

Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing Club

Notice of Race: Babbacombe Regatta, June 2026

Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing Club (hereafter, referred to as BCSC) is the organising authority for Babbacombe Regatta, June 2026

Racing will take place in Babbacombe Bay (50° 30' 56"N 003° 30' 13"W) with competing boats launching from and returning to the slipway on Oddicombe Beach, in front of the BCSC Clubhouse. Courses will be set before the start of each session, based on the known or forecast wind strength and direction. *For general information to contestants, the racecourse will normally be set between 0.25nm and 0.5nm from the slipway in the direction of the centre of the bay. Tidal range is between 4m and 5m and charted water depths are in the range 8-18m. High cliffs surround the bay in an arc from the SW to the NNW and the sailing area is open to the East. Prevailing wind direction is generally between SW and NW, leading to gusty conditions near the shore. Sailing may be prevented when the wind is from the East, due to excessive surf on the edge of Oddicombe Beach.*

Babbacombe Regatta 2026 will take place on Saturday, 13th June 2026 and Sunday, 14th June 2026

During the regatta, racing will be run under the Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028), published by the RYA. Rule 40 (personal flotation) will apply for all competitors in club racing at all times. However, no protest committee will be appointed, and Rules 60 to 73 do not apply. It is expected that all competitors will adhere to the *Corinthian Spirit* and avoid disputes.

Note: Rule 42 ("pumping") applies for all classes of dinghy entered

The Regatta will comprise of a series of three races around a course that is set in Babbacombe Bay and a Pursuit Race of 75 minutes duration which will also be conducted on course set within Babbacombe Bay. Prizes will be awarded for the winning contestant in the three race Regatta Series and a separate prize for the winning contestant in the Pursuit Race.

Start times are as follows:

Race No.1	Saturday	14:00
Race No.2	Saturday	15:00
Race No.3	Sunday	11:00
Pursuit Race	Sunday	14:00

Contestants may register from 12:00 on Saturday and should ensure that they have rigged, launched and are at the start line 15 minutes before the start of each race. There will be no need for an additional registration on Sunday, unless a contestant did not do so on Saturday.

The following race formats will be used.

A. The Regatta Series will be competed on a triangular course, with approximately even sides and delineated by yellow buoys (numbered sequentially) of approximately 1.0m diameter, set at the turning points. The direction and length of the legs will be set, based on considerations of wind conditions, sea state and safety of competitors and race officials. The race duration will be three laps and sailed in the order

Start Line – (see note) – Mark 2 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 3 – Mark 1- Finish Line

(Note: The Buoy No.1 is not a mark on the first lap after the start and boats may pass on either side of this buoy after leaving the start line. Buoy No.1 is a mark on the second lap, and subsequent laps, and must be passed on the port side of the boat)

(Note: A Port Hand Course will be the normal choice A Starboard Hand Course may be set in event of weather and sea conditions which prevent a Port Hand Course. Competitors will be notified in the pre-race briefing, in this event)

The Start Line will be set on the downwind end of the course at a short distance downwind and at right angles to the line between the downwind mark (Buoy No.1) and the upwind mark (Buoy No.2) The start line will be defined between an Outer Distance Mark (Buoy No.4) and an Inner Distance Mark, laid to the Port side (if a Port Hand Course is set, else to the Starboard side) of the committee boat. The IDM will be marked with a smaller buoy, the colour and shape of which will be notified to contestants during the pre-race briefing. *(Note: this mark will also serve to define an exclusion zone around the committee boat, and must be treated as an obstruction. Boats are prohibited from passing between this mark and the committee boat)* A safety boat, displaying an orange flag will be stationed on the side of the IDM, opposite to the ODM during the start, to define the limit of the start line. Boats are required to start between the IDM and the ODM. Buoy No.1 is not a mark the first lap and boats may pass it on either side. Buoy No.1 is a mark on the second lap and subsequent laps.

Boats which arrive at the start line after the start signal may, at the Race Officer's discretion, join the race but will be timed as if they had started at the start signal.

The committee boat will be a medium sized sailing cruiser, and contestants must be aware that it will probably be anchored fore and aft. The anchor chains will be an obstruction, and contestants must ensure that they sail, at all times, sufficiently far upwind of the committee boat so as to avoid the underwater extension of its anchor chain.

