



# Whitby YC Regatta - 2020



## Sailing Instructions

**1. Racing Rules-** All races will be sailed under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) published by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF, International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea and the General Sailing Instructions of the Whitby Yacht Club (WYC). These may be modified or supplemented in accordance with ISAF 88.2, such changes being displayed on the Club and Marina Notice boards.

**2. Safety Precautions, Equipment and Insurance** - All competing yachts, must comply with the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 Monohulls Safety Regulations (available on [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)) and those specified in their class rules.

All competing boats must have third party/public liability insurance to a value of not less than £3,000,000.

Failure to comply with this instruction could lead to being disqualified from all previous races.

### **3. Schedule of Races –**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – (NECRA Inshore) Three inshore races, first start 0930, subsequent start soonest after last boat finishes. (Whitby bridges – Extra bridge 0900, Standard bridges 1530 to 1930)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May -Three inshore races, first start 0930, subsequent start soonest after last boat finishes. (Whitby bridges – Extra Bridge 0900, Standard bridges 1600 to 2000)

**Bridge times are approximate – please be ready in good time.**

**4. Classes** – Yachts will race in classes as determined by their NERR handicap in Classes 1, 2 & 3. **Class split may be adjusted to suit entries**, notification of final split will be made prior to the first start.

- a. Class 1, TCF greater than 0.9000
- b. Class 2, TCF equal to or below 0.9000
- c. Class 3, White Sail class, no spinnakers or cruising chutes.

Class 1 will constitute Class A for signalling purposes and Classes 2 & 3 Class B. A will be indicated by a Green Light, Class B by a Red Light. Before a yacht is eligible to race, she must have a valid NERR rating certificate. WYC handicapper will allocate estimated NERR ratings for vessels without certificates to enable yachts to compete in the WYC Regatta. Yachts racing should affix appropriate class numeral pennants to their backstay. Boats intending to race shall approach the Race Station displaying her sail number clearly prior to commencement of the starting procedure so that she may be identified. Boats are requested to call the Race Officer on CH37/M/M1 to log her sail number and confirm her Class 10 minutes prior to the first class scheduled start.

**5. Signals** - ISAF will not apply. General racing instructions prior to departing the harbour (cancellations, postponements etc) will be passed on CH37/M/M1.

**6.** Whitby Yacht Club reserves the right to cancel or postpone races having regard to the safety of competitors and prevailing weather and or sea conditions.

## SIGNALS FROM THE RACE STATION

All signals will be made using the lights listed below: Red or White lights referring to race management are arranged horizontally above the Race Station window.

Class Lights (Red and Green) are displayed vertically on the left of the Race Station window as viewed from the sea.

CLASS	HORIZONTAL LIGHTS					MEANING
	WHITE	RED	WHITE	RED	WHITE	
GREEN						CLASS 1 ONLY
RED						CLASSES 2 & 3 Only
NONE						ALL CLASSES
GREEN						5 Minute Warning Class 1
RED						5 Minute Warning Classes 2 & 3
GREEN					X	4 Minute Preparatory 1
RED					X	4 Minute Preparatory 2 & 3
GREEN					OUT	1 Minute 1
RED					OUT	1 Minute 2 & 3
OUT						Start of Class
		X				Individual Recall
		X		X		General Recall
A/R	X				X	Shortened Course
A/R	X	X	X			Race Cancelled or Abandoned
A/R	X	X				Race Postponed - Starting procedure will commence 1 minute after removal.

\* Number boards displaying course numbers and are hung below the Race Station windows. Courses may be passed on CH37/M1.

Example:

TIME	HORIZ LIGHTS	CLASS LIGHTS	EVENT
1255		GREEN	5 MIN WARNING CLASS 1
1256	WHITE	GREEN	4MIN PREPARATORY 1
1259	OUT	GREEN	1 MIN 1
1300		GREEN OUT, RED ON	START 1, 5 MIN PREP 2 & 3
1301	WHITE	RED	4 MIN PREP 2 & 3
1304	OUT	RED	1 MIN 2 & 3
1305		RED OUT	START 2 & 3

1 White light will be shown for approx. 5 seconds when the first boat of each class crosses the finishing line. If time permits, subsequent finishers will also receive a light. (If course is shortened, shortened course lights will be extinguished for the 5 seconds)

All efforts will be made to back the starting signals, recalls, course shortening, cancellation, abandonment or postponement with radio calls on VHF CH37/M1, however the lights/boards will remain definitive.

