



# Vernon Dawson Cup 2026

**Scarborough to Whitby Race  
0930 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 Rules**

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS 2025-2028, the prescriptions of the RYA, The International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, and the following sailing instructions.

### **2 Conditions of Entry**

Prior to the start of this event boats must be members of Scarborough Yacht Club (SYC), Whitby Yacht Club (WYC) or NECRA.

### **3 Handicaps**

Results shall be calculated using RORC YTC system. A record of each boat's handicap is required before the start of the race.

Results for NECRA boats will be extracted using NERR handicaps. NECRA results will be in standard NECRA classes.

## **4 Notices to Competitors**

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

## **5 Classes**

For the Vernon Dawson Cup race there will be two classes based on YTC ratings; the class division will be decided once the number of entrants are known.

For NECRA results there will be the standard 3 NECRA classes.

## **6 Signals made Ashore**

Any signals made ashore will be displayed at SYC Flagstaff and on their lighting system.

## **7 Protests**

Protests, accompanied with a fee of £5, must be submitted by 1900hrs, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to Whitby Yacht Club.

## **8 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.

## **9 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the race at their own risk. See RRS rule 4 Decision to Race. The organisers 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.

## **10 Insurance**

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

## **11 Safety**

SYC boats shall comply with SYC safety regulations (*WS Category 4*).  
WYC boats shall comply with WYC safety regulations (*WS Category 4*).

NECRA boats will comply with NECRA safety regulations (*WS Category 4 plus prescriptions*).

## **12 Whitby Rock & Upgang Rocks**

Attention is drawn to an area of rocks extending well offshore to the East of the Harbour Entrance and also Upgang Rocks situated seaward of Upgang Ravine, west of the Race Station. They are weed covered and have a charted depth of 1 metre at MLWS with seas breaking on them in strong N winds. Please see the attached reproduction of the Admiralty Chart for further details

## **13 Retirements**

Any boat retiring from the race must inform the Race Committee at the destination Club.

Whitby Race Control Tel: **TBC**

## **14 Schedule of Race**

|                  |               |               |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Start Time       | HW Sc'bo      | HW Whitby     |
| All Classes 0930 | Sat 0632/1908 | Sat 0618/1851 |

Whitby Bridge openings approx. 1700 to 2040, bridge operates on VHF Ch11

## **15 VHF Channels**

Scarborough Race Control and Whitby Race Station will operate on VHF Ch M1/37.

## **16 Start Line**

A Transit of the diamond on the Club Starting Station and a diamond on the outer pier. The No 2 buoy is the Outer Distance Marker (ODM) and the No 1 buoy is the Inner Distance Marker (IDM) and this constitutes a starting gate which all boats must pass through.

## **17 Start Procedure**

| TIME | SIGNAL                 | LIGHTS              | HORN | MEANING          |
|------|------------------------|---------------------|------|------------------|
| 0920 | Warning signal         | <b>Yellow</b>       | one  | 10 mins to start |
| 0925 | Preparatory signal     | <b>Yellow Green</b> | one  | 5 mins to start  |
| 0930 | Starting signal Lights | OUT                 | one  | START            |

**RRS 30.1 shall apply from 1 minute before the start, except that Code Flag 'I' will not be flown.**

In the event of one or both of the starting gate buoys missing (Buoys 1 or 2) the 'Round the Ends' rule shall not apply and a premature starter shall return to the pre start side of the line and take a two-turns penalty clear of all other yachts.

## **18 Individual Recall**

An individual recall shall be indicated by a horn signal and a flashing light will be shown below the starting signals for three minutes to indicate a premature starter. Code flag 'X' will not be flown.

## **19 General Recall**

A general recall shall be indicated by two horn signals and instructions confirmed by VHF. No AP flag will be flown.

## 20 Courses

### Course 1

Start (South to North),  
Whitby North Cardinal (Whitby Bell Buoy) to Port,  
WYC Buoy S to Port,  
WYC Buoy P to Port  
WYC Finish Line (West to East, WYC Buoy A to Port).

### Course 2

Start (North to South),  
SYC No 8 to Port,  
SYC No 5 Orange Flag Special Mark to Port  
Whitby North Cardinal (Whitby Bell Buoy) to Port,  
WYC Buoy S to Port,  
WYC Buoy P to Port  
WYC Finish Line (West to East, WYC Buoy A to Port).

In the event of a light wind race the course may be changed. Any change to the course will be given no later than 90 minutes before the start, information available in the SYC clubhouse.

### Approx Positions;

|                                             |                          |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Whitby North Cardinal Whitby Bell Buoy      | 54° 30.330N 000° 36.570W |
| WYC 'S' Buoy 1.5m x 0.6m <i>Yellow Cone</i> | 54° 30 15N 000 37 40W    |
| WYC 'P' Buoy 1.5m x 0.6m <i>Yellow Cone</i> | 54° 29.88N 000 37.50W    |
| WYC 'A' Buoy 1.5m x 0.6m <i>Yellow Cone</i> | 54° 29.80N 000° 37.09W   |

## 21 Finish Line

A line between the Race Station and WYC Race Mark "A", the Limit Mark.

The Race Station is a white hut on The West Cliff about 200m from Whitby Harbour, below and slightly west of the Whitby Pavilion complex. One white light will be shown for approximately 5 seconds when the first boat of each class crosses the finishing line. If time permits, subsequent finishers will also receive a light. Yachts are advised to take their own finishing times as a back up. Whitby Race Station operates on VHF Ch M/M1/37. It is requested that all yachts identify themselves to the Whitby Race Station by name, hull colour and sail number after they have rounded the 'P' Mark on Ch 37, please note you may not receive a reply and keep VHF traffic to a minimum.

