

NECRA – Newsletter February 2026

Happy new sailing year!

Welcome to NECRA 2026 and the start of another full year of sailing at home and away. We have another new programme of events up and down the NE coast and beyond. We have the usual favourites like the North Sea Race, Whitby Overnight and Race to Tyne and we're bringing more races in from Scarborough and Royal Northumberland.

2026 Programme: The 2026 NECRA programme is finalised and available to view and download from our website. I have also attached a copy here.

RNYC has scheduled the Bass Rock race for Friday 10th July with an evening start and returning on Saturday. RNYC are promoting the revival of this historic race. The weather will determine if the race is feasible. An alternative race to the Farnes will be scheduled for the Saturday 11th July which will enable a distance that can be set to suit the conditions.

Scarborough YC North Sea Race is scheduled for June 19th this year, setting off on the Friday evening which will hopefully allow the fleet to clear Flamborough Head before the tide changes.

Regattas: We have continued to include club Regattas in the programme but have changed the scoring to make it fairer competition for boats that are not directly competing with each other. Races to count are 6 and NECRA will take the Club race position score of each NECRA boat not the NECRA score and count the best 3 races from any 2 Regattas.

Race awards: Last year's race awards of an etched Tankard will take a lot of beating and we want a prize that would be valued and also promote NECRA so have decided on a logo embroidered cap for this year. We are discussing what would make it distinctive as a winning prize and what colour would suit.

NECRA & NERR: Some members were confused as to the relationship between NECRA & NERR and we discussed whether to split them onto 2 separate websites so as to differentiate that they are totally independent but decided that a better description of NERR and a different screen presentation may be sufficient.

The NERR calculator works well and its association with NECRA is good for the promotion of NECRA. It was felt a total split would incur extra cost and be counterproductive.

The NECRA site does need refreshing and simplification which we'll do gradually over time.

NERR Rating: 4 of our participating clubs use our NERR rating system and there are no plans to change from it. It allows us to calculate, modify and renew ratings of any boat in all of our participating clubs with ease and no cost.

If you do any changes to your boat that feature in the NERR formula you must inform NERR or your club measurer so that the rating can be updated. Entering a race with the wrong information on the certificate would subject you to disqualification.

YTC: We would ask that all boats continue to update their YTC measurement certificate to help keep that system current and enable the RYA to be continually improving the formula. YTC is a backup and it will allow boats to go and race at other clubs that do use YTC.

Fees: There are no plans to increase our fees which have been held at £20 for the last 4 years. Our bank balance has kept the same level for the last 3 years and we have no large expenditures planned.

Trophies: The current NECRA trophies are a little tired but they have historic value and are a yearly symbol of achievement. So we decided to tidy them up and keep them current.

ScYC & RNYC: are at the extreme ends of our sailing area but both feature in our race plans with 2 races each from both venues. Their cruising plans overlap with ours. Scarborough have a “Jaunt North” in May which could coincide with our Sunderland / Whitby Overnight race. Several boats and crews cruised Holland last year and we now have links to a Dutch sailing group. We are planning to promote a similar event this year. If your club has any cruising plans do let me know and I can promote them on our website and Facebook.

Auto-helm: The NOR has been updated for 2026 but as NECRA doesn't set any Sis it is down to the individual clubs to specify in their Sis if Auto-helm is allowed. The RRS don't allow Auto-helm unless specified.

Single handed racing: Single handed racing isn't allowed under NECRA and we don't want to put ourselves into a liability situation by allowing it in our offshore races.

2026 Poster: A new 2026 poster to promote the new season is attached. Would you print this off and display it at your club to promote our events and the participating clubs.

Sailing Photos: If you have any good pictures of sailing and sailing clubs that we can put onto our website would you send them to me. A picture paints a 1000 words and it is always great to see the boats in action. I will happily caption them to give you and the venue credit.

Membership: Although our first race isn't until 16th May we would like you to re-join as soon as possible. Our website starts fresh on January 1st so looks sad before the membership re-joins and the sooner we know who is joining the better we can plan ahead. We had 60 members last year who like to “jaunt” up and down our gorgeous coast to visit the home ports of our fabulous clubs.