**7. Race Station** - A white hut surmounted by a white triangle situated on the west cliff below the Spa Pavilion.

- 8. Start Line** - South to North transit marked by two white triangles situated above and behind the Race Station. The line extends approx. 2-3 cables seaward to the limit mark, which is a mark of the course 'A' and may be tide borne to the east or west of the line. After the 5min Warning signal for the first class to start has been displayed, no yacht, apart from the class about to start, may enter the box formed by:
- for Westerly starts - the west pier extension, the shore and the start line.
  - for Easterly starts - a rectangular box extending 1 cable west of the start line.
- Any yacht infringing this rule and obstructing a yacht about to start may be disqualified.
- 9. Finishing Line** - A LINE BETWEEN THE RACE STATION AND THE LIMIT MARK (BUOY A). After finishing, all yachts should clear the line and not interfere with other yachts still racing.
- 10. Course marks** - With the exception of D (North Cardinal Mark) the Club uses cylindrical buoys.
- 11. Courses** - Courses will be in accordance with the WYC Regatta course sheet. Each course is allocated a number for signalling purposes as in \* above.
- 12. Individual Recall** - (ISAF 29.3 may not apply). If any yachts are over the line at the start a red light will be shown until the offending yachts have wholly returned to the pre-start side of the line or for 4minutes after the starting signal, whichever is the earlier. When possible, the Committee Boat/Race Station will announce on CH37/M1 that individual recalls are in operation.
- 13. General Recall** - (ISAF 29.3 may not apply) – For Race Station starts, 2 fixed red lights above the Race Station window replace the flag for First Substitute. The Warning signal for the recalled class shall be made 1 minute after the 2 red lights have been extinguished and the starts of for succeeding classes shall follow the new Start. When possible the Race Station/Committee Boat will make announcements on CH37/M1
- 14. Abandonments** - If, after starting, a race is abandoned, then the procedure for a cancelled race will be used.
- 15. Shortening Course** - If it is considered necessary to shorten course, the Race Station will show 2 white lights (plus appropriate class lights where applicable) before the leading yacht of the class approaches the penultimate mark of the lap being sailed. The class that is to be shortened will finish on the next scheduled crossing of the finishing line. Also note the possibility of only 1 class being shortened.
- 16. Time Limit** – All races have a time limit of 2 hours unless otherwise notified. If one yacht finishes within the time limit, the race will be held for all other yachts finishing within a period of one third of that time limit.
- 17. Alternative Penalties** - Alternative penalties for infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the ISAF provided for in rule 44 shall apply as follows:  
For all races, ISAF rule 44.2, the 720-degree penalty turn penalty will apply.
- 18. Decision to Race & Disclaimer** - The safety of a yacht and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner of the yacht who must ensure that the yacht and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions nor the inspection of the yacht under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner for his crew, his yacht and the management thereof.

- 19. Declarations** - Declarations will not be required. Any yacht not flying an ensign when crossing the finishing line will be deemed to have sailed the course fairly and in accordance with the rules and sailing instructions. Skippers who cannot so declare should fly an ensign and/or notify the Race Station on Ch37/M1.
- 20. Sailing** - These general sailing instructions will, where appropriate and necessary to comply with ISAF M", be supplemented by instructions poster on the race notice board. Where any sailing instructions posted on the race Notice Board contradicts these general instructions, those on the notice board will prevail.
- 21. Disqualification** - A yacht that infringes the sailing instructions may be disqualified.
- 22. Protests** - Notice of protest accompanied by a fee of £5 (which may be returned at the discretion of the Race Committee) shall be given in writing including details as proscribed in ISAF 61. to be given to the Race Officer, a Flag Officer or lodged in the Clubhouse within 1 hour of the final race of that day. Protests will be heard by a Protest Committee in accordance with ISAF 63.
- 23. Notice Boards** - Where mention in these instructions given to the notice board, this refers to the one on the marina. Wherever possible, notices will also be displayed in the Clubhouse.
- 24. VHF Radio** - From 10 minute prior to the first start for the first class until after the start of the last class/competitor, no yacht shall contact the Race Station via the VHF radio. When possible, the Race Station will announce Warning, Preparatory and Start signal on CH37/M1. All boats are requested to monitor Ch37/M1 throughout all bay races.
- 25. Series Scoring System –**  
The scoring will be in accordance with ISAF A2.2, Low point system, i.e. boats will score points equal to their position gained in the race and those not finishing will be scored 1 greater than the number of boats in the race. Series scoring will be in accordance ISAF A5 i.e. boats racing will be scored as per A2.2, boats not so scored coming to the starting area will be scored 1 greater than the total number of boats in the race, boats not coming to the starting area will be scored 1 greater than the total number of boats in that series.  
If 4 or more races are sailed, 1 discard can be apportioned. If 3 or fewer races are sailed all races will count. Ties will be broken in accordance with ISAF A2.3 i.e. the tie will be broken in favour of the boat with most 1st places, or, if the tie remains, most 2nds and lower places as necessary. Should the tie remain, it shall be determined by the position of the tied boats in the last race that they raced together.
- 26. Number of yachts for a race** - A minimum of 1 yacht per class is required for a race to be valid.
- 27. Late Starters** - A yacht may use her engine to clear the harbour after the 5min warning signal provided that:
- her engine is stopped whilst the yacht is within 100metres of the pier ends and
  - she keeps clear of yachts that have, or are about to start correctly and
  - she completes a 720° turn in the vicinity of the start line after the starting signal and before she starts.

