



SALCOMBE GIN MERLIN WEEK 29th June 2025 - 4th July 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The title of the event is “Salcombe Gin Merlin Week 2025” and is to be held at Salcombe Yacht Club, Salcombe.
- 1.2 The event will be held from Sunday 29th June 2025 - Friday 4th July 2025.
- 1.3 This event is organised by Salcombe Yacht Club (SYC) with the Merlin Rocket Owners’ Association (MROA).
- 1.4 SYC implements the RYA Racing Charter. We expect competitors to sail in compliance with it. The Charter is at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules
- 1.5 We will post changes to this Notice of Race on the SYC Merlin Rocket Week web page (www.salcombeyc.org) and club event notice board not later than 18:00 hrs on Saturday 28th June 2025 prior to the competitors’ briefing. We may give Notice of changes to the MROA forum www.merlinrocket.co.uk and the Merlin Rocket social media.

2 THE RACE SERIES AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined as The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2 All boats entered must hold valid Class Measurement certificates and current buoyancy endorsement.
- 2.3 Entries to Merlin Week 2025 are limited 120. We may hold a draw if this limit is exceeded.

- 2.4 To compete helms must be full or associate members of the MROA on the date of any draw, and during the event.
- 2.5 SYC will accept entries until 23:59 Wednesday 31st July 2024 at which time, no entry fee will be required.
- 2.6 Entries must be made using the Merlin Week entry form which will be available at www.salcombeyc.org or the SYC bar or office. These may be delivered to the SYC office “Merlin Week 2025 post box” in the SYC bar or emailed to: gcranfords@gmail.com
- 2.7 Excluded from any draw are:
- a) Those helms who are placed in the top eight of Merlin Week 2024 (whether members of SYC or not),
 - b) Bona fide, full or family members of SYC.

Note. Member of SYC means those who:

- i) are members of SYC as at 1st March 2024 and
 - ii) have completed at least three SYC racing series duties in the preceding twelve months whether by allocation or volunteering. Racing series means duties for club, Merlin Week, open meeting or event races.
- 2.8 The above categories 2.7 a) and b), may opt to receive automatic entry to the Merlin Week 2025 provided it is exercised using the entry form to the “Merlin Week 2025 post box” in the SYC office or to gcranfords@gmail.com inside the entry draw period. SYC members not renewing for the sailing year 2025 and/or not complying with the terms of membership, particularly racing duties, may forfeit automatic entry.
- 2.9 Definition of valid draw entry: a valid draw entry is that received from a nominated boat helm inside the entry period. The entrant must be a full or associate member of the MROA at time of entry, and draw. The entry for the nominated boat helm must include the sail number of a registered Merlin Rocket owned by the entered helm and/or crew, which they intend to race.

2.10 SYC will also accept entries from nominated helms who intend to race:

Either, a borrowed/chartered registered Merlin Rocket where the entry is supported by a letter from the owner granting permission to the nominated helm to race that boat during the event.

Or, a new Merlin Rocket where the entry is supported by a letter from a boatbuilder confirming the order or in the case of a home build, a sail number allocation from the RYA. Letters to evidence a borrowed/chartered or new boat must be submitted on entry.

2.11 Change of helm. A change of helm shall be a new entry. Note: this criterion may be waived at the discretion of SYC Sailing Committee where the committee is satisfied that the entry process is not being manipulated to the detriment of other entrants.

2.12 SYC will publish a list of draw entries prior to the draw at www.salcombeyc.org

2.13 If the number of entries received exceeds 120, a draw to determine entries to Merlin Week 2025 may be held at The Chart Room, SYC no earlier than 10:00hrs on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

2.14 The draw will be conducted by persons who have neither connection with the Merlin Rocket class nor whom have any interest in the outcome.

2.15 The draw may be attended by any interested party in person. The draw may also be live streamed via Facebook.

2.16 The order of the draw will determine both the entries up to the 120-boat limit and the order of any waiting list.

2.17 Any entries received after the entry draw period will be added to any drawn waiting list, on a first come, first served basis. If there is no waiting list, entries received after the entry draw period will be accepted as an entry on a first come, first served basis.

2.18 Entry fee. The entry fee, including any social programme, harbour dues, Millbay beach parking, trolley transfer and off-site trailer parking for Merlin Week 2025 will be £250.

2.19 The Entry fee does not include:

- Car or boat parking charges at Batson/elsewhere in Salcombe.
- Any other costs.

2.20 After the draw SYC will publish the results of the draw at: www.salcombeyc.org and send by email an invoice to all successful entries for entry fee collection.

2.21 Payment of the entry will be due no more than fourteen days after invoice date.

Entry fee refund policy:

£ 175 refund for cancellations. Save that if with reasonable diligence Salcombe Yacht Club cannot offer the entry space onwards, the amount of refund reduces to £75.00; subject also to discretion of Salcombe Yacht Club if extenuating circumstances apply.

2.22 Non-payment. If an entry fee is not received as cleared funds within fourteen days of notification, then that entry will be forfeited. The vacated entry will be offered to the next on any waiting list.

2.23 SYC reserves the right to forfeit an entry where the entrant is not a full or associate member of the MROA as at date of entry and the event.

2.24 "Registration": means collection of event packs with verbal confirmation by the entrant of their intention to race. Registration will be at SYC and Batson Boat park as follows:

Batson Boat park - Saturday 28th June 2025 09:00 to 15:00 hrs.

