



VISITOR INFORMATION

2026 Nacra 15 World Championship

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Hosted by Plym Yacht Club & Hooe Point Sailing Club, in
conjunction with the Nacra 15 Class.

Welcome to Britain's Ocean City. Everything you need for the week — the venue, getting here, where to stay, where to eat, and what to do with the family between races.

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Welcome to Plymouth

Whether you're racing, supporting a young sailor, or just along for the ride, this guide has the practical bits you'll need for a brilliant week on Plymouth Sound.

Plymouth Sound is one of the finest natural sailing arenas in the world, and the 2026 Nacra 15 World Championship sits right at its heart. The event is based on the **Mount Batten peninsula** and the surrounding villages of Turnchapel, Hooe and Oreston, on the eastern shore of the Cattewater — a short hop across the water from the historic Barbican and Plymouth Hoe. It's a compact, friendly corner of the city, with most pubs, cafés and waterfront walks just minutes from the slipways.

Our host clubs



Plym Yacht Club — Founded in 1970, one of Plymouth's leading clubs. On the shores of the River Plym at Oreston, with an active racing scene, deep-water moorings and a strong record of running national championships.

Hooe Point Sailing Club — Formed in 1967 to make sailing affordable. A small, welcoming club on Barton Road, Hooe, with the biggest dinghy fleet in Plymouth and a lively scene around the Sound.

A note for families. The Nacra 15 is a youth class, so many sailors travel with parents, siblings and supporters. We've built this guide with families in mind — child-friendly pubs, buggy-friendly walks, and a region packed with brilliant days out for all ages.

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At the venue

Everything you need to know once you arrive at the event base at the Mount Batten Centre.

