



FYCA Calendar Planning Process

This process and schedule for setting the FYCA open events calendar provides tidal prediction data well in advance of the season and gives all clubs an equal opportunity to bid for their preferred dates. It is FYCA policy that date clashes between open events shall be avoided whenever possible but if unavoidable, allowed only by agreement between the clubs involved.

1. FYCA Autumn Delegates Meeting (~18 months ahead of season)

Calendar input sheet with tidal data for Leith (GMT & metres based on the Autotide software) for weekends from April to December is distributed to all FYCA clubs. Columns are provided for 1st and 2nd choice dates for each open event.

2. FYCA Spring Delegates Meeting (~12 months ahead of season)

Initial inputs from clubs are reviewed at the meeting and any potential date conflicts are highlighted and, if possible, resolved. It is FYCA policy that dates agreed at this meeting are considered as fixed and can only be changed with the agreement of the club(s) involved. This allows clubs negotiating with sponsors or classes to offer a firm date more than a year ahead.

3. FYCA Draft Calendar Distribution (~12 months ahead of season)

Draft Issue A, including any alternative dates, is sent out to all clubs after the Spring Delegates meeting and published on the FYCA Internet web site at: www.fyca.org.uk. Later editions are published as issue B, C, etc.

4. FYCA Autumn Delegates Meeting (~6 months ahead of season)

Latest draft calendar is sent out to all clubs with notice of meeting. In general, there should be no outstanding date clashes at this point, but decisions on alternative dates may be finalised at this meeting to improve the layout of events.

5. FYCA Agreed Calendar Distribution (~6 months ahead of season)

Issue 1 of the calendar is sent out to all clubs after the Autumn Delegates Meeting and published on the Internet. Copies are also sent to TYCA, CYCA, RYA(S) and local non-FYCA clubs. Further changes are sent to clubs and published as issue 2, 3, etc. on the FYCA web site.

6. FYCA Open Events Poster (Start of season)

Colour posters with details of all FYCA open events, FYCA trophies and up to date club contacts is sent out to all FYCA clubs and local non-FYCA clubs to maximise publicity.

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