

?‘Z’ Hartley National Championship 2026

(Zenith, Zenith 2, Zen & Zee)

18th – 20th September 2026

At

Poole Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the NOR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T applies.
- 1.3 [NP] The Poole Yacht Club (TPYC) implements the RYA Racing Charter available at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>. Competitors shall undertake to sail in compliance with the charters.
- 1.4 [DP] Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of TPYC during the period of the event and shall, always, comply with the Club rules and bylaws.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 always applies while afloat.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be published on the The Poole Yacht Club website and the class website by 17:00 on Wednesday 15th September 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The location of the official notice board will be described in the sailing instructions.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Zenith, Zenith 2, Zen & Zee class association sailed by helms who are members or affiliates. Competitors may be required to show evidence of membership of their affiliated organisation.
- 4.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form accessed via TPYC booking platform: [found here](#) paying the entry fee of £98 and completing registration by midnight on Wednesday 16th September
- 4.3 Late entries will be accepted up until 10:00am on Friday 18th September entry fee of £120.00
- 4.4 Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations and submit details of the parent acting in charge of a child who shall always be present at TPYC during the event. These forms shall be sent out before the event or be completed during registration.
- 4.5 Medical forms and sailor declarations included as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows, to be paid via the online payment system:

Class	Early Entry Fee until Wednesday 16 th September	Late Entrance Fee
All Classes	£98.00	£120.00

6 IDENTIFICATION & ADVERTISING

- 6.1 [NP] [DP] When provided by the Organising Authority, boats shall display bow numbers and/or advertising.

7 EVENT SERIES

- 7.1 The regatta will consist of a single series.
- 7.2 The regatta may form part of a further series, details of which can be found on the Class Association website.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Competitors and support boat crews are required to register in The Academy prior to racing on Friday 18th September.
- 8.2 Competitor Briefing: The event briefing will take place on the Terrace at 10:30 on Friday 18th September. Any relevant notices will be posted on the event Notice Board as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.3 Format of Racing: It is intended to run 6 races over the two days. The intended format is as follows; this may be varied:

Day	First Warning Signal	Intended no. of races
Friday 18 th September 2026	12:25hrs	3 races back-to-back
Saturday 19 th September 2026	11:25hrs	3 races back-to-back
Sunday 20 th September 2026	11:25hrs	3 races back-to-back

- 8.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 **Towline:** Each boat shall carry a floating towline of at least 8mm diameter and 10 meters length. This must be accessible without breaching the integral buoyancy of the dinghy and must not have any attachments such as shackles or knots.
- 9.2 [DP] Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to or during or after racing.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The venue will be The Poole Yacht Club, New Harbour Road West, Poole, Dorset, BH15 4AQ
- 10.2 NoR Addendum 1 shows the plan of the event venue.
- 10.3 NoR Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 10.4 All sailors will abide to the local bylaws of Poole Harbour Commissioners found [here](#).

11 COURSES

- 11.1 The Course(s) to be sailed will be detailed in the SIs.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The penalty system will be described in the SIs.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 Support person vessels will be allowed and will be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee.
- 14.2 Official, patrol and support person vessels must be registered with prior TPYC to the start of the first race and may be required to be marked with an appropriate colored flag and shall comply with instructions from the event safety officer.
- 14.3 [DP] Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including relatives of competitors who are not official, patrol or support person vessels shall not be in the racing area, nor shall they communicate with any competitors, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until the last boat returns to shore. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
- 14.4 Competitors will not be able to place food, drink, and spares on any support vessels.

15 BERTHING

- 15.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Club dinghy park for the duration of the regatta unless instructed otherwise.
- 15.2 Cars and road Trailers may be required to park offsite, details of this will be in the Sailing Instructions.

16 DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS

- 16.1 Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing before proceeding afloat.

17 DATA PROTECTION

- 17.1 **PRIVACY STATEMENT** The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with The Poole Yacht Clubs privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18 RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 18.1 Competitors automatically grant to The Poole Yacht Club, the Zenith, Zen, Zen2 & Zee Class Associations, and their sponsors without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of or relating to the event.

19 RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 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.'
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 the event organizer 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 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: In particular:

- The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG) 1972 and local byelaws apply to all craft including dinghies.
- Poole Harbour is a working port and vessels of limited maneuverability may encroach the sailing areas

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 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.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

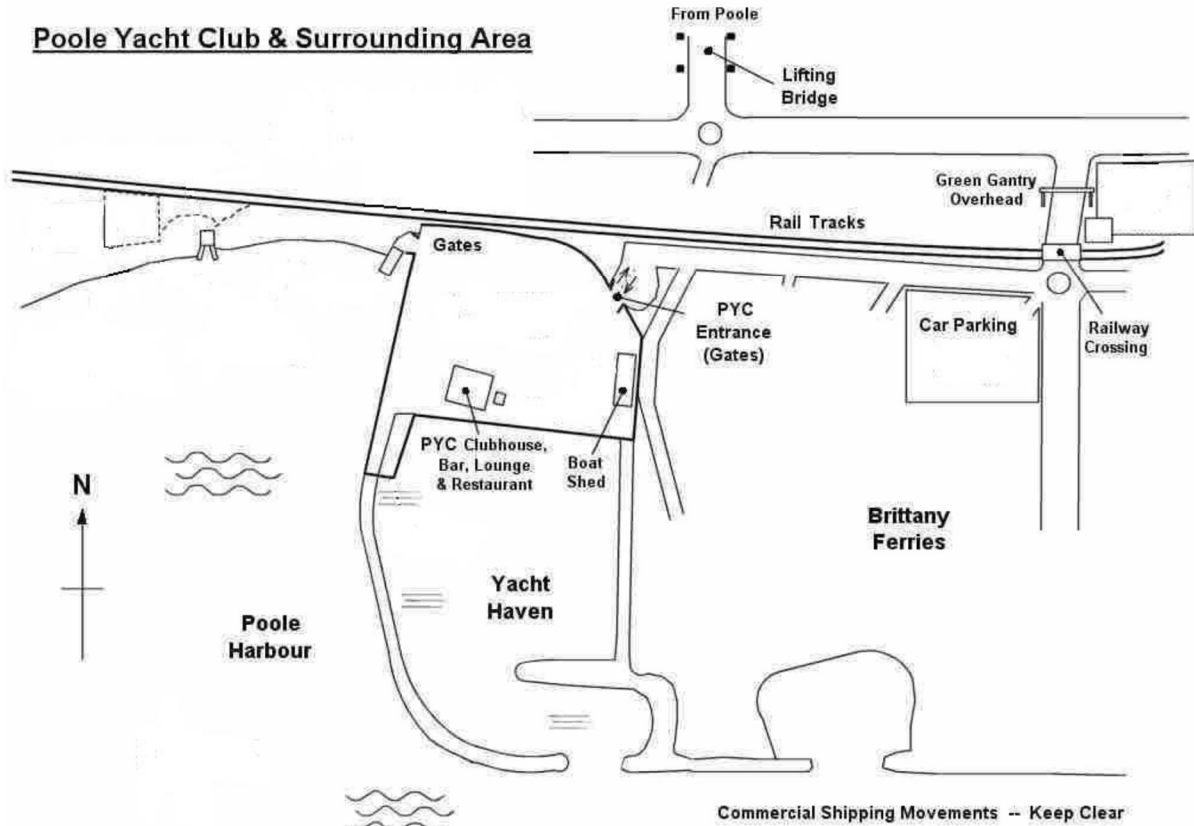
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Addendum 1 - Site Plan

Poole Yacht Club & Surrounding Area



Addendum 2 - Racing Area

