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Incorporating:

IRC Southern Area Championship

VPRS Championship

Mini Ton Cup

J/80 National Championship

J/24 Southern Area Championship

Sonata Southern Championship

2.4mR National Tidal Championship

YTC Class

Class results and prizes awarded for following classes with 4 or more entries:

Cape 31

Impala

Shrimper 19

R19

Flying Fifteen

Redwing

Welcome from the President

The organising committee of volunteers from the combined yacht clubs of Poole have worked tirelessly to create an unforgettable weekend of yacht racing and competitor socials. We are delighted that the Regatta's reputation has spread far and wide across Europe. All the planning of the last two years is coming together to create one of the finest Poole Regattas to date. The decision by The Royal Ocean Racing Club to host the 2026 IRC European Championship and the IRC Southern Area Championship at Poole is an honour bringing competitors from all round the UK and northern Europe to Poole. In all we are expecting between 175 and 200 entries, making this one of the major UK regattas of 2026.

The International Paint Poole Regatta will also be hosting the VPRS Championship, J/80 National Championship, J/24 Southern Area Championship, Sonata Southern Championship, Mini Ton Cup and the 2.4mR National Tidal Championship over the weekend. It all makes for highly competitive racing where the best of the best yacht racing crews will come together to compete for a prestigious array of silverware, not to mention the overall regatta winner being presented with the historic Canford Cup.

The racing is not just reserved for championships, with many class starts including Cape 31, Impala, Flying Fifteen, Redwing, R19 and Shrimper - 15 classes in all.

Off the water, the regatta includes many social events for crews to get together, creating a real community feel to the weekend. From the competitors' reception at Poole Quay Yacht Haven on Friday night, Saturday at Parkstone Yacht Club, Poole Yacht Club's party with live music on Sunday, through to the prize giving at The Royal Motor Yacht Club on Bank Holiday Monday, the regatta will provide many opportunities to mix with like-minded yacht racers.

Poole Regatta is supported by a comprehensive group of sponsors with International Paint as title sponsors, and backed by Charles Stanley Wealth Management, Haven Knox-Johnston, Poole Harbour Commissioners, Stoneways Marine Insurance Services, Salcombe Distilling Co, Rooster Marine Clothing and the Knot Agency.

Andrew Pearce - Regatta President



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As one of the most recognisable marine brands in the world, International Paint is proud to be the title sponsor of the Poole Regatta for another year.

We are delighted to welcome back the IRC class for the IRC Southern Area Championship, and also the J/80s and the 2.4mRs for their National Championships. We also welcome the addition of the Poole IRC European Championship to the event. With this expanding fleet Poole Regatta sets out to be one of the premier South Coast regattas.

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Notice of Race

Organising Authority

The organising authority is Parkstone Yacht Club on behalf of the Combined Yacht Clubs of Poole (Royal Motor Yacht Club, Parkstone Yacht Club, Poole Yacht Club).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Poole Regatta 2026 Sailing Instructions and the class rules of each competing boat.
- 1.2. In the event of a clash between the governing documents the order of precedence is Class Rules, then Sailing Instructions then Notice of Race (this changes RRS 63.5(c)).
- 1.3. One Design Classes: All competitors shall conform to the safety requirements of their respective Class Rules.
- 1.4. IRC classes: The IRC 2026 Rules, Parts A, B and C, will apply. All boats shall comply with World Sailing OSR Category 4.
- 1.5. VPRS and YTC: All boats shall comply with World Sailing OSR Appendix B-Inshore Racing.
- 1.6. RRS 40.1 (Personal flotation devices) applies to competitors under the age of 18 at all times when afloat.
- 1.7. Variations to class rules:
 - 1.7.1. IRC: Under RRS 88.2 and IRC Rule 11.1, IRC Rule 22.4.1 Crew Number is amended. The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate except that; when the crew includes EITHER— at least 2 females, at least 2x 25 years old or under (25 or under on 26 May 2026) OR at least 1 female and 1x 25 years old or under (25 or under on 26 May 2026) then the crew limit is certificate number plus 1. There is no weight limit.
 - 1.7.2. J/24: Owners and helms must be members of their NCA and will sail according to their class rules.
 - 1.7.3. J/24: Class rule C.10.2 is replaced with class rule H.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.
 - 1.7.4. J/24: Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with class rule H.4.3 that allows limited declared crew substitution.
 - 1.7.5. Shrimper 19: will race to SOA Poole Rules.
 - 1.7.6. International Flying Fifteen: Class rule 15.3 is amended. Anchors need not be carried.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available online at www.pooleregatta.co.uk no later than 15 May 2026.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The official noticeboard will be online at www.pooleregatta.co.uk
- 3.2. [DP] All competitors (except on in-harbour courses) shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF radio channels 06,08,72,M1/37a,M2/80.
- 3.3. Additionally, a WhatsApp group specific to each course area may be used.
- 3.4. The form of communication used for each course area will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.5. For in-harbour classes, indicator boards will be used to denote courses.
- 3.6. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make or receive, whilst racing, radio or mobile phone communications not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility And Entry