Don't miss out on the opportunities and great social gatherings we have at all our participating clubs.

JOIN TODAY!

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Necra 2026

North East
Cruiser Racing Association



Inter Club Racing and Cruising on the North East coast

- Inter-club Cruiser Racing
- Long Distance Racing
- Discounted Mooring
- Evening Social
- Race Presentation
- Organised Cruising
- Enjoy club facilities
- Meet and Socialise
- Organised Catering
- Sail safely in company

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Date	HW	HT	Start	Event		
MAY						
Sat 16 May	S 15:52	5.36	13:00	NECRA Sunderland - Blyth	NECRA O1 - S2B	
Sun 17 May	B 16:35	5.42	10:00	NECRA Blyth - Sunderland	NECRA R1 - B2S	
Sat 23 May	W 09:55	4.93	13:00	WYC Regatta	3 races	
Sun 24 May	W 10:04	4.77	10:00	Whitby to Hartlepool	NECRA R2 - W2H	
JUNE						
Fri 05 June	S 19:44	4.33	21:00	Sunderland to Whitby Overnight	NECRA O2 - S2W	
Sat 06 June	W 08:15	4.95	19:00			
Sun 07 June	W 09:01	4.87	10:00	Whitby to Hartlepool	NECRA R2 - W2H	
Sat 13 June	H 14:55	5.10	13:00	THYC Regatta	3 Races	
Fri 19 June	Sc 20:42	5.24	18:30	NECRA North Sea Race	NECRA O3 - NSR	
JULY						
Fri 10 July	B 11:57	4.47	TBC	NECRA Bass Rock	NECRA O4 - B2BR	O4
Sat 11 July	B 13:12	4.47	TBC	NECRA Blyth - Farnes	NECRA O4 - B2F	
Sun 12 July	B 14:21	4.64	10:00	NECRA Blyth - Sunderland	NECRA R3 - B2S	
Sat 18 July	S 06:54	5.22	TBC	Sunderland Regatta	3 races	
Sun 19 July	S 07:37	5.03	TBC	Sunderland Regatta	2 races	
Sun 19 July	H 20:29	4.67	TBC	Sunderland to Hartlepool	NECRA S2H	
Thur 23 July	Sc 11:46	4.57	11:00	Scarborough Regatta		
Fri 25 July	Sc 12:58	4.45	11:30	Scarborough Regatta		
Sat 25 July	Sc 14:10	4.47	12:30	Scarborough Regatta		
Sun 26 July	Sc 15:11	4.61	13:30	Scarborough Regatta		
Sun 26 July	W 14:55	4.35	TBC	Scarborough to Whitby		
AUGUST						
Sat 01 Aug	S 18:21	4.78	09:30	NECRA Sunderland - Hartlepool	NECRA O6 - S2H	
Sat 01 Aug	W 06:20	5.49	09:30	NECRA Whitby - Hartlepool (Riva 1)	NECRA O6+ - W2H	
Sun 02 Aug	W 19:24	5.08	09:00	NECRA Hartlepool - Whitby (Riva 2)	NECRA R5	
Sun 02 Aug	H 06:37	5.27	09:00	NECRA Hartlepool - Sunderland	NECRA R7	
Sat 15 Aug	Sc 06:30	6.12	09:30	Vernon Dawson	NECRA	
Sun 16 Aug	W 06:58	5.76	09:30	NECRA Whitby - Hartlepool	NECRA	
Sat 29 Aug	T 17:16	4.95	10:00	THYC/NECRA Hartlepool - Tyne	NECRA O7 - H2T	
Sun 30 Aug	H 18:07	5.16	10:30	THYC/NECRA Tyne - Hartlepool	NECRA R6 - T2H	
SEPTEMBER						
Sat 5 Sept	B 10:02	4.09	TBC	RNYC Regatta		
Sun 6 Sept	B 11:40	3.97	TBC	RNYC Regatta		