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North Bish Bash – Sat 13 June 2026
Notice of Race

1. Rules

1.1. The event is organised by Fishguard Bay Yacht Club

1.2. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028

1.3. The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Fishguard Bay Yacht Club website not later than 7th June 2026

2. Communication

2.1. The official notice board will be a WhatsApp group

2.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF Radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 37 (M)

2.3. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Channel 37 (M)

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1. The event is open to members of the RYA or of an RYA-affiliated club (including FBYC)

3.2. The event is open to monohulls with a hull length of 5.5m (18') or greater, and multihulls with a hull length of 6.4m (21') or greater

3.3. Each boat must have an engine

3.4. Classes are defined as follows:

Class	*Rating System*
Yachts and Cruisers (monohull)	RYA YTC
Multihulls	MOCRA

3.5. An entry without a rating will be scored using an estimated rating but will not be eligible for prizes.

3.6. Each boat must have third party insurance cover of at least £1milliion.

3.7. Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the entry form at fbyc.org.uk/northbishbash together with the required fee before 2000 BST on Fri 14th June 2026

4. Fees

4.1. The entry fee will be £20 until 31st May 2026, then £25

5. Crew Limitations

5.1. Each boat must have at least 2 people on board

6. Schedule

Fri 12 June	20:00	Entries close Briefing in FBYC clubhouse
Sat 13 June	08:00 - 11:00	Starting window
Sun 14 June	Approx 20:00	Prizegiving in FBYC clubhouse

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7. **Course**

The course will be from a start line in Fishguard Bay, around North Bishop rock and back to a finish line in Fishguard Bay. The direction of rounding North Bishop will be notified at the briefing

8. **Prizes**

(TBA)

9. Rule changes

9.1. Starting: each boat may start at any time between 08:00 and 11:00 BST. There will be no warning, preparatory or starting signals for the start. *This changes Rule 26*

9.2. Each boat must record her start time and finish time and notify the race committee by VHF Ch 37, SMS or WhatsApp within 30 minutes of the time.

9.3. Propulsion: *Rule 42.3 (i)*

9.3.1. the Sailing Instructions will allow a boat to use her engine until 5 minutes before she starts with no penalty

9.3.2. the Sailing Instructions will allow a boat to use her engine with 1NM of Strumble Head or North Bishop. If her engine is used in these circumstances, the boat will be subject to a corrected time penalty equal to the length of time the engine was used.

10. **Risk Statement**

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

10.1. 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;

10.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

10.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

10.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

10.5. 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;

10.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

10.7. 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