- 4.1. The Regatta is open to all boats of the following classes (The Organisers reserve the right to add and/or amend classes):
- 4.2. HANDICAP Classes
 - 4.2.1. Boats will race either using IRC, VPRS or YTC rating.
 - 4.2.2. Only boats with a valid IRC certificate with TCC between 0.800 and 1.100 will be eligible for the IRC Southern Area Championships.
 - 4.2.3. The IRC, VPRS and YTC rating deadline shall be 08 May 2026. No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Authority errors. Such errors shall be certified in writing as such by the Rating Authority.
 - 4.2.4. Class splits within IRC and VPRS will depend on the ratings and the number of entries received.
- 4.3. ONE DESIGN Classes
 - 4.3.1. A minimum of four entries is needed from any one design class. If a class does not reach this threshold, entry fees may be refunded in full to affected boats.
 - 4.3.2. Six or more entries are needed for a class start; if this threshold is not reached, starts may be shared with similar classes.
- 4.4. Entries can be made at www.pooleregatta.co.uk on or before 2359hrs on 08 May 2026.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6. Entries withdrawn on or before 08 May 2026 will be refunded subject to a handling fee of 20%.
- 4.7. Exceptionally, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will incur a 50% late fee surcharge over Standard entry.

5: Fees

5.1 Entry & Berthing

Class	Early Bird Entry Fee (available until 2359 on 10 April)	Standard Entry Fee (11 April until 08 May)	Discounted berthing 3 nights - 22 - 24 May	Extra nights (17, 18, 19, 20, 21 May and/or 25 May)
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Rated Yachts (IRC, VPRS, YTC)

15m and above	£350	£460	£240	£80
14m<15m	£350	£460	£225	£75
13m<14m	£350	£460	£210	£70
12m<13m	£350	£460	£195	£65
11m<12m	£300	£400	£180	£60
10m<11m	£250	£340	£165	£55
9m<10m	£200	£285	£150	£50
8m<9m	£165	£240	£135	£45
Less than 8m and Mini Tonner	£135	£195	£125	£40

One Design classes

Cape 31	£350	£460	£195	£65
Impala	£165	£240	£135	£45
J/80 and J/24	£150	£215	£135	£45
Sonata	£135	£195	£125	£40
Shrimper	£65	£95	£125	£40
2.4mR (inc launching)	£65	£95	£40	£15
R19	£65	£95	N/A	N/A
Redwing	£65	£95	N/A	N/A
Flying Fifteen	£65	£95	N/A	N/A

5.2. Launching and recovery with trailer storage package: £140

5.3. Self launching and trailer storage package: £50

5.4. Fees for further classes may be added at a later date.

5.5. For queries about any other classes and services, please contact the Secretary (see NoR 20)

6. Crew Limitations

6.1. IRC classes: Crew numbers may only be varied under NOR 1.7.1.

6.2. J/24 class: Crew weighing will be in accordance with NOR 8.1.5. Limited crew substitution is permitted under NOR 1.7.4.

7. Advertising

7.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7.2. [DP] Advertising in conflict with the sponsors of the event will not be permitted.

8. Schedule

8.1. Registration

8.1.1. **The Registration Point for each competitor will be located at the marina or club allocated for the event.**

8.1.2. Registration must be completed before the start of the first race.

8.1.3. The Registration Points will be open:
Friday 22 May from 1600 until 2000.
Saturday 23 May from 0800 until 0900.

8.1.4. Launching must be prebooked at entry. On Friday 22 May the latest launch time is 1700.

8.1.5. J/24 crew weigh-in will only be available at Parkstone YC, where registration will also be open on Friday 22 May from 1600 to 2000, and on Saturday 25 May from 0800 to 0900.

