

GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**1. Rules:**

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS 2021-2024, the prescriptions of the RYA, The International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, NECRA 2024 rules and the following SI's.

2. Conditions of Entry:

- Boats must be registered with NECRA prior to the start of this event.
- It is requested that boats post their intention to race on the NECRA website.
- Yachts may be inspected before or after races at the discretion of the committee.

3. Notices to Competitors:

Notices will be posted in the foyer of Sunderland Yacht Club. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 90 minutes before the start.

4. Signals made Ashore:

Any signals made ashore will be displayed at SYC Flagstaff.

5. Protests:

Protests, accompanied with a fee of £5, must be submitted by 19.00 Saturday to Royal Northumberland Yacht Club.

6. Radio Communication:

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

7. Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in the races at their own risk. See RRS rule 4 Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during or after this event.

8. Insurance:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

9. Safety:

ISAF Cat 4. Liferafts are strongly recommended.

10. Retirement:

Any boat retiring from the race must inform the Race Committee at the destination Club. Please confirm retirement by texting "retired" followed by your boat name to Tel: 07976 938064

11. Intention to Race:

Prior to the start all boats must inform the Race Officer preferably on VHF Ch.37/M1 of their intention to race including boat name, NECRA class and number of people on board.

12. Schedule of Races:

| Start Time | Tide Sunderland | Tide Blyth |
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| All Classes 13:00 BST | HW Sat 12:46 4.10m. | HW Sat 12:38 4.10m. LW 19:11 1.6m. |

13. VHF Channels:

Sunderland Race Committee and RNYC Station will operate on VHF CH37/M/M1 (if manned).

14. Start Line:

Will be within the harbour between the lights on the Race Office and the white Tower “candle” on the South Pier.

15. Start Procedure:

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| 12:55 | All Class Warning | One white light |
| 12:56 | Preparatory | Two white lights |
| 12:59 | One -Minute | One white light |
| 13:00 | All Class Start | All lights out |

All classes will have a combined start from the Race Office. Races will be started by using Rule 26, but with light signals displayed from SYC Race Office substituting for flags as follows: This changes RRS 29.1 and Race Signals

Individual recall: will be signaled by the re-ignition of one white starting light – without a sound signal. This light will be extinguished when all OCS boats have started correctly or after 5 minutes whichever is the sooner. This changes RRS 29.1 and Race Signals.

General Recall: will be signaled by the re-ignition of two or more white starting lights without a sound signal. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.

Postponement: will be signaled by 3 or more white lights.

16. The Course:

Start (West to East), any course, RNYC Finish Line (East to West).

17. Finish Line:

The finish line will be situated approximately **0.1 nm** due south of the West Pier light, Blyth. Orange flagged Dan Buoy to Port.
Green flagged Dan Buoy to Starboard.

All yachts to contact RNYC Race Officer on Channel 37/MI five minutes before finishing.

Finishing times may be taken from the west pier or a committee boat.

(THE COMMITTEE BOAT SHALL NOT FORM PART OF THE FINISHLINE).

All competitors should record their own finish times using the atomic clock, note boats ahead and astern and notified NECRA preferably by text with your boat name to Tel: 07976 938064 ASAP after finishing.

Any boat not submitting a finish time within 2 hours of the race Time Limit will be recorded as DNF.

18. Time Limit: 18:00 Saturday 18th May.

Notice to competitors not forming part of the sailing instructions.

All vessels entering and leaving the Pont of Sunderland are required to declare their intentions to Sunderland LPS (Port Control) VHF Ch. 11 or 14. The Race Officer will do this on behalf of all competing boats when starting a race.

The River Wear, Sunderland Harbour and Harbour Approaches area commercial waterway. It is emphasised that right of way must be given to commercial craft at all times.

After Finishing:

Blyth Harbour is a commercial port and all yachts must call Blyth Harbour on VHF Ch. 12 to ask permission to enter. Yachts to make their way onto the Visitors Berth at RNYC where they will be greeted and made welcome.