The Finish Line will be the same as the Start line and lay between the ODM and the IDM. At the end of their final leg, contestants must leave the downwind mark (Buoy No.1) on their port side and cross the finish line towards the downwind side of the line. Boats may pass the downwind mark on any course from the gybe mark (Buoy No.3) so long as they leave the downwind mark on their port side. Boats must leave the ODM on their starboard side and the IDM on their port side to finish. "Crossing the Line" will be taken as the first part of the boat to pass over the finish line.

In the event that wind or sea conditions preclude completion of the full length of the race within one hour of the start, the Race Officer will signal Shorten Course (Flag S) and end the race after two laps.

Races shall be started according to Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-28) Rule 26 (Otherwise known as "5-4-1-0" sequence). All races will be run as Mixed Fleet with Flag R as start flag, accompanied by a sound signal. Rule 30 applies and Flag P shall be the Preparatory signal, accompanied by a sound signal. In event of a delayed start, Flag AP will be displayed by the committee boat, but no numeric flag will accompany this to show duration of delay.

Penalties for infringement of racing rules shall be according to Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-28) Rule 44.

The elapsed time of each boat passing the finish line shall be measured from the start of race signal. The time that each boat takes to complete the race shall be adjusted according to the Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme, 2026, as published by the RYA. Where a boat is not listed in the PY Tables, the best available information (for example, the Great Lakes Scheme) shall be used to allocate a rating. Contestants may request to be informed of their allocated rating and are permitted to protest this before the day of the race. Race results will be calculated using the adjusted times.

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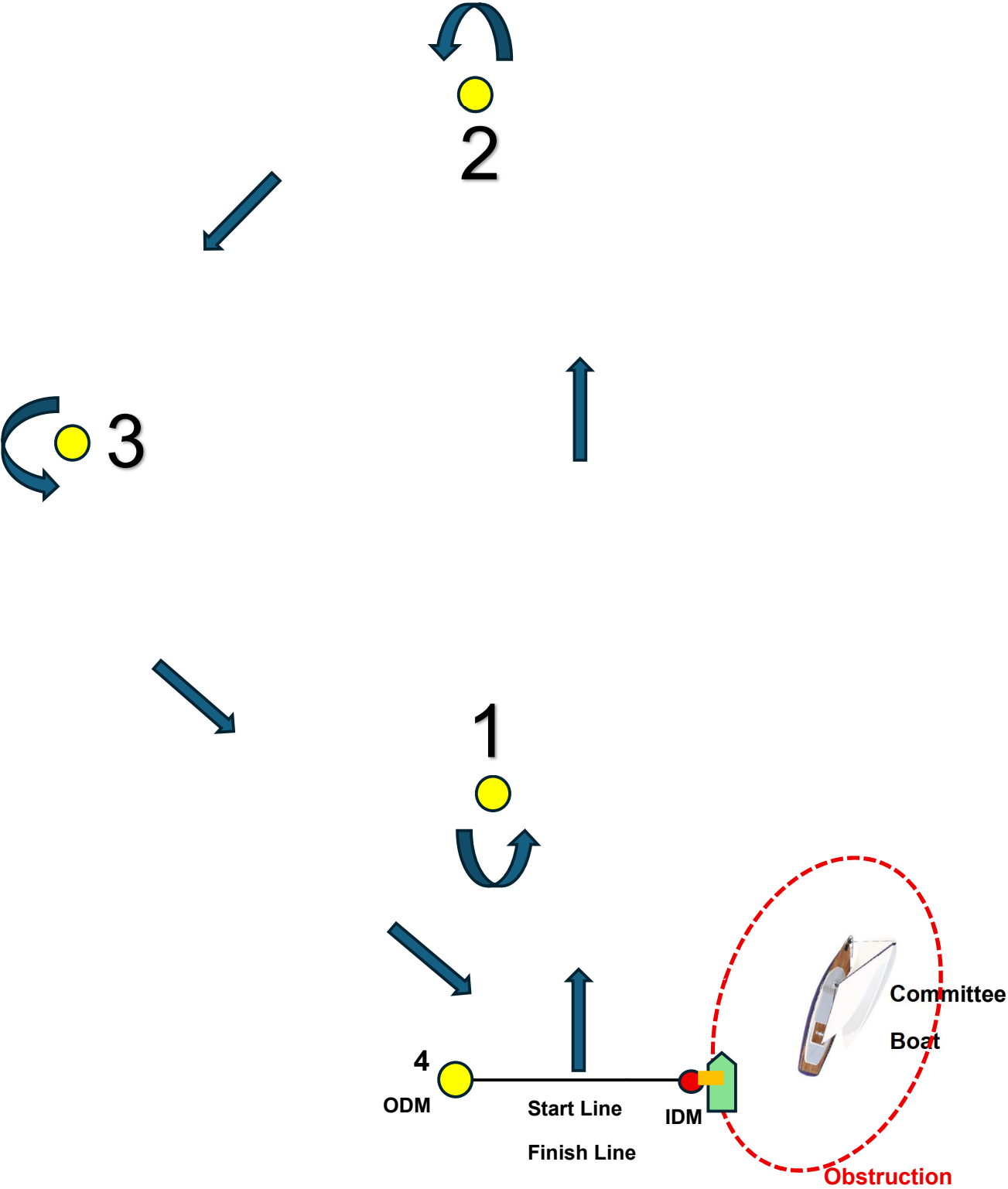
Scoring shall be according to Racing Rules of Sailing. Appendix A (Low Points System) Only boats which compete on the day shall be allocated a score. The individual race scores for the session will be summed to calculate a final score. The score of each boat will be allocated to each member of the crew on an individual basis, irrespective of whether they were helm or crew.