8.1.6. The registration timetable may be amended – this will be notified on the official noticeboard.

8.2. Programme

8.2.1. The intended programme is set out below. This may be adjusted if there is a need to complete the full race programme of 8 races.

8.2.2. The intended race programme for J/24 class is up to 10 races.

Date	Time	Programme
Friday 22 May	1600-2000	Registration. J/24 crew weigh-in at Parkstone Yacht Club
Saturday 23 May	0800-0900	Registration. J/24 crew weigh-in at Parkstone Yacht Club
Saturday 23 May	1025	First warning signal. 3 races scheduled (J/24: 4 races). <i>Additional races may be sailed at CRO discretion.</i>
Sunday 24 May	1025	First warning signal. 3 races scheduled (J/24: 4 races). <i>Additional races may be sailed at CRO discretion.</i>
Monday 25 May	1025	First warning signal. 2 races scheduled. Additional races may be sailed at CRO discretion.
Monday 25 May	1330	Latest Warning Signal
Monday 25 May	approx 1600	Prizegiving at Royal Motor Yacht Club

9. Equipment Inspection

- 9.1. By entering the regatta, each boat verifies the existence of a valid measurement or rating certificate. This may be requested as part of the registration process.
- 9.2. Measurement spot checks, including checks of documentation, may be made at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 9.3. Failure to register (or to produce any certificates required) may result in the boat entry being cancelled under RRS 76.1 with no refund of entry fee.
- 9.4. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

10. Venue and Courses

- 10.1. Racing will take place in Poole Bay, Poole Harbour and adjacent waters (as appropriate). The larger boats will race within the Bay, the smaller boats will race within the Harbour. Some smaller boats may also race in the Bay.
- 10.2. Courses will be a mixture of Ad hoc, windward/leeward, triangular and trapezoid courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.3. Schematic charts of the race area will be available at Registration and on the regatta website.

11. Penalty System

- 11.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply. A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).
- 11.3. On the last day of sailing, boats shall not request a hearing on the grounds of non-compliance with class rules or rating certificate, if the request could have been delivered earlier in the event.
- 11.4. If a protest requires the protested boat to be hauled out for re-measurement it must be accompanied by a cash deposit covering the costs of hauling out. The Regatta committee will determine the amount of cash deposit.
- 11.5. The penalty for a breach of a rule other than RRS Part 2 may be less than disqualification, at the discretion of the jury.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3. When from four to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4. For the J/24 class, when nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her races excluding her two worst scores.

13. Support Person Vessels

- 13.1. [DP] Support person vessels are not permitted within 100m of the course area after the Orange flag for that course has been displayed until the completion of each race.

14. Berthing

- 14.1. Visiting boat berthing will be at Poole Harbour Commissioner (PHC) marinas or one of the organising Yacht Clubs and must be booked on the entry form. Rates are listed in NOR 5.1. Additional nights can be booked at published rates.

14.2. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in their allocated marina.

14.3. Berthing for support person vessels must be booked at the time of entry and berthing fees will be charged at the length based regatta rates referred to in NOR 5.1.

14.4 Berthing fees include visitor harbour dues.

15. Haul Out and Diving Restrictions

- 15.1. [DP] Except for Flying Fifteen class, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta unless with the written permission of the Race Committee.
- 15.2. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalents shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta unless with the written permission of the Race Committee.

16. Data and Publicity

By entering for this event, all competitors grant permission to the Organising Authority and official event sponsors for the use of their photograph, voice, likeness and image in written reports and broadcasts of this event and in subsequent publications, advertisements or productions drawn from photographic, video or audio recording of this event.

17. Risk Statement

- 17.1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 17.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 17.2.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - 17.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property, whether afloat or ashore.
 - 17.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - 17.2.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - 17.2.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organising authority does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - 17.2.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 17.2.7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks, regulations and/or bye-laws specific to sailing or racing in Poole Harbour and Poole Bay including:
 - Tidal conditions which are complex with areas of shallow water common, as well as very fast tidal flows in parts of the harbour and around the entrance.
 - The area is used by a wide variety of craft, including large commercial vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, a chain ferry in the harbour entrance which has priority over other traffic and, at times, high volumes of leisure boat traffic.
 - The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG) 1972 and local byelaws apply to all these craft including racing yachts.

