prescribed finish time all boats shall continue sailing around the course to the finish line without overtaking any boats. In addition, each boat shall record the boat ahead and the boat behind itself. Positions will be awarded according to the relative positions of each boat at the prescribed finish time.

13. THE PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>
- 13.2 The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an Arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

14. RETIREMENT AND TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 Retirements shall be reported via VHF Ch M to PYC Race Control.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 All competitors shall carry and operate a VHF Radio and monitor race Committee broadcasts on VHF Ch M.
- 15.2 Race Control can be contacted on VHF Ch M, Callsign PYC Race Control.
- 15.2 The failure to receive any Race Committee transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance.

Appendix A

Courses use standard PPSA race marks as in the chartlet below. The course details will be announced on VHF Ch M.

