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Folkboat Association Racing Programme 2025

# Local, National and International Events in 2025

- ♦ Local weekend, mid-week fleet racing and social activities are organised by class captains. Their contact details for your 2025 programme are to the right on this page.
- ♦ National events are promoted by the Folkboat Association (FBA) and run by local host yacht clubs on their behalf. This includes our premier event of the year - Folkboat Week, Summer Weekend Regattas Series, the Nationals , The Long Race series and the new Cross Solent Saturday 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. This year the Sessan cup is being held in the Netherlands
- ♦ Other FB Events of Interest - Falmouth Week 8 to 17 August

- Local Lymington races – Wednesdays, Thursday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays (Autumn Solent Circuit)  
[rlymyc.org.uk](http://rlymyc.org.uk) or [lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com](mailto:lymnordiccaptains@gmail.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 Hamble Folkboat Championships 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 promoted by the UK Folkboat Association - Folkboat Week, The Summer Weekend Regattas Series and the Nationals  
[secretary@folkboats.com](mailto:secretary@folkboats.com)
- International Events – European Gold Cup  
[www.folkboat.com](http://www.folkboat.com)



# Folkboat Association Programme 2025 Overview

National Event	Date	Host Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning	Contact
FBA Long Race Series 1 – Long Race West	24 may	RLYC	13:45	<a href="mailto:lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com">lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com</a>
FBA Long Race Series 2 - Prince Consort	31 May	RSYC	13:45	<a href="mailto:bossanova685@gmail.com">bossanova685@gmail.com</a>
FBA Long Race Series 3 – Round the Island Race	7 <sup>th</sup> June	ISC	See NOR	<a href="http://roundtheisland.org.uk">roundtheisland.org.uk</a>
FBA Summer Weekend Regattas Round 1 & FBA Nationals	14/15 June	RLYC	See NOR	<a href="mailto:lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com">lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com</a>
FBA Long Race Series 4 – Long Race East	28 June	RLYC	13:45	<a href="mailto:lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com">lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com</a>
FBA Summer Weekend Regattas Round 2, Taittinger	5/6 July	RSYC	See NOR	<a href="mailto:bossanova685@gmail.com">bossanova685@gmail.com</a>
FBA Cross Solent Saturday Series 1	12 July	RLYC	13:45	<a href="mailto:lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com">lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com</a>
FBA Cross Solent Saturday Series 2	19 July	RLYC	13:45	<a href="mailto:lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com">lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com</a>
FBA Cross Solent Saturday Series 3	26 July	RLYC	13:45	<a href="mailto:lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com">lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com</a>
FBA Cross Solent Saturday Series 4	2 August	RSYC	14:15	<a href="mailto:lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com">lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com</a>
FBA Cross Solent Saturday Series 5	9 August	RSYC	14:15	<a href="mailto:lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com">lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com</a>
FBA Folkboat Week – 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year	16-22 August	RSYC	See NOR	<a href="mailto:bossanova685@gmail.com">bossanova685@gmail.com</a>
FBA Summer Weekend Regattas Round 3, Battle of Britain	13/14 Sept	RAFYC	See NOR	<a href="mailto:kim.morley@cr8.co.uk">kim.morley@cr8.co.uk</a>

# FBA Folkboat Week 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **2025 marks a very special year - as it's the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Folkboat week** – where we are looking to attract over 60 Folkboats with a special program to appeal to Cruisers, Classic racers and Nordic One designs (including international team racing for the Walcon Cup
- ◆ 60th Celebration Party Saturday 16th August - Folkboat Rum Party followed by a Celebration Dinner, Dancing and Live Band
- ◆ 60+ Folkboat Sailpast and Salute
- ◆ International Racing for the Walcon Cup Sat 16th Sunday 17th
- ◆ FB week for Classics and Nordics and daily Cruising FB activities



# FBA - The Summer Weekend Regattas Series and Nationals 2025

- ◆ Following the success of this series in 2023 and 2024 , there will be 3 week-end regattas, hosted by the local club of the Lymington, Yarmouth and Hamble class captains. 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.
- ◆ Each summer weekend regatta will include social events on the Friday and Saturday, promoting opportunities to catch up with fellow folkboaters at the bar and over supper. Pontoon berths will be organised by local class captains, giving the opportunity to 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 will be 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 – 14/15 June (welcome reception 13 June)
  - ◆ Royal Solent Yacht Club Taittinger Regatta, Yarmouth – 5/6 July (welcome party 4 July)
  - ◆ Royal Air Force Yacht Club, Battle of Britain Regatta, Hamble - 13/14 September (welcome reception 12 September)
- ◆ Again this year the Lymington weekend regatta will be the FBA National Regatta



# FBA – Long Race Series 2025

- ◆ We will again run the FBA Long 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 year the series will consist of The Long Race West, The Prince Consort Race, The Round the Island Race (Nordic Class) and the Long Race East. These races are renowned for providing a memorable days sailing and a great social ashore.
- ◆ The folkboats with the lowest score for all 4 races combined, with no discards, will win the top 3 series prizes.
- ◆ Prizes for each race will be presented as usual by the host club.
- ◆ Prizes for the overall series winners will be presented at the new Annual Prizegiving on October 11<sup>th</sup>



Turkey Cup prize giving at the Royal Solent Yacht Club 2023

# International events - (This year is also a Sessan Cup Year )

- ◆ After the Exciting first win for GB at the Gold cup last year – we are again looking to attract a good support of International events from British Nordic Folkboats
- ◆ 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 Hellerup Sailing Club, Copenhagen and will take place from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July
- ◆ The Sessan Cup will be held this year by NL at Muiden Sailing Club - 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September
- ◆ 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)



# Round the Island Race - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025

- ◆ The first British folkboats 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 iconic race, organised by the Island Sailing Club with 1,100 to 1,700 entries, is a firm favourite in the racing calendar.
- ◆ Folkboats have the best results of any design since this races inception in 1931. It remains the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://roundtheisland.org.uk) and for those wanting to moor up in Cowes before the race, you should contact [cowesharbourcommission.co.uk](http://cowesharbourcommission.co.uk), ideally just before Christmas or after New Year, the berths 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.





# 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](mailto:secretary@folkboats.com)

