

Winter Racing Series 2019/20

Race History

Winter racing at Hartlepool has been made possible due to the dedication of a handful of local sailors and marina staff with a desire to continue racing into the winter season when many Yachts clubs lift all vessels out for around 6 months when most winter months although cold see perfect sailing conditions and empty sailing marks.

Now in its Fifth year the Winter series jointly hosted by NECRA, Hartlepool Marina Ltd & Tees & Hartlepool Yacht club sees a diverse mix of local club racers/sailors of various levels.

Marina rates are subsidised like the NECRA race series to reflect the desire of the company to support and develop a vibrant local racing circuit, therefore NECRA members from all local clubs and visiting yachts are welcome.

We have produced a special rate for THYC, SYC, RNYC and WYC club members in support of the Series

- One off price of £275, payable on arrival to allow **yachts** to stay afloat throughout the winter
- Metered Electricity will be available on the berths and charged standard rate 13p per unit

CHARGES & BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS

1. Special Rate to support local club racing open to THYC, SYC & WYC
2. Period 1st of October 2019 to the 31st of March 2020

Racing Arrangements

1. Race 1 will be on Sunday the 10th of November at 2019 Race starts 11:00
2. Race 2 will be on Sunday the 24th of November 2019 Race starts 11:00
3. Race 3 will be on Sunday the 8th of December 2019 Race starts 10:30
4. Race 4 will be on Sunday the 22nd December 2019 Race starts 10:30
5. Race 5 will be on Sunday the 5th January 2020 Race starts 10:30
6. Race 6 will be on Sunday the 19th January 2020 Race starts 10:30
7. Race 7 will be on Sunday the 2nd February 2020 Race starts 10:30
8. Race 8 will be on Sunday the 16th February 2020 Race starts 09:30
9. Additional races TBC depending on uptake

The current plan from THYC is to run one class with boats declaring whether they are going to sail with a spinnaker or just white sail for the series. (May change to 2 classes if there's lot of interest)

- Each vessel should inform the THYC duty officer by VHF channel M2 of their intention to race, including number of crew and which class (if applicable)
- Race's will be normal 5 minute starts. (Countdown by VHF channel M2 THYC)
- The course for each class will be announced by VHF approximately 15 minutes before the scheduled start time using channel M2
- Races expected to last about 1 hour.
- Races will be held in line with the THYC Sailing instructions (Documents on the THYC Website)

Email shaun@hartlepool-marina.com or crace@thyc for any further details

Good luck to all who join in and looking forward to seeing you on the start line.

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Locking Out Arrangements

1. Vessels needing to lock out should allow an additional 15 to 25 mins for lock out prior to race to allow for tidal and traffic differences
 2. The Lock office will not be monitoring the race channel and lock outs must be made via VHF 80 or 37
Vessels intending to join in the series need to complete an entry form for Winter series 2017 prior to the first race. These may be dropped into the lock office or dropped off in the club on Sunday.
- THYC need a list of all boat names and ratings before Sunday to help the OOD. These can be emailed to shaun@hartlepool-marina.com or direct crace@thyc.org.uk
 - It is the intention to have a presentation in THYC clubhouse after the race for the winner of each race.
 - The club house is situated to the south of the Marina (Directions from the lock office) all welcome to call along to the bar and galley will be open after racing

Forms required from participating yachts available from the Lock Office at Hartlepool Marina.

- Hartlepool Marina Berthing application with Insurance declaration
- Winter Series entry form 2018
- Berthing visitor T-Card Yellow

Additional Documents available on the THYC website

- THYC sailing instruction
- THYC course and
- THYC Sailing marks winter option

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We are keen in the future to develop a great North East winter series based at Hartlepool and would greatly appreciate your support by joining in with as many of the races over the next few months as possible, this will allow us to gauge interest and hopefully develop opportunity for keen racers / owners to get use of their vessels when most clubs have lifted out for 6 months.

Please ensure any friends or members with vessels still on the water are encouraged to join in with us to get the numbers as high as possible to ensure this becomes a much more regular event.

Berths will be allocated on arrival for racing boats to allow swift lock outs and ease of access to the THYC for post sail.

Boat Yard Services

One of the key aims for Hartlepool marina is to increase year-round racing on the North East Coast, So as well as the substantially reduced 'race berthing' we have also included visiting Race yachts with the 2019/20 Berth Holder winter yard special, details from the office. (Around 25% off list prices (October to February)

Alongside Standard boat yard services we will be offering a subsidised rate for a lift/hold/wash off for any vessels to remove summer growth to facilitate racing. (This will be 45% off list price)

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