



# Whitby Yacht Club Regatta

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Notice of Race



The Organising Authority (OA) is Whitby Yacht Club (WYC)

The event is sponsored by Quayside fish and chips.

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028) (RRS).

### 2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the WYC website, a link will be sent out via the event WhatsApp group.
- 2.2 Amendments to the sailing instructions may be posted on the WYC website, notification will be sent on the event WhatsApp group.

### 3 Communications

- 3.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 37/M1.
- 3.2 The official noticeboard is a virtual board found at;-  
<https://whitbyyachtclub.co.uk/racing/racing-programme>
- 3.3 Updates, including results will be sent out on an event WhatsApp group.

### 4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all yachts able to meet equipment and insurance requirements and holding a valid handicap certificate for their race class.
- 4.2 Visiting boats may enter by notifying the OA by 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026. This should be done via e-mail to [rc.race@whitbyyachtclub.com](mailto:rc.race@whitbyyachtclub.com)
- 4.3 WYC boats are requested to inform the OA of their intention to participate in the event.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

## 5 Fees

- 5.1 This event is free to enter.
- 5.2 Food and drinks are not included in the entry.
- 5.3 Mooring fees are not included in the entry as the moorings are not property of WYC. An application for discounted mooring fees will be made on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. Any skipper interested in discounted mooring fees shall have registered their intention to participate with the OA or on the Necra website by the 14th May.

## 6 Crew Limitations

- 6.1 The minimum number of persons aboard for all classes is 1. The maximum number is as per each boats handicap certificate.
- 6.2 The number of crew on board can be changed between races.

## 7 Advertising

- 7.1 No special requirements.

## 8 Qualifying Series

Not applicable to this event.

## 9 Schedule

- 9.1 Race briefing WYC Clubhouse 2100 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- 9.3 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Up to 3 Races – 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal 0925  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Up to 3 races – 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal 0925
- 9.4 HW Friday Evening 2145 – Bridge for arriving visitors 1900  
HW Saturday 0951 – Bridge opening 1230  
HW Sunday 1058 – Bridge opening 1400

## 10 Inspections

- 10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

## 11 Clothing and Equipment

Not applicable at this event.

## 12 Venue

- 12.1 The racing will take place in the bay between Whitby harbour and Sandsend.
- 12.2 Race briefing, social events and prize giving will take place at Whitby Yacht Club.

## 13 Courses

- 13.1 Courses will be “around the cans” type bay courses.
- 13.2 Bay cans courses can be found in the WYC yearbook and in the sailing instructions. Note that course 00 may be used which is a custom course using standard race marks.

## 14 Penalty System

- 14.1 The penalty for a breach of rule, other than a rule of Part 1 and 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1 and RRS A4.2.

## 15 Scoring

- 15.1 The series shall be scored in accordance with the RRS low point system
- 15.2 If 5 or 6 races are sailed there will be 1 discard. If 4 or fewer races are sailed there will be no discards.

## 16 Support Person Vessels

Not Applicable.

## 17 Chartered or Loaned Boats

Not Applicable

## 18 Berthing

- 18.1 Overnight berthing is available in Whitby Marina, discounted rates may be available for visiting boats partaking in this event.

## 19 Haul-out Restrictions

- 19.1 No restrictions.

## 20 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

- 20.1 No restrictions.

## 21 Data Protection

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority’s privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your National Authority

and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## 22 Risk Statement

- 22.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- 22.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently 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, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities. f) The provision of patrol boat is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances. g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any specific risks to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## 23 Insurance

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## 24 Prizes

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded in each class.
- 24.2 Prize giving will be held at WYC after racing.
- 24.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## 25 Further Information

- 25.1 For further information please contact Nathaniel Drake at [rc.race@whitbyyachtclub.com](mailto:rc.race@whitbyyachtclub.com)