

OPEN REGATTA

Organising authority
ABERDEEN & STONEHAVEN YACHT CLUB

15th-16th August 2026
Stonehaven, United Kingdom

Notice of Race (NoR)

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 NOR or SI means that the penalty for breaking the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

RULES

- 1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.1** The prescriptions of the RYA apply. These can be downloaded from the RYA webpage <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will be published online at <https://asyc.org.uk/regatta26>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** Prior to 15th August 2026, the official notice board will be online at <https://asyc.org.uk/regatta26>

From to 15th August 2026, the official notice board will be the notice board in the entrance lobby of the clubhouse

- 3.2** [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 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The event is open to dinghies that have a current Portsmouth Yardstick handicap and which can be manually launched by their crew from the beach and/or slipway at Stonehaven.

- 4.2** The Portsmouth Yardstick rating system applies to all boats racing in the General Handicap class(es).

- 4.3** There will be separate classes for boats with 5 or more participants (anticipated to be Blaze, D-Zero, RS400, Scottish Skiff, RSFeva) and a General Handicap class. At the organising committee's discretion:

- (a) boats with fewer participants may still race as a separate class or be included in the general handicap class, and if they do still race as a separate class they may have a combined start with another class.

The General Handicap class may be subdivided into Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap classes with separate starts for each.

- 4.4** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and sending a scanned, signed copy and making payment all as detailed on the entry form by Wednesday 12th August. Entries on the day will be accepted.

The entry form may be downloaded from: <https://asyc.org.uk/regatta26>

5 (b) FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees which include launching fees at Stonehaven and a barbeque ticket for Saturday evening for one or two crew as appropriate are as follows:

Boat type	Entry by 8 th Aug	Entry on the Day
Single Hander	£35	£45
Double Hander	£45	£55

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

NOT USED

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

NOT USED

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration, which comprises collection of trolley tag

Date	From	To
15 th August 2025	0930	1130

9.2

Number of races:

Six races are scheduled, with a maximum of four races on either day. The race officer has absolute discretion whether or not to start any race on the Saturday if the warning signal will be after 1700.

9.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for first race each day is

Date	Scheduled time of warning signal for the first race
Saturday 15 th August	12:57
Sunday 16 th August	10:57

On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time. It is not the intention of the Organising Authority to make any inspection unless there is good reason to believe that a boat does not comply with class rules and is gaining unfair advantage.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 Rule 40.1 applies (ie. personal flotation devices must be worn)

12 VENUE

12.1 NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.

12.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing area.

- 12.3** Car parking in the harbour area is very limited and should be left for local residents and other harbour users. Once boats and equipment have been dropped off you should move your car and park elsewhere in Stonehaven. Addendum A shows local on-road parking areas.

13 COURSES

- 13.1** The courses and marks will be described in the sailing instructions. Windward/ leeward, triangular and/or trapezoid courses may be set.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for full information on the procedures, go to <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

- 14.2** Where a Discretionary Penalty is applied, RYA guidance at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/running-racing/guidance-good-practice/discretionary-penalties> will be used as guidance by the protest committee deciding the penalty.

15 SCORING

- 15.1** The RRS Appendix A scoring system applies:

(a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1** Support person vessels are not permitted except by prior arrangement with the organising authority if a sailor has special needs on the water.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

NOT USED

18 BERTHING

- 18.1** [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned areas while ashore in Stonehaven harbour.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

NOT USED

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

NOT USED

21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1** The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event and will be held and used in accordance with the organising authorities privacy policy (available at <https://asyc.org.uk/documents/ASYC-Privacy-Policy.pdf>). When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1** RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3million per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1** Prizes will be given as follows:

1st place in each class

2nd place in each class with at least four boats

3rd place in each class with at least six boats

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1** For further information please contact sailing@ajg76.co.uk, including the words “ASYC Open Regatta” in the e-mail title.