**28. Upgang Rocks** - Attention is drawn to the fact that an area of rocks extends well offshore from Upgang Ravine, west of the Race Station as charted. They are weed covered and have a charted depth of 1metre at MLWS with seas breaking on them in strong onshore wind.

**REGATTA COURSES 2019**

Course No	Wind/ Low Tide	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3
1	N	A.P.(S).B.C.B.C.D.H.A	P.(S).B.C.D.H.A	
2	NE	A.P.(D).(B).S.H.A	P.(D).(B).S.H.A	
4	E	(A).(H).(W).(D).(W).(P).(A)	(H).(W).(P).(A)	(H).(W).(P).(A)
5	SE	(A).(H).(S).(W).(P).(A)	(H).(S).(W).(P).(A)	(H).(S).(W).(P).(A)
6	S	A.P.D.H.D.H.A	P.D.H.A	P.D.H.A
8	SW	A.P.(D).(W).B.S.H.A	P.(D).(W).B.S.H.A	
10	W	A.P.(D).(W).(D).(W).H.A	P.(D).(W).H.A	
12	NW	A.P.(S).W.H.A	S.H.A	S.H.A
14	Low Tide	A.P.W.H.A	P.W.H.A	P.W.H.A
15	Low Tide	(A).(H).(W).(P).(A)	(H).(W).(P).(A)	(H).(W).(P).(A)
16	Low Tide	A.P.S.D.H.A	P.S.D.H.A	P.S.D.H.A
17	Low Tide	A.P.D.H.A	A.P.D.H.A	A.P.D.H.A
18	Low Tide	(A).(H).(D).(P).(A)	(H).(D).(P).(A)	(H).(D).(P).(A)

Letters not in brackets indicate buoy to be left to Starboard

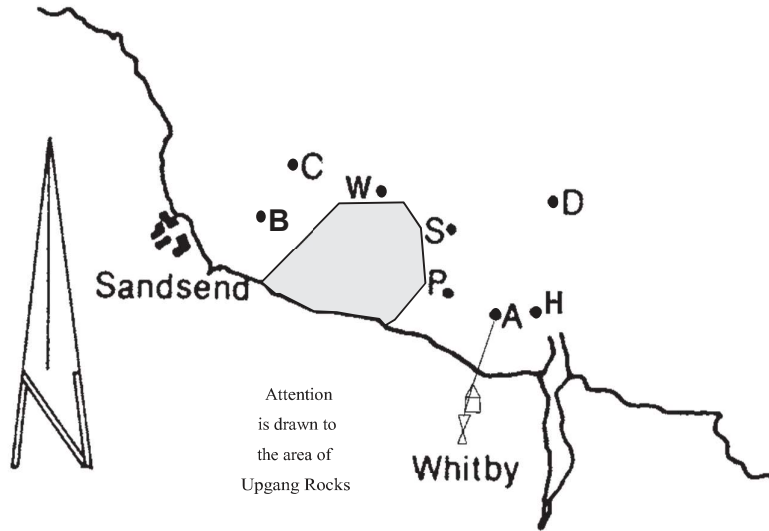
i.e. "A" indicates buoy A to be left to Starboard

Letters in brackets indicate buoy to be left to Port

i.e. "(B)" indicates buoy B to be left to Port

## Whitby Racing Marks

Marks to be left to **STARBOARD** unless they appear in brackets when they are to be left to **PORT**



A	Outer Limit Mark	H	Harbour Mark
B	Inner Sandsend Buoy	P	Peacock's Point
C	Outer Sandsend Buoy	S	Hitch Mark
D	Whitby Bell Buoy	W	Westerly Mark

### Racing Mark Positions (Approximate)

P.	54 29.88 N	00 37.50 W	Blue
A.	54 29.80 N	00 37.11 W	Green
H.	54 29.79 N	00 36.99 W	Blue
W.	54 30.50 N	00 38.52 W	Blue
C.	54 30.83 N	00 39.24 W	Green
B.	54 30.42 N	00 39.61 W	Blue
S.	54 30.20 N	00 37.40 W	Blue
D.	54 30.21 N	00 36.96 W	North Cardinal Mark