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17. Risk Statement (cont)

- The Poole Harbour Sail Racing Procedures <https://www.phc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/SAIL-RACING-PROCEDURES-2025.pdf> issued by Poole Harbour Commissioners, which place requirements on all persons subject to RRS competing within the harbour.

17.2.8. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

18. Insurance

18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

19. Prizes

- 19.1. Trophies and Prizes will be awarded in proportion to the number of entries in each class in addition to prizes awarded for each championship.
- 19.2. The overall prize for the GBR IRC Southern Area Championship will be awarded to the boat with the lowest resultant score based on the following formula: [Series Score] / (Races Completed – 1) / (Entries in class + 2).
- 19.3. The Canford Cup (and its accompanying Kleinwort Benson Trophy) will be awarded for the boat with the most creditable performance across all classes in the regatta, including the concurrently run IRC European Championship. The Canford Cup will be retained at Poole Museum after the event.

19.4. The Youth Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the most creditable performance across all classes, including the concurrently run IRC European Championship, where at least 50% of the crew is 25 years old or under on 24 May 2026.

19.5. The 'Martin Pearson Above and Beyond Memorial Award' will be presented at the discretion of the organising committee.

19.6. Trophies listed in 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 will be awarded at the sole discretion of the organising authority.

19.7. There will be prizes across all classes from International Paint and other event sponsors.

19.8. Daily prizes will be awarded to race winners in each class (if a winner is not present, the prize will be awarded to the highest finisher in attendance in each class).

19.9. Additional spot prizes may be awarded to those present at the daily prize giving.

19.10. Other fleet or manufacturer specific trophies may be awarded including Dehler and Elan Cups.

20. Further Information

All enquiries should be addressed to Secretary of the International Paint Poole Regatta Committee.

Jenny Peters, email: secretary@pooleregatta.co.uk

Useful phone numbers are:

Parkstone Yacht Club - 01202 743610

Poole Yacht Club - 01202 672687

Royal Motor Yacht Club - 01202 707227

Poole Quay Boat Haven (PHC) – 01202 649488

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Racing yachts may be rafted up to increase the number of berths. If demand warrants it, further pontoon berths with facilities will be made available at other locations within the harbour.

Berthing Locations

IRC, VPRS, YTC, Cape 31, Mini Ton, Quarter Ton, Sonata, J/24, and J/80 will be allocated berths at Poole Quay Boat Haven.

For Sonatas, J/24s, J/80s and Mini Tonners - if your boat requires launching, this will be by arrangement at Poole Yacht Club. These boats will then be sailed, mast-down, the short distance to Poole Quay Boat Haven where masts can be stepped – arrangements will be made for connections by land. Please book online on entry if you require this facility. Trailer storage will also be included. Please note that the latest launch on Friday 22 May is 1700,

All launch times will be advised.

2.4mR will be launched and berthed at Poole YC where launch/recovery and trailer storage is included in the berthing fee.

Berthing will be available for **support boats** at Poole Quay Boat Haven, and **you must state on entering that you require such a berth**, when you will be sent a link to book this.

For any queries, or if at a later date you require extra nights or a launching service for your yacht, please contact:

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Social Programme

Friday 22 May – Competitors' Reception

We are delighted to invite all entrants to a Reception from 1900 until 2100 on board the Greenslade boat "Purbeck Princess". The boat will be moored alongside Poole Quay Boat Haven, with access from the Quay. The bar will be open throughout with free beer while stocks last (when it's gone it's gone!), and alternative drinks will be available. Light snacks will also be provided.



Purbeck Princess"

Saturday 23 May

Parkstone Yacht Club will host this evening



Parkstone Yacht Club

Sunday 24 May

Poole Yacht Club will host this evening.



Poole Yacht Club

Both clubs will have:

- Prizegiving for the day's racing
- Results and daily photo shots on display
- Wide choice of food available from 1800
- Special bar promotions
- Music & entertainment

Monday 25 May

The Prizegiving will be held at The Royal Motor Yacht Club.

