



Hartlepool to Sunderland Sunday 13th September 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules:

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS 2024-2025, the prescriptions of the RYA, The International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, NECRA 2025 rules and the following SI's.

2. Conditions of Entry:

- Boats must be registered with NECRA prior to the start of this event.
- It is requested that boats post their intention to race on the NECRA website.
- Yachts may be inspected before or after races at the discretion of the committee.

3. Notices to Competitors:

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

4. Signals made Ashore:

Any signals made ashore will be on THYC VHF Ch.M2/P4 and Sunderland YC VHF Ch.37/M1.

5. Protests:

Protests, accompanied with a fee of £5, must be submitted by 21.00 Saturday to Sunