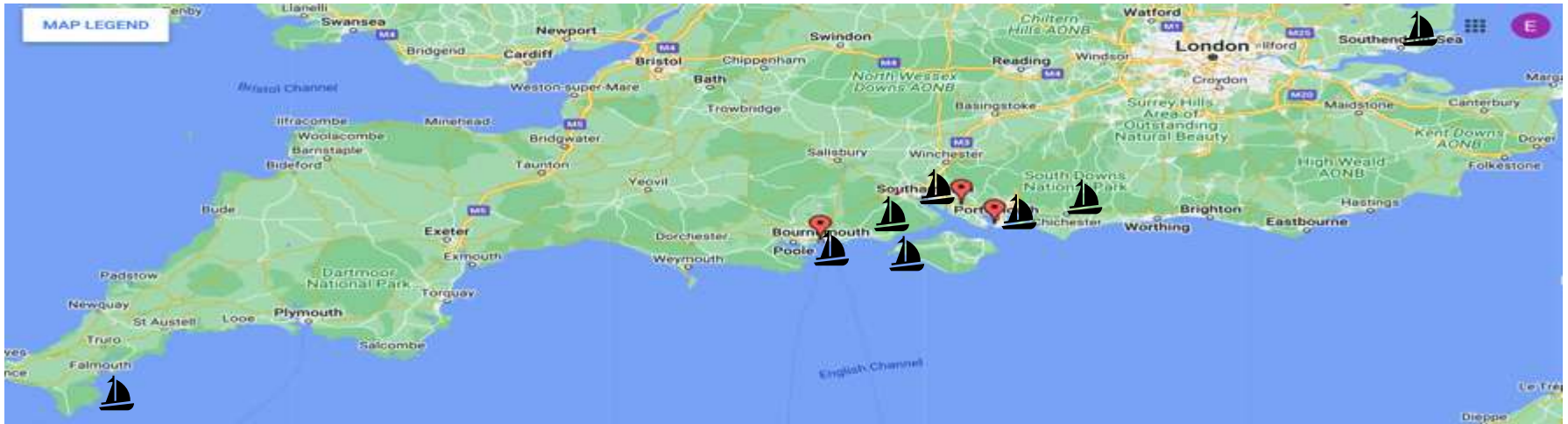




Local, National and International Programme 2023

# Active Folkboat Fleets in the UK

- ◆ There are over 700 folkboats registered in the UK, including about 100 Nordic one design folkboats, with the majority based along the south coast from Falmouth to the Medway.
- ◆ Lymington, Yarmouth, Hamble and Poole have class captains who organise local racing and social programmes for Nordic folkboats. The Classic folkboats, primarily based in the eastern and central Solent, have a class captain who organises cruising, racing and social programmes for their fleets. Each class captain has a seat on the national committee to ensure local members views drive the work of the UK Folkboat Association.
- ◆ If you would like to establish a local class and class captain, please contact Nicky Henderson, [secretary@folkboats.com](mailto:secretary@folkboats.com)



# Local, National and International Events in 2023

- ♦ Local weekend and mid-week fleet racing and social activities are organised by local class captains. Their contact details for your 2023 programme are to the right on this page.
- ♦ National events are organised by the UK Folkboat Association and run by local host yacht clubs on their behalf. This includes our premier event of the year, Folkboat Week and new for 2023, The Summer Weekend Regattas Series and a Pre-Season Tune Up. More information on the following pages and from our class secretary, Nicky Henderson - contact details to the right on this page.
- ♦ International events are organised through the Nordic Folkboat International Association (NFIA), our worldwide governing body. The premier events being the Gold Cup (open), held each year in Europe and the biennial San Francisco (USA) Gold Cup (by invitation and selection). More details on the following pages and the [www.folkboat.com](http://www.folkboat.com) link to the right on this page.

- Local Lymington races – Wednesdays, Thursday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays (Autumn Solent Circuit)  
[rlymyc.org.uk](http://rlymyc.org.uk) or [chrisfox88@outlook.com](mailto:chrisfox88@outlook.com)
- Local Yarmouth races - Wednesday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays (Winter Series)  
[royalsolent.org](http://royalsolent.org) or David Fox via [bossanova685@gmail.com](mailto:bossanova685@gmail.com)
- Local Hamble races - Wednesday evenings, Saturdays spring to autumn and central Solent championship in July  
[kim.morley@cr8.co.uk](mailto:kim.morley@cr8.co.uk)
- Local Poole Races – Monday and Thursday evenings and Sundays (Winter Series)  
[stflack@btinternet.com](mailto:stflack@btinternet.com)
- Classic class cruises, races and socials  
[timothy.cowin@icloud.com](mailto:timothy.cowin@icloud.com)
- National Events - Folkboat Week and The Summer Weekend Regattas Series  
[secretary@folkboats.com](mailto:secretary@folkboats.com)
- International Events – European Gold Cup and San Francisco Gold Cup  
[www.folkboat.com](http://www.folkboat.com)



# National Folkboat Week - 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

- ◆ Since its inception in 1965, Folkboat week takes place in Yarmouth Isle of Wight, during the last week of August, hosted by the Royal Solent Yacht Club for Nordic and Classic Folkboats - with 40+ entries every year.
- ◆ The event is renowned for its camaraderie, racing and social programme. The emphasis is always on fun and great racing for the families, friends and teams that compete.
- ◆ Following feedback from members and participants, the event will run from Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023, releasing the final bank holiday weekend.
- ◆ The race and social format remains unchanged given its enduring popularity, with prizes daily and overall, throughout the fleet. This year, the Thursday (3 races) and Friday (2 races) of Folkboat week will decide the National champion, 5 races in total with a discard. The overall prizes for Folkboat week and the Nationals will be presented at the prize-giving supper on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August at the Royal Solent Yacht Club.
- ◆ New for 2023 will be race tracker and app feedback throughout the week, along with post race Q&A sessions led by the top 3 boats from the Nordic and Classic fleets on a couple of days. The aim is to support our learning as a fleet, which we can put into practice during the week.