**Example 'Whitby Race Station, this is 'Tiger Rag, white hull, sail number Eight Zero Two Six, passing P mark now, out'**

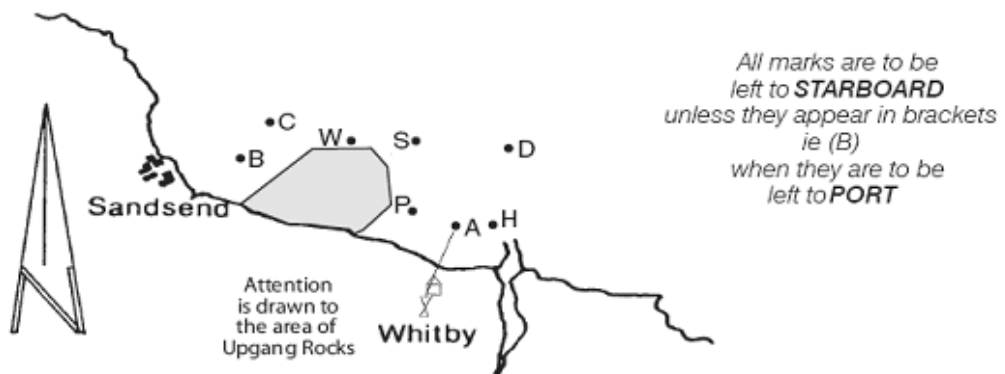
## 22 Time limit

1800 hrs Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

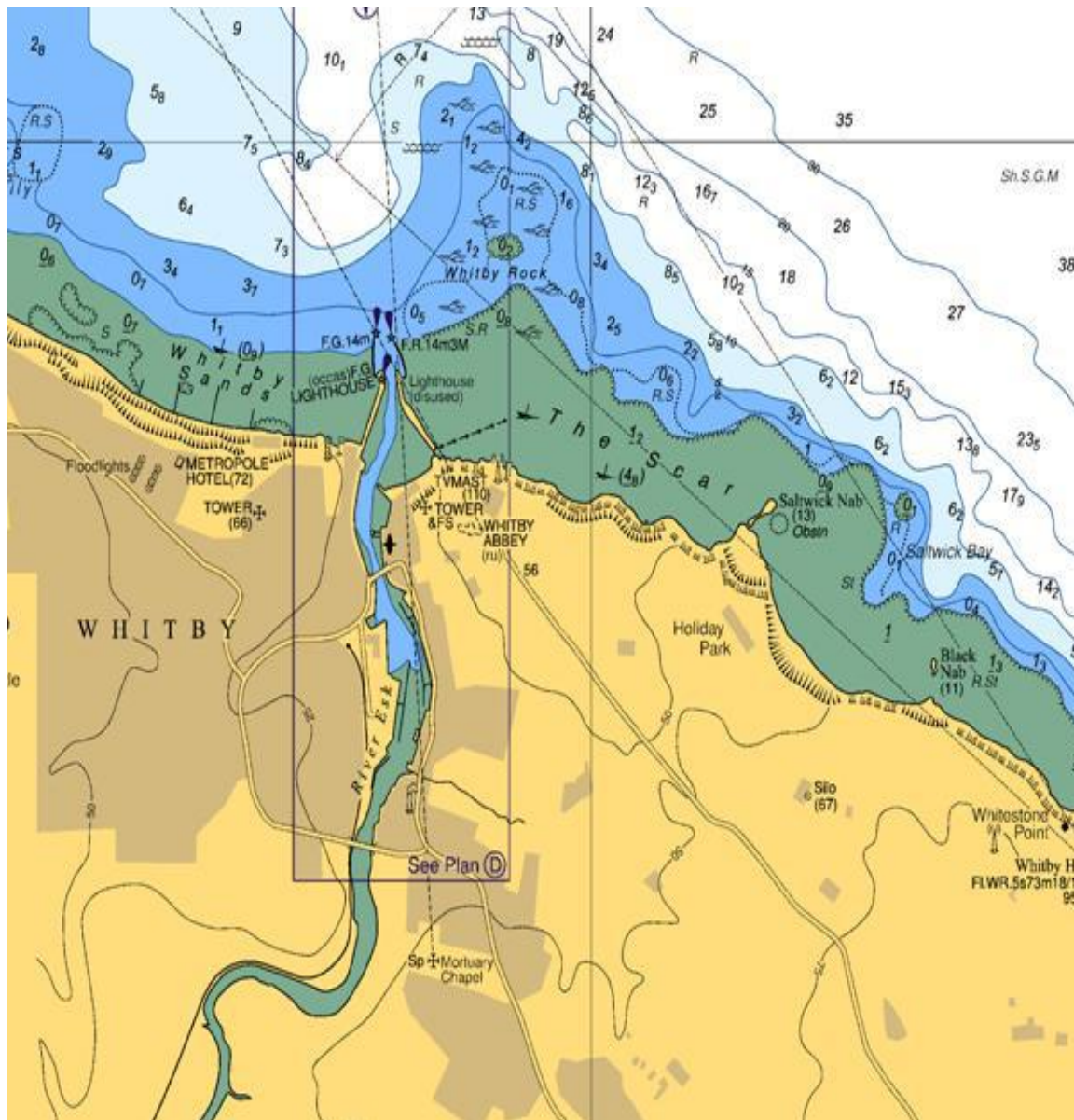
## Scarborough Marks



## Whitby Marks



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



End of Sailing Instructions.

**Spaghetti Bolognese with pasta and garlic bread will be available in WYC on evening of 15<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Please book via; [booking@whitbyyachtclub.com](mailto:booking@whitbyyachtclub.com)**