



Tees and Hartlepool Yacht Club

Regatta 13 June 2026



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

This is an open THYC organised event. The event will be governed by RRS 2025-2028, the prescriptions of the RYA, IRPCS, NERR, rules and these THYC Sailing Instructions.

2. Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) 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.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) For offshore races: 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 in sufficient 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.
- h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims, which must include racing.

The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race.

3. Disclaimer

Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. Every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races and that the boat contains at least the minimum safety equipment specified by NERR/NECRA. By participating in this event each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with their participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

4. Conditions of Entry

- a) Each boat shall hold a valid NERR rating certificate.
- b) Boats must be adequately insured.

- c) All boats shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2025 – 2026 Appendix B for Inshore Racing unless subject to class requirements of a RYA affiliated class.
- d) All boats must have a VHF transceiver capable of transmitting and receiving Channel M2 or P4.
- e) It is strongly recommended that all crew wear lifejackets on every race.
- f) It is **compulsory** that all crew wear lifejackets for any race where sails need to be reefed or during darkness.
- g) Boats may be inspected before or after racing

5. Intention to Race

Prior the event all non THYC boats should indicate their intention to race email crace@thyc.co.uk
 Before the race start all boats **must** indicate their intention to race by notifying the THYC race station call sign “Tees Tower” on VHF Ch. M2 at least 15 minutes before the start sequence.
This notification must include the boat's name, class and the number of people on board.

6. Classes

Boats will compete in one of the three classes below:-
 Class 1 – boats with a NERR rating of TCF 0.9000 and above.
 Class 2 – boats with a NERR rating of TCF below 0.8500
 Class 3 – boats sailing without spinnaker white sail only
 Boats are required to fly the appropriate numerical pennant from their backstay.

7. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted at Hartlepool Marina Lock Office and THYC club notice board.

8. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled race.

9. Schedule of Races

			Class	Warning	Start	Duration
Saturday	Race 1	13 June	All Classes	12:55	13:00	Approx. 90min
Saturday	Race 2	13 June	All Classes	As soon as possible after the finish of race 1		
Saturday	Race 3	13 June	All Classes	As soon as possible after the finish of race 2		

10. Tide Times Hartlepool: Sat 13 June 14:55 5.10m

11. Starting Sequence

Signals	Tower Lights	VHF Ch.M2
Warning signal (5 minutes to start)	1 white light	10 second countdown
Preparatory signal (4 minutes to start)	2 white lights	10 second countdown
1 Minute to start	3 white lights	10 second countdown
Start	Lights Off	10 second countdown
Finish	4 white lights	

These signals may be supplemented by a countdown on VHF Ch.M2.

12. Recalls

Signal	Tower Lights	VHF Ch.M2
Individual recall	2 white lights	Individual call
General recall	4 white lights	General recall

13. Postponement

Postponement and new start time will be broadcast on VHF Ch.M2

14. Start / Finish

Start and finish from the THYC Tower with an OOD uses both lights and VHF signals. A single white Transit light situated below the clubhouse window will stay lit while OOD is in attendance and 4 single white signal lights situated above the clubhouse window for start and finish sequence.

The start and finish line is a transit line between a white light on the clubhouse situated below the race station windows, the white pole on the end of the South pier carrying the red harbour light also between the inner and outer distance marks. The marks are tide and wind borne and may not be on the transit line. At the start and finish of each lap yachts must pass between inner and outer distance marks.

15. Courses

The course to be sailed for each class, will be announced by VHF Ch.M2 approximately 15 minutes before each scheduled start. The course to be sailed and marks to be used will be taken the course sheets issued as separate documents and available to download on the THYC website. Each mark of the course must be rounded as specified in the course notes.

16. Shortened Courses

Shortened and Altered courses will be indicated by two white lights displayed and announced on VHF Ch.M2 as the leading yacht approaches the last mark before finishing. The two lights will be extinguished before finishing the first yacht.

17. Continuous Obstructions

Hartlepool and Tees Approach Channels - These are designated as Continuous Obstructions and must not be entered when racing. Yachts entering these Channels whilst racing will be disqualified.

Longscar Rocks - Attention is drawn to the Longscar rocks which extend well offshore between the shore and the Longscar Bell Buoy. Keel boats should not cross this area.

18. Retirement

Any yacht retiring before or after finishing must inform the duty officer on VHF Ch.M2 as soon as possible.

19. Penalties

If a yacht contravenes a rule of part 2 of RRS while racing she may exonerate herself by taking a 720° turns penalty in accordance with RRS44.

20. Protests

Protests must be advised to OOD by VHF Ch.M2 immediately after the end of the race and protest forms handed in to THYC race office within 2 hours of the finish of the last boat.

21. 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.

THYC "Tees Tower" will address all racing yachts as "Tees Fleet."

22. Scoring

Races will be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 using the low point system. The series will constitute 3 races, all to count.

Race results will be calculated using the boats' NERR ratings as shown in the registered details on the NERR Website at the time of the event. Prizes will be calculated on all races.

23. Prizes - Regatta prizes will be awarded in THYC clubhouse to class winners on Saturday after racing at approximately 19:00.

Saturday Schedule, Presentation and Catering

The Schedule

- Any boat without a NERR certificate can be given a provisional certificate by contacting: crace@thyc.co.uk at least 7 days before the event.
- Visiting boats are welcome at Hartlepool Marina from Friday 12th June and will get discounted moorings for the weekend. Marina moorings book directly with Hartlepool Marina specify that you're sailing Hartlepool Regatta: info@hartlepool-marina.com
- Temporary moorings are available on the THYC moorings on Victoria Dock Kafiga Landings while awaiting enough tide depth to enter Marina but stay with the boat.
- Marina boats should exit the Marina on Saturday 13th June by 12:30 to ensure enough tide depth in the channel and can then moor temporarily at Kafiga. The Marina is accessible again until 18:00.
- Racing will start at 13:00 and consist of 3 bay courses back to back.
- The start may be delayed if there is difficulty exiting Marina boats must call OOD VHF Ch. M2.
- The racing will finish at approximately 17:00.
- Entry to the Marina is possible until approximately 18:00.
- The club bar will be open from 17:00 all welcome.
- Food will be available, cost £10 per person, by booking asap online: crace@thyc.co.uk
- Race presentation will take place at 18:00

Menu:

- Chicken curry served with rice or chips, naan bread & onion bhaji.

Please book your food ASAP so that we can prepare.