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| FBA Event/ Series | Date | Host Yacht Club | Contact |
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| FBA Day Series Race 1 - Prince Consort | 11 May | Royal Solent Yacht Club | bossanova685@gmail.com |
| FBA Nationals & FBA Summer Weekend Regattas Round 1 | 22/23 June | Royal Lymington Yacht Club | lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com |
| FBA Summer Weekend Regattas Round 2, Taittinger | 13/14 July | Royal Solent Yacht Club | bossanova685@gmail.com |
| FBA Folkboat Week | 17-23 August | Royal Solent Yacht Club | bossanova685@gmail.com |
| FBA Day Series Race 2 - Christchurch Ledge | 31 August | Royal Lymington Yacht Club | lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com |
| FBA Summer Weekend Regattas Round 3, Battle of Britain | 14/15 Sept | Royal Air Force Yacht Club | kim.morley@cr8.co.uk |
| FBA Day Series Race 3 -Turkey Cup | 29 Sept | Royal Solent Yacht Club | bossanova685@gmail.com |

Events of Interest 2024

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| International Paints Regatta | 25-27 May | Parkstone Yacht Club | stflack@btinternet.com |
| Round the Island Race | 15 June | Island Sailing Club | secretary@folkboats.com |
| Gold Cup, Halmstads, Sweden | 6-12 July | Halmstads Sailing Club | www.folkboat.com |
| Cowes Classics Week | 8-12 July | Cowes Combined Clubs | cowesclassicsweek.org |
| Keelboat Regatta | 12-14 July | Medway Yacht Club | medwayyachtclub.com |
| Falmouth Week | 11-17 August | Falmouth Combined Clubs | falmouthweek.co.uk |
| Hamble Classics | 31 Aug - 1 Sept | Royal Southern Yacht Club | hambleclassics.co.uk |

Active Folkboat Fleets in the UK

- ◆ There are over 700 folkboats registered in the UK, including over 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



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Local, FBA and International Events in 2024

- Local weekend and mid-week fleet racing/ social activities are organised by class captains. Their contact details for your 2024 programme are to the right on this page.
- FBA events are promoted by the Folkboat Association (FBA) and run by local host yacht clubs. This includes our premier event of the year - Folkboat Week, plus the Summer Weekend Regattas Series, the Nationals and new for this year the Day Race Series.
- International events are promoted through the Nordic Folkboat International Association (NFIA), our worldwide governing body. The premier events being the Gold Cup, held each year in Europe and the biennial San Francisco Bay Folkboat Association International Regatta.
- More details on the following pages and the www.folkboat.com link to the right on this page.

- Local Lymington races – Wednesday evenings, Thursday evenings, Saturdays (Autumn Solent Circuit and Spring Series)
rlymyc.org.uk or lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com
- Local Yarmouth races - Wednesday evenings, Sundays (Spring and Winter Series)
royalsolent.org or David Fox via hossanova685@gmail.com
- Local Hamble races - Wednesday evenings, Saturdays spring to autumn and central Solent championship in July
kim.morley@cr8.co.uk
- Local Poole Races – Monday and Thursday evenings and Sundays (Winter Series)
stflack@btinternet.com
- Classic class cruises, races and socials
timothy.cowin@icloud.com
- National Events promoted by the UK Folkboat Association - Folkboat Week, The Summer Weekend Regattas Series and the Nationals
secretary@folkboats.com
- International Events – European Gold Cup
www.folkboat.com



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Folkboat Week - 17th to 23rd August 2024

- ◆ Since its inception in 1965, our premier event takes place at Yarmouth Isle of Wight, during the last week of August, hosted by the Royal Solent Yacht Club for Nordic and Classic Folkboats. There are 40+ entries and we start the week with a cocktail party from the clubs balcony, which has the best views of the beautiful west Solent.
- ◆ The event is renowned for its camaraderie, with the emphasis on fun ashore and afloat for the families, friends and teams that compete.
- ◆ The racing and social format remains unchanged given its enduring popularity, with daily and overall prizes.
- ◆ The last supper and prize giving is always popular, with wine from our generous sponsors, a la carte dinner and a party atmosphere shared by 140 folkboaters until last orders are called.
- ◆ New for 2024 will be Q&A sessions at a few daily prize giving's, led by the top Nordic and Classic boat that day. The aim is to share in a light-hearted way what worked and what did not, to support our learning as a fleet, which we can put into practice during the week or through the year.