- Prizegiving for the day's racing
- Bar open throughout
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Inter-Club Transport

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There will be a continuous water taxi service between Parkstone YC, Poole YC and the Poole Quay Boat Haven on the evenings of Saturday 23 May and Sunday 24 May, with a detailed timetable to follow.

On both evenings a late-night service by minibus will then run between 2200 and midnight, as a continuous shuttle with no times, leaving when the vehicle has customers.

For the prizegiving on Monday 25 May, the same free water taxi service will run between Poole YC, Poole Quay Boat Haven, Parkstone YC and the Royal Motor Yacht Club. The water taxi will wait at the venue to return passengers after the prizegiving.



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The Canford Cup

Discovered when it appeared at Auction, The Canford Cup is amongst the oldest sailing trophies in the world. It predates the America's Cup 'Auld Mug' by two years.

Poole and Bournemouth Regatta 1849

The 1849 Regatta took place on Friday August 10th 1849, when three races were held. The third race, according to the announcement of the Regatta which appeared in "Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle" on 22nd July 1849, was for:

"The Canford Cup, presented by Sir John Josiah Guest, Bart., M.P.; for yachts not exceeding 15 tons o.m.; a time race; entrance 10s; three to start or no race"

This cup, a George IV silver vase, was originally created in 1822 by Robert Hennell of London, one of a well-known family of silversmiths. It was subsequently purchased by Sir John Guest, who had the cup embossed with a yacht racing scene and engraved "Poole Regatta 1849". Sir John Guest had purchased the Manor of Canford in 1846, so named this The Canford Cup. (The house is now Canford School, at Canford Magna, on the northern edge of Poole).

After this the cup seems to have disappeared from view into private collections. It came up for auction in October 2015 and was purchased by Poole Museum, with the help of donations from the Poole Regatta Committee, Poole Yachting Association, various yacht clubs and individuals from Poole.

The Canford Cup is now presented to the overall winner of the biennial Poole Regatta and retained permanently on view at Poole Museum.



Canford Cup Winners

1849 Gleam - 15 tons: P Roberts Esq.
of the Southern Yacht Club,
Southampton

2016 Aguila - Quarter ton: Sam Laidlaw

2018 Marvel – VPRS1: Richard Powell

2022 Who's Next – VPRS1: Ed Wilton

2024 Protis – IRC4: Team Hamble

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The International Paint Poole Regatta 2026 aims to be one of the most sustainable regattas in the UK and Europe

Since 2020 the organising committee have made changes to the organisation, administration and performance aims of the regatta. Through the pandemic lockdowns planning continued with regular meetings on "Zoom".

Since that time, we have continued to use Zoom for those committee members that are not local or do not need to attend the whole meeting, substantially reducing the mileage driven. All documentation minutes and other paperwork is delivered electronically.

The amount of printing in previous years has been a target and the Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions are now only available electronically and the Official Notice Board during the regatta will be online

Our results office will continue to minimise printing and the intention is that the only hard copies will be those on the committee boats used to record times. All results will be posted directly on the event website.

Protest forms will be available online and can be completed and submitted online.

As well as on site we will have international judges available via Zoom to meet the requirements of the IRC European Championship, again this will reduce mileage driven.

In previous years we have printed tickets and more recently used biodegradable Eco beer tokens for the Friday night competitor reception. This year no tickets or tokens are being used, there will still be a supply of free beer available and when it's gone it's gone.

The race charts are again being printed on waterproof paper and not laminated to reduce the use of plastics. This year we are not using bow stickers or car window stickers, we are continuing with the reuseable backstay flags and will have collection points at the marinas and clubs at the end of the last day's racing.

The competitors' packs will be delivered in biodegradable bags and will contain waterproof paper race charts and reusable backstay flags.

All of the marinas being used for competitor berthing will have the usual waste and recycling facilities.

We are again running a free ferry and minibus service between the three marinas for the evening social events and the prizegiving. This will reduce the number of car journeys required.

We continue to look at ways that we can improve sustainability and welcome suggestions and advice from anybody.

Our sponsors have their own policies on sustainability and below are links to some of them.

International Paint

www.akzonobel.com/en/about-us/sustainability-

PHC

www.phc.co.uk/environment/environmental-policy-statement/

Salcombe Distilling Co

https://salcombegin.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/SGIN_Sustainability-Manifesto_Sept-24.pdf

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