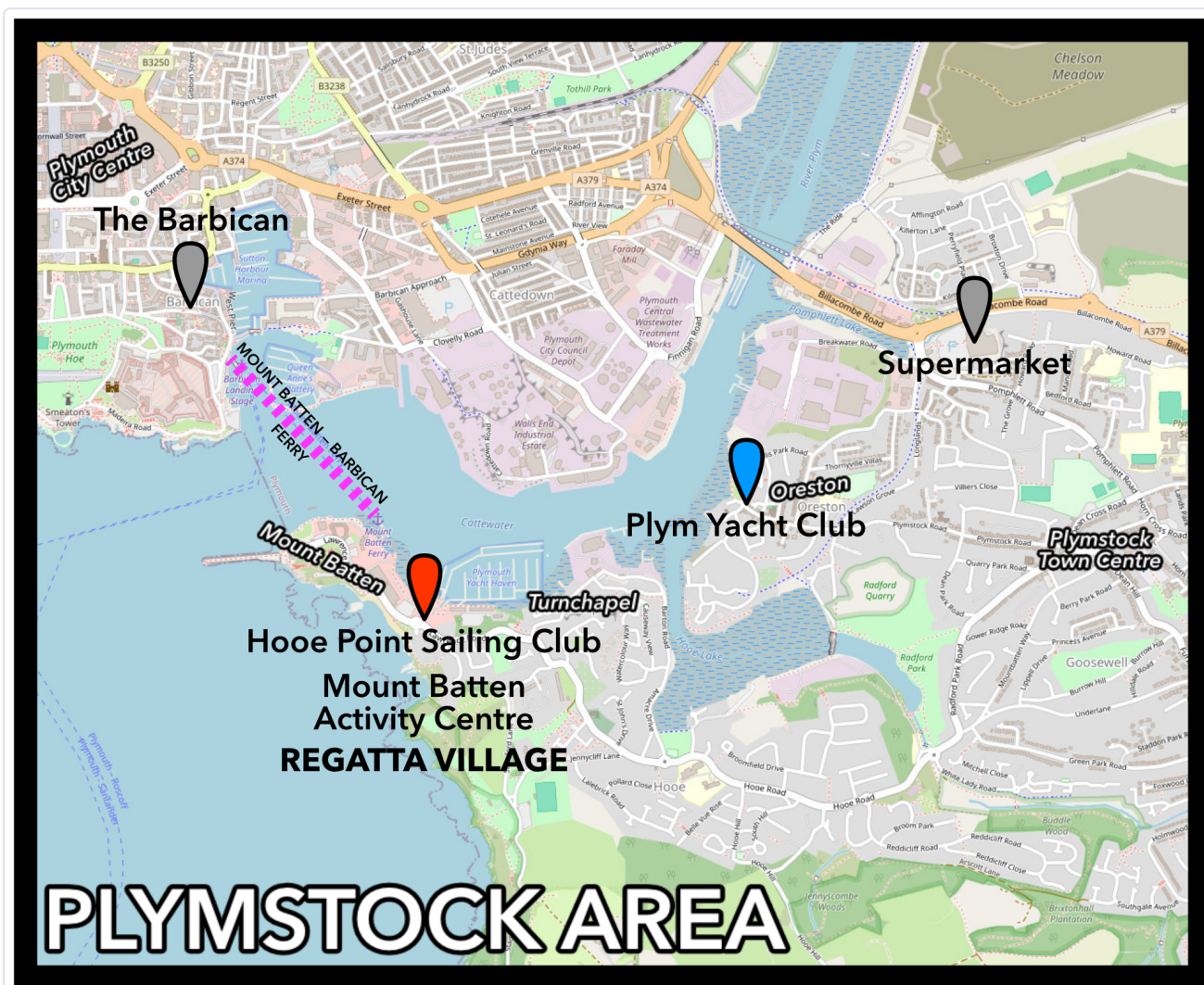


The event site at the Mount Batten Centre (Regatta Village) — main entrance at **PL9 9XH**, event marquee, boat park, launching area, changing rooms, jury room, toilets, free public parking and catering. Please follow signage and marshals on the day.

Finding us

The event is based at the **Mount Batten Centre** on the Mount Batten peninsula, with the host clubs close by at Oreston and Hooe. Sat-nav postcodes:

- **Event main entrance / Regatta Village** — PL9 9XH
- **Mount Batten Watersports & Activities Centre** — 70 Lawrence Road, PL9 9SJ
- **Plym Yacht Club** — The Quay, Oreston, PL9 7NE
- **Hooe Point Sailing Club** — Barton Road, Hooe, PL9 9RQ



The wider area — how the venue on the Mount Batten peninsula sits relative to Plym Yacht Club, Hooe Point Sailing Club, the Barbican and Plymstock.

Parking

Free public parking is marked on the site map, but space on the peninsula is limited and fills quickly at peak times. Please follow marshals and signage, car-share where you can to keep the narrow village lanes clear, and allow extra time on the first couple of days.

Changing rooms & showers

Changing rooms, toilets and showers are available at the venue. Please keep them tidy for the sailors behind you, and don't leave valuables unattended.

Launching & boat park

Follow the launch plan and any tide-related timings issued by the race team — Plymouth's tides are part of the challenge, so check the daily briefing. Rigging and boat-park areas are marshalled; please keep access lanes and slipways clear.

Facilities

- **Catering & bar** — refreshments at the Regatta Village marquee, plus cafés and pubs within a short walk (see Food & drink).
- **First aid** — speak to any official if you need help; the first-aid point is shown at registration.

- **Race office / registration** — for entries, measurement and enquiries.

Useful tips

- **Dress for all four seasons.** Even in late July, the Sound can serve sunshine, sea breeze and a passing shower in one day. Bring layers, sun cream and waterproofs.
- **Check the tide and the daily briefing** — tides shape the racing; don't rely on yesterday's timings.
- **Most places take card**, but a few small cafés and Mount Batten Tower prefer cash.
- **Mind the lanes.** Turnchapel and Hooe have narrow, pretty streets — drive slowly and park considerately.
- **The water taxi / ferry** from Mount Batten to the Barbican is a lovely, quick way to reach the restaurants without the drive.

Getting here

Although Plymouth is a fair way from London, getting here is straightforward for visitors from across the UK and abroad.

Flights

London Heathrow

The UK's busiest airport and your best bet from far abroad. By car, around 3½ hours on the M4, M5 and A38. By train, take the Heathrow Express to London Paddington, then a direct service to Plymouth with no changes.

London Gatwick

Often cheaper flights but farther out. By car, 4+ hours via the M23, M25, M4, M5 and A38. By train, Gatwick Express to London Victoria, then transfer to Paddington (about 30 minutes) for the direct Plymouth train.

Regional airports

Bristol, Exeter and Newquay Cornwall are closer. Bristol is most likely to have short-haul international flights and is roughly 2 hours away on the M5 and A38.

Trains

Direct trains run from London Paddington to Plymouth with no changes. Tickets are best from **GWR** (who run South West services) or **Trainline**. Plymouth station is about 15 minutes' drive from the venue.

Driving

The roads into Plymouth are largely fast and straightforward, and a car is genuinely useful — it makes the venue, your accommodation and the wider South West easy to reach. If hiring locally, note the main depots are on the edge of the city. **If you're towing your boat, head directly to the launch facility as directed by organisers.** Around the venue, drive slowly through the narrow lanes of Turnchapel and Hooe.

Ferries

Visitors from continental Europe — especially anyone towing a boat — may take a ferry to Britain before driving on. **Brittany Ferries** runs services from France (and sometimes Spain) that arrive right in the centre of Plymouth, a short drive from the venue. Other crossings serve Poole, Portsmouth and Dover; Ireland–GB ferries land at Liverpool, Holyhead and Fishguard. **Direct Ferries** lets you compare all major UK crossings.