(Note: This is because BCSC members do not always sail throughout the season in a particular boat or with a regular partner. It is accepted that members may often sail in different boats in different races of the series)

Parking at Oddicombe Beach

All members of BCSC and visitors are requested to note that parking at Oddicombe Beach is not available. Council byelaws prohibit all parking within the gated promenade area, except for certain authorised vehicles. The access gate is locked between 09:00 and 17:00. The club does hold a key for this lock. There is a strict parking prohibition on the access road (public highway) from the junction with The Downs Road and the access gate at the beach and this is heavily enforced. Members and visitors may temporarily enter the promenade area in order to unload gear, drop off or collect boat trailers and passengers, but must take the vehicle to a legal parking area. Please be considerate of the other businesses on the beach and be aware that it may be crowded with holiday makers on sunny days. If requested prior to the regatta, BCSC will try to provide parking for dinghies in their compound, if space is available, during the weekend only. There is a cliff railway running alongside the access road with reasonable fares and this is an enjoyable experience for visitors. There is a footpath to the beach. Thank you.

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B. The Pursuit Race will be competed on a quadrilateral course, with a long upwind beat, two reaches and a short downwind run, delineated by yellow buoys (numbered sequentially 1-4) of approximately 1.0m diameter, set at the turning points. The direction and length of the legs will be set, based on considerations of wind conditions, sea state and safety of competitors and race officials. The start line will normally be laid between Mark 1 (the downwind mark) and a club RIB (displaying an orange flag), positioned to port side of the committee boat. Variation from this start arrangement will be notified to competitors in pre-race briefing. The race will be sailed for a fixed duration of time from the start signal. The number of laps is indeterminate, but the course will be set over a large area in order to minimise this.

(Note: If wind or sea conditions are such that the above course is not practical, the Race Officer may change it to a triangular course. Competitors will be notified of this change in the pre-race briefing)

(Note: A Port Hand Course will be the normal choice Starboard Hand Courses may be set in certain circumstances. Competitors will be notified in the pre-race briefing, in this event)

Boats which arrive at the start line after the start signal may, at the Race Officer's discretion, join the race but will be timed as if they had started at the start signal for their particular class.

At the end of the race, the committee boat will display Flag N, with a sound signal. Once the race has ended, all competitors must hold their position and not attempt to pass or overtake any other competing boat until instructed. Any boat that breaches this rule will be disqualified. The Race Officer will record positions of each competing boat, including multiple laps completed, and the boats are ordered according to total distance travelled in the race, from greatest to least.

Races shall be started according to Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-28) Rule 26 (Otherwise known as "5-4-1-0" sequence). Each competitor will be allocated a set start delay (in minutes) according to the class of boat that they are sailing. At the race start, indicated by the lowering of the Flag R, the Race Officer will display a white sign with black number, denoting time elapsed since the start. Competitors will cross the start line at the time when their own (pre-notified) time is displayed.

At the discretion of the session leader and race officer, competitors start delays may be adjusted to take account of the individual helm/crew experience level. This will be notified to all competitors during the pre-race briefing.

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