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Folkboat Association Racing Programme 2026

# Local, National and International Events in 2026

- ♦ Local weekend, mid-week fleet racing and social activities are organised by class captains. Their contact details for your 2026 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.
- ♦ Other FB Events of Interest - Falmouth Week 7 to 16 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 2026 Regattas

National Event	Date	Host Club	Contact
Race Skills Regatta - Hamble	25 <sup>th</sup> April	HRSC	<a href="mailto:kim.morley@cr8.co.uk">kim.morley@cr8.co.uk</a>
FBA Prince Consort	30 May	RSYC	<a href="mailto:bossanova685@gmail.com">bossanova685@gmail.com</a>
FBA Summer Weekend Regattas Round 1 & FBA Nationals	13/14 June	RLYC	<a href="mailto:lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com">lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com</a>
Round the Island Race 2026	11 <sup>th</sup> July	ISC	<a href="http://roundtheisland.org.uk">roundtheisland.org.uk</a>
NFIA Folkboat Gold Cup Travemunde Woche Germany	21/25 July	LYC	<a href="mailto:kim.morley@cr8.co.uk">kim.morley@cr8.co.uk</a>
FBA Summer Weekend Regattas Round 2, Taittinger	25/26 July	RSYC	<a href="mailto:bossanova685@gmail.com">bossanova685@gmail.com</a>
FBA Summer Weekend Regatta Round 3 – Cowes Week 200	1/3 August	RYS	<a href="http://Cowesweek.co.uk">Cowesweek.co.uk</a>
61 <sup>st</sup> Folkboat Week – Yarmouth IOW	23-28 August	RSYC	<a href="mailto:bossanova685@gmail.com">bossanova685@gmail.com</a>
FBA Summer Weekend Regattas Round 4, Battle of Britain	19/20 Sept	RAFYC	<a href="mailto:kim.morley@cr8.co.uk">kim.morley@cr8.co.uk</a>
Turkey Cup	27 Sept	RSYC	<a href="mailto:bossanova685@gmail.com">bossanova685@gmail.com</a>
Pottership Cup	4 Oct	RYYC	<a href="mailto:lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com">lymnordiccaptains@gmail.com</a>

# FBA 61<sup>st</sup> Folkboat Week – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **In 2025 we had our largest entry with over 50 Folkboats – so lets make 2026 another record year** - we will have a special program to appeal to Cruisers, Classic racers and Nordic One designs
- ◆ Starts with a welcome Celebration Party Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - Folkboat Rum Party followed by a Celebration Dinner, Dancing and Live Band
- ◆ This year we are introducing full YTC Handicapping for all our classics and Folkboat Derivatives, IF's and Varne Folkboats



# FBA - The Summer Weekend Regattas Series and Nationals 2026

- ◆ Following the success of this series and now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year in 2026 , we are proud to announce a 4<sup>th</sup> week-end regatta at the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cowes week in addition to our regular 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.
- ◆ See FBA Program for dates



# International events

- ◆ After the Exciting first win for GB at the Gold cup in 2024 and strong results in 2025 – 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 Lubecker Yacht Club , Travemunde Woche Germany 17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July More details can be found on each national association's website via [www.folkboat.com](http://www.folkboat.com)



# Round the Island Race - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026

- ◆ 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)