Getting around once you're here

- **Mount Batten water taxi / ferry** — a quick, scenic hop to the Barbican and back; handy for evenings out without the car.
- **Buses** connect the peninsula and city centre, and reach Devon and Cornwall.
- **On foot** — the venue, several pubs and the coast path are all within easy walking distance.

Accommodation

From waterfront rooms minutes from the slipway to city-centre hotels with pools and parking. Book early — late July is peak season in the South West.

Right by the venue

WATERFRONT · TURNCHAPEL

Hotel Mount Batten

About as close to the water as you can stay (Lawrence Road, PL9 9SJ). 16 en-suite rooms, a bar and restaurant, and stunning views across the Cattewater to the Barbican. Direct access to the South West Coast Path, and minutes from the venue.

Self-catering & Airbnb

For teams, families and groups, self-catering is often the easiest and best-value option. Look in **Turnchapel, Hooe, Oreston and Mount Batten** to be within walking or a short drive of the slipway, or across the water on the **Barbican and Sutton Harbour** for restaurants on the doorstep. Airbnb, Vrbo and local holiday-let agencies all cover the area.

Tip for families: a self-catering cottage or apartment gives you a kitchen, laundry and somewhere to dry kit — a real bonus over a week of sailing.

Barbican & waterfront hotels

Across the Cattewater, the **Barbican and Sutton Harbour** area is Plymouth's most characterful quarter — cobbled streets, waterfront restaurants and independent shops, with a quick ferry or short drive back to the racing. Good if you'd like to be in the thick of the evening buzz.

City-centre hotels

MILLBAY · ~15 MIN DRIVE

Moxy Plymouth

Modern, fun and well-placed near Millbay (14 Millbay Road, PL1 3LH). 200 stylish rooms, a 24/7 bar, on-site parking, and steps from the train station and Brittany Ferries port.

CITY CENTRE · ~15 MIN DRIVE

The New Continental Hotel

A long-established, family-run hotel with 99 rooms including dedicated **family rooms**, plus a leisure complex with a **heated indoor pool**, sauna, steam room and gyms — free to guests, and a great way to keep children happy after a day on the shore. Ample city-centre parking.

Looking for more? Visit [Plymouth lists hotels, B&Bs and self-catering across the city and waterfront.](#)

Food & drink

The Mount Batten peninsula and the villages of Turnchapel, Hooe and Oreston are dotted with waterfront pubs and cafés, with the Barbican adding a whole quarter of restaurants across the water. Almost all are child-friendly.

On the doorstep — Mount Batten & Turnchapel

Hotel Mount Batten

WATERFRONT PUB & RESTAURANT · LAWRENCE ROAD

Right on the water with cracking views to the Barbican. The bar welcomes non-residents; food daily midday–9pm and a popular Sunday carvery. Regional real ales.

The Bridge

BAR & RESTAURANT · MOUNT BATTEN YACHT HAVEN

A stunning waterside spot overlooking the marina, open all day from breakfast. Children welcome in the downstairs bar all day. Great for lunch between races.

The Galley Kitchen at Mountbatten

CAFÉ · OPPOSITE THE BEACH

A tucked-away café by the Mount Batten Centre serving fabulous breakfasts, generous lunches and good coffee. Perfect for a quick, casual bite.

Hooe & Oreston

The Royal Oak

PUB · LAKE ROAD, HOOE

A traditional village local dating to the 1850s, renowned for exceptional Sunday roasts. A beer garden beside a public slipway means you can even arrive by boat. Quiz nights, music and a warm welcome.

Across the water — the Barbican

A short ferry hop or drive away, Plymouth's **Barbican** is the city's historic heart: the largest concentration of cobbled streets in the UK, lined with waterfront restaurants, pubs, independent cafés and ice-cream stops. Everything from fresh seafood and gastropubs to family-friendly pizza and fish-and-chips, plus the famous **Plymouth Gin Distillery** for a tour. A lovely evening out after a day on the water.



Opening hours vary, especially early and late in the day — worth checking ahead or booking for larger groups.

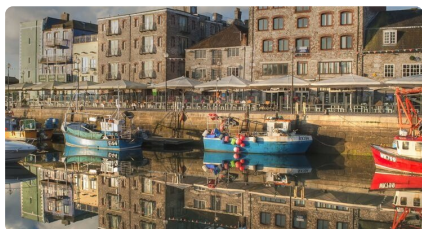
Attractions & family days out

While you're here, there's something magical around every corner — perfect for shore crew, partners and kids between races.