SYC - Saturday 28th June 2025 immediately prior to briefing at 17:30 -18:00

- 2.25 Registration is compulsory. SYC reserves the right to forfeit entries for those competitors who have not registered (i.e. not collected their packs in person or by proxy, or otherwise notified their intention to race to gcranfords@gmail.com) by 18:00 Saturday 28th June 2025.
- 2.26 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Merlin Rocket Week page of the SYC website under "Racing". www.salcombeyc.org
- 2.27 There will be a competitors' briefing at SYC no earlier than, 18:00hrs on Saturday 28th June 2025.

3 PROGRAMME

- 3.1 The competing boats will be split into four flights as adjudicated by the MROA and Salcombe Yacht Club. The MROA may accommodate flight preferences where practicable and if they are consistent with the seedings for the event. The list of flight allocations together with daily start times for each flight will be published by the MROA. SYC, however, reserves the right to amend/update the flight allocations to take account of late withdrawals or other circumstances. The final prevailing official listing of the flights together with the daily start times will be displayed on the Official Notice Board and www.salcombeyc.org within 1 hour of the registration closure.
- 3.2 Preparatory signals will be no earlier than 10:25 and 14:25 each day.
- 3.3 The number of races is indicative only and will depend upon weather conditions. See also Sailing Instructions.

4 RESTRICTION AND CONDITIONS OF SAILING

- 4.1 *Responsibility* – Participation in a race requires a good state of health. By entering a race, you declare that the boats crew are medically, physically and mentally fit to take part and entirely responsible for her own safety and wellbeing, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the NoR or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

- 4.2 *Competence* – It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 4.3 *Class requirements* – All boats, crew and equipment must comply with the measurement and sailing requirements of the Class particularly efficient positive buoyancy. Boats and boat measurement certificates may be inspected before or after any race at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. Any inspection does not absolve the boat owner or sailors of any of their responsibilities set out above.
- 4.4 *Insurance* – The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims to the sum of at least £3,000,000.
- 4.5 *Patrol boats* – The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 4.6 *Eligibility* - To rank as a starter, competitors must be a member of the Club and sail a boat that is recorded in the register that is maintained by the Sailing Administrator. Guests may also be invited to race. See Sailing Instructions for details.
- 4.7 Rule 40.1 of the RRS shall apply whilst afloat. This makes the wearing of personal buoyancy whilst afloat mandatory. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

5. SCORING SYSTEM

- 5.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 5.2 Six races for each flight are scheduled and if all are sailed one discard will be allowed. If fewer than six races are sailed by any flight the corresponding race of the day will be disregarded and no discards will be allowed.

6 CHANGING CRAFT, SAIL NUMBER OTHER DETAIL.

- 6.1 Change of sail number or craft – A change of sail number or craft, may be permitted by a written application to the Race Office/Race Committee before 18:00 28th June 2025.
- 6.2 Duplicate sail numbers will not be permitted.
- 6.3 SYC will accept change of crew detail only up to 18:00 28th June 2025. It is the responsibility of entrants to check the accuracy of entry detail before the event.

7 TROPHIES AND PRIZEGIVING

- 7.1 Trophies are:

Trophy	Criteria
<i>Trident Challenge Cup</i>	First boat and overall champion helm.
<i>The Beryl Haynes Trophy</i>	First boat and overall champion crew.
<i>Britton Salver</i>	First family boat.
<i>Salcombe Slate</i>	First family fleet.
<i>Millbay Plate</i>	First lady helm.
<i>The Roger Taylor Trophy</i>	First lady overall (helm or crew).
<i>The Excalibur Trophy</i>	First great grand master (Over seventy-five at event commencement.)
<i>The Alan Warren Trophy</i>	First grand master (Over sixty-five at event commencement.)
<i>Salcombe YC Challenge</i>	First helm over fifty-five (Over fifty-five and under sixty-five at event commencement).
<i>Petit Trophy</i>	First helm over forty-five (Over forty-five and under fifty five at event commencement.)
<i>Draycote Salver</i>	First club team prize.
<i>Perry Pot</i>	First crew under 18 at event commencement
<i>Silver Jubilee Cup</i>	First classic boat. 3571-3358.
<i>Buckden Bowl</i>	First vintage boat 3357 and below.
<i>The Merlin Rocket</i>	First narrow boat.

- 7.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first twenty overall helms and crews. Prizes beyond this, may be awarded.

7.3 In addition to prizes overall, there will be designated Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets. The criteria qualification for qualification for these fleets will be published on the SYC website no later than 18:00 28th June 2025. There will be prizes overall for first three of the Silver and Bronze fleets.

7.4 One club only may be recorded on the Entry Form for the purposes of the Draycote Salver. Those qualifying for the Draycote Salver must confirm their entry to: gcranfords@gmail.com, by 18:30 on 28th June 2025

Those qualifying for the Britton Salver and/or Salcombe Slate must confirm their entry in writing to:

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by 18:30 on 28th June 2025.

7.5 There will be a daily prize giving at 19:00 each day at SYC for each daily race winners. There will be an overall prize giving at SYC no earlier than 18:00 on Friday 4th July 2025. There may be subsidiary sponsors' and spot prizes.

8 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

8.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority 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. They also allow their names, age category, club and boat details to be displayed in competitors' lists prior to the event and in results, on the SYC website and in other publications.

End of Notice of Race.

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