# National

## The Summer Weekend Regattas Series 2023

- ◆ New for 2023, the UK Folkboat Association is introducing The Summer Weekend Regattas Series, following feedback from members. The series will include 3 week-end regattas, hosted by the Lymington, Yarmouth and Hamble class captains. Our ambition is for each weekend regatta to become as popular as the Tattinger Regatta, with 20+ folkboat entries from all corners of the Solent and beyond. The option exists to expand this series to include Poole and Chichester/ Emsworth in 2024.
- ◆ Each summer weekend regatta will host social events on Friday and Saturday, promoting opportunities to catch up with fellow folkboaters at the bar and over supper. Pontoon berths that give the opportunity to moor up together for the après sail will be organized by fleet captains wherever possible. Each regatta will comprise 3 to 5 races, with 1 discard for Nordic and Classic folkboat classes. There will be split or combined starts depending on numbers and local regatta logistics, with the aim of being inclusive to Nordics and Classics.
- ◆ Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 Nordic and Classic folkboats at each individual regatta. There will also be series prizes for the top 3 Nordic and Classic folkboats overall, the best turned out, the oldest participating, the most travelled and the most improved folkboats. In 2023, the 3 regattas, host clubs and dates are as follows:
  - ◆ Royal Lymington Yacht Club Folkboat Weekend Regatta, Lymington – 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023
  - ◆ Royal Solent Yacht Club Tattinger Regatta, Yarmouth – 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023
  - ◆ Royal Air Force Yacht Club Battle of Britain Weekend Regatta - 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023





# Round the Island Race

## Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023

- ◆ The first British folkboats to be built in the UK, Katrina, Fenya, Cyra, Tomic and Celia Mary, competed from the late 1940's and 1950's in the iconic Round the Island Race. This race has become a firm favourite in the calendar with its history and prestige, always a weekend to remember. Folkboats have the best results of any design since this races inception in 1931, which remains the 4<sup>th</sup> largest sporting event in the UK.
- ◆ Folkboats can enter 1 of 3 classes, IRC, ISC or Nordic folkboat, the former being handicap and the latter one design. IRC boats compete for the internationally prestigious Gold Roman Bowl. One design Nordic folkboats compete for the Red Lion Trophy. ISC handicap is for any folkboat that does not have an IRC certificate and is not eligible for the Nordic one design folkboat class.
- ◆ Entries can be made on-line through the following link [roundtheisland.org.uk](https://roundtheisland.org.uk) and for those wanting to moor up in Cowes before the race, you should contact [cowesharbourcommission.co.uk](https://cowesharbourcommission.co.uk), ideally just before Christmas or after New Year - yes, the berths really are that popular.
- ◆ The Island Sailing Club host the event and all entrants are honorary members for the weekend. On Friday afternoon, usually about 1700 hours, the club host a weather briefing for all competitors.
- ◆ New for 2023 will be the opportunity for a pre-race folkboater get together at the New Holmwood Hotel, Egypt Point, Cowes on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 from 1800 to 1930, hosted by *Madelaine FGBR 707* - a chance to share ideas for the big race, or just have a glass of something and swap RTIR stories!



# International

## Gold Cup Tallinn, Estonia 30<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and San Francisco Gold Cup, USA in mid September 2023

- ◆ The Gold Cup is the unofficial world cup of Nordic folkboat racing and is held every year at different venues across Europe, mostly non-tidal. There are 55+ Nordic folkboat entries, from Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Finland, Sweden and the UK. The event attracts the highest calibre Nordic folkboat fleet, with World and Olympic sailors, often medalists, finding it challenging to podium. Olympic courses are set, with a minimum of 1.5 nautical miles beat, gates downwind and a long beat to finish. This years Gold Cup is hosted by the Kalevi Yacht Club, Tallinn, Estonia and is expected to take place 30<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Find out more via [www.folkboat.com](http://www.folkboat.com) for this and other European events.
- ◆ The San Francisco Gold Cup is a biennial regatta (every odd year) by invitation only, held in mid September, with 2 places currently for UK entries. The racing takes place with the iconic Golden Gate bridge as its backdrop. The 2 UK teams for the San Francisco Gold Cup are selected by the UK Folkboat Association, normally being our National champion and one other team at the discretion of the national committee, in line with agreed criteria. Find out more via our class secretary Nicky Henderson [secretary@folkboats.com](mailto:secretary@folkboats.com)
- ◆ The Danish and German Nationals are open to international entries and usually held in July. The final international regatta of the year, is always hosted by the Ahoi Sailing Club, Lake Wannsee in Berlin, Germany, with 40+ entries from across Europe on the last weekend of October. More details can be found on each national association's website via [www.folkboat.com](http://www.folkboat.com)