Right by the venue

- **Mount Batten Tower & breakwater** — walks around Mountbatten Point with fine views across the Sound; the historic tower has regular open days.
- **South West Coast Path** — the national trail runs right past the venue, with breathtaking cliff-top views.
- **Mount Batten water taxi** — a short, scenic ferry to the Barbican; a treat in itself for younger ones.
- **Jennycliff** — a grassy cliff-top park with a café and beach access, ideal for a picnic with big views over the Sound.

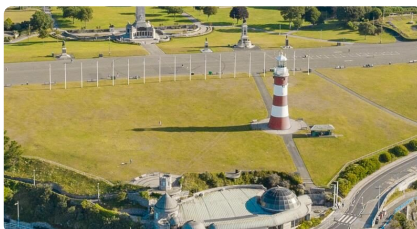
Historic Plymouth



The Barbican

ACROSS THE WATER

Cobbled streets, waterfront dining and the Mayflower Steps, where the Pilgrims departed for America in 1620.



Plymouth Hoe

~1 MILE

The iconic esplanade with sweeping views, Smeaton's Tower lighthouse and the art-deco Tinside Lido sea-water pool.



Royal William Yard

FERRY FROM BARBICAN

A restored 19th-century naval victualling yard, now a waterfront destination of galleries, restaurants and cafés.

Family favourites



National Marine Aquarium

THE BARBICAN

The UK's largest aquarium, with 4,000+ sea creatures and Britain's deepest shark tank.



The Box Plymouth

CITY CENTRE

Plymouth's major museum, gallery and archive — prehistory to maritime adventure to modern art. Great for a rainy afternoon.



Mount Edgcumbe

FERRY TO CORNWALL

860 acres of parkland and gardens, with lovely walks and views back over the Sound.



Saltram House

~20 MIN DRIVE

A magnificent National Trust Georgian mansion in parkland by the Plym, with garden walks and family trails.



Crownhill Fort

~15 MIN DRIVE

The best-preserved Victorian fort in Plymouth's defensive ring — tunnels, ramparts and hands-on history.

Also worth a visit: **Dartmoor Zoo** (~30 min) — the real zoo that inspired the film *We Bought a Zoo*, with tigers, lions, bears and 70+ species in woodland.

Day trips: Devon & Cornwall



Dartmoor National Park

~6 MILES

England's largest wilderness — ancient tors, wild ponies and walking for all abilities.



The Eden Project

~1 HOUR

Vast biomes of rainforest and Mediterranean gardens; don't miss the canopy walkway.



Lost Gardens of Heligan

~1¼ HOURS

Romantically restored Victorian gardens. Joint Eden + Heligan tickets save money and pair perfectly.



Salcombe

~1½ HOURS

Upmarket sailing town with beautiful beaches and excellent seafood.



Dartmouth

~1 HOUR

Elegant riverside town with the Royal Naval College, medieval streets and a scenic ferry across the Dart.



Looe

~45 MIN / SCENIC RAIL

A classic Cornish fishing port with seafood, boat trips and a nearby monkey sanctuary.



Fowey

~1½ HOURS

A charming literary harbour town tumbling down to a deep-water estuary — perfect for a quintessentially Cornish day.



St Ives

~2 HOURS

Picture-perfect artists' town with the Tate St Ives, golden beaches and famous light.



Totnes

~45 MIN / 25 MIN TRAIN

England's most alternative town — independent shops, organic cafés and a Norman castle.

Getting around

- **By car:** most attractions are easy via the A38. Book ahead for popular sites like the Eden Project in the summer holidays.
- **Public transport:** regular buses reach Devon and Cornwall; the scenic Looe Valley line is a trip in itself.
- **Ferries:** the short crossings to Mount Edgcumbe and along the Tamar give a whole different view — and keep the kids entertained.

Planning your visit: late July falls in the school summer holidays, so popular attractions are busy — arrive early or pre-book. The flip side is long daylight evenings, perfect for a post-racing stroll or a late ice cream on the Barbican.

Further resources: [Visit Plymouth](#) · [Visit Devon](#) · [Visit Cornwall](#)

Merchandise & event poster

Take a piece of the 2026 Nacra 15 World Championship home with you.

Official clothing & merchandise

Kit yourself, your crew and your supporters out in official event clothing from our merchandise partner, **South Coast Embroidery** — tees, hoodies, technical layers and more. Ordering early means your kit is ready in time for the event, and it's a great way to support the championship.

Shop online: nacra15worlds.southcoastembroidery.com/shop

Pre-ordered clothing will be available to collect at registration.

Event poster

Just like the J/24 Worlds, we're producing a limited **commemorative event poster** — a striking illustration of the Nacra 15 fleet racing on Plymouth Sound beneath Smeaton's Tower.

To pre-order yours, email the team at **hello@nacra15worlds.com** and let us know how many you'd like. It makes a lovely keepsake of the championship and a great way to remember your week in Plymouth.

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