ADDENDUM 1 PLAN OF THE EVENT VENUE

Pictorial plan of Stonehaven harbour showing clubhouse location and boat storage areas



Tides (BST):

Saturday 15th August 2026

LW 10:07 (0.24m)

HW 16:22 (4.44m)

Sunday 16th August 2026

LW 10:45 (0.42 m)

HW 17:00 (4.29m)

Slip 1: Accessible at all states of tide – no beach left at HW

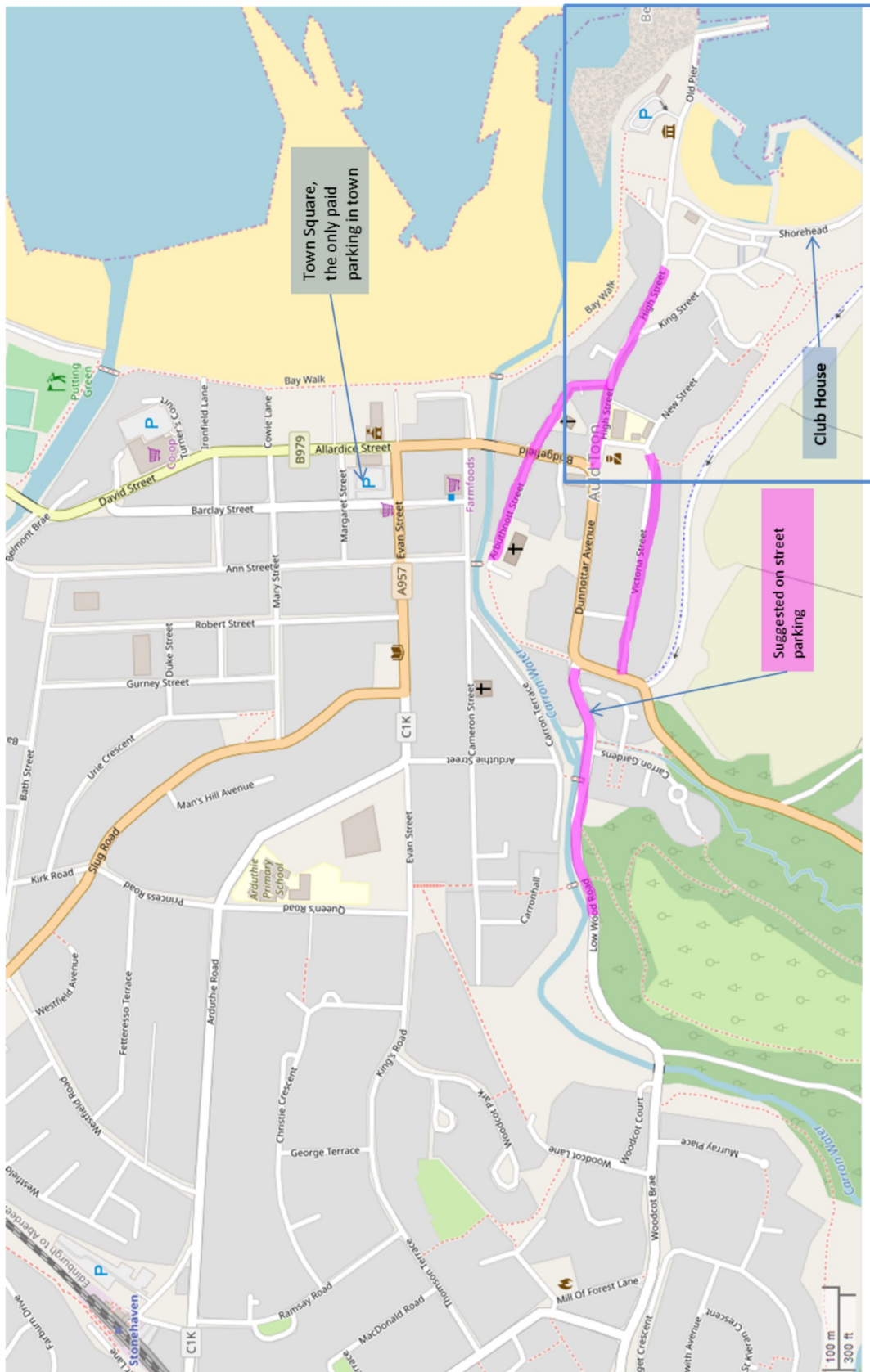
Place trolleys away from slipway to allow access for RNLI and other harbour users

Slip 2: Access to beach at low and mid tide, but not at high tide.

Difficult to use in waves.

Slip 3: Only accessible at high tide +/- 2hrs. Option instead of Slip 2 if waves have built up. Trolleys can be walked round from Slip 2

Car Parking. Please DO NOT park cars in the harbour area. Boats and trailers should be unloaded then cars moved to park further into town. Except for the town square all street parking is free.



Map showing suggested street parking in Stonehaven

ADDENDUM 2 RACING AREA

Map of Stonehaven harbour & bay showing the racing area.