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The Summer Weekend Regattas Series and Nationals 2024

- ◆ Following the success of this series in 2023, there will be 3 week-end regattas, hosted by the Lymington, Yarmouth and Hamble class captains local yacht club. Our ambition is for each weekend regatta to become as popular as the Taittinger, with 20+ folkboat entries from all corners of the Solent and beyond.
- ◆ There are fun social events on the Friday and Saturday, promoting opportunities to catch up with fellow folkboaters at the bar and over supper. Pontoon berths are organised by local class captains, so we can moor up together and enjoy the après sail. There will be a minimum of 5 races, with 1 discard for Nordic and Classic folkboat classes after 5 races. 2 races with no discards constitute a regatta.
- ◆ Prizes are awarded for the top 3 Nordic and Classic folkboats at each individual regatta and for the series overall. In 2024, the host clubs and racing dates are as follows:
 - ◆ Royal Lymington Yacht Club Folkboat Regatta, Lymington – 22/23 June (welcome reception 21 June)
 - ◆ Royal Solent Yacht Club Taittinger Regatta, Yarmouth – 13/14 July (welcome party 12 July)
 - ◆ Royal Air Force Yacht Club, Battle of Britain Regatta, Hamble - 14/15 September (welcome reception 13 September)
- ◆ This year the Lymington weekend regatta will double up with the Nationals, 22/23 June. There will be Nordic and Classic prizes for each event.



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Day Race Series 2024

- ◆ New for this year is the FBA Day Race Series, a day out on the water enjoying our favourite races, with overall series prizes presented to the top 3 Nordic and Classic folkboats.
- ◆ This will include the Prince Consort, Christchurch Ledge and Turkey Cup races. These races are renowned for providing a memorable days sailing and a great social ashore.
- ◆ The folkboats with the lowest score for all 3 races combined, with no discards, will win the top 3 series prizes.
- ◆ Prizes for each race will be presented as usual by the host yacht club.
- ◆ Prizes for the overall series winners will be presented by our President at the FBA AGM, which takes place in March each year.



Turkey Cup prize giving at the Royal Solent Yacht Club 2023

International Gold Cup, Halmstads in Sweden, 6th to 12th July 2024

- ◆ 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. 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 Halmstads Sailing Club and will take place from 6th to 12th July.
- ◆ The Danish and German Nationals are open to international entries and will be held on 28th to 30th June.
- ◆ 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



Other events of interest

Round the Island Race - Saturday 15th June 2024

- ◆ The first British folkboats built in the UK such as Katrina, Fenya, Cyra, Tomic and Celia Mary, competed from the late 1940's and 1950's in the Round the Island Race. This iconic race, organised by the Island Sailing Club with 1,100 to 1,800 entries, is a traditional favourite in the Folkboat racing calendar.
- ◆ Folkboats have the best results of any design since this races inception in 1931. It remains the 4th largest sporting event in the UK. 55 nautical miles around the Isle of Wight, start at the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes, head west and keep turning left around the Isle of Wight, until you arrive back in Cowes before the bar calls last orders!
- ◆ 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 and for those wanting to moor up in Cowes before the race, you should contact cowesharbourcommission.co.uk, ideally just before Christmas or after New Year, the berths are that popular!
- ◆ All competitors are honorary members of the Island Sailing Club for the weekend. On Friday afternoon, usually about 1700 hours, the club host a weather briefing for the race.
- ◆ There will be a pre-race folkboater get together at the New Holmwood Hotel, Egypt Point, Cowes on Friday 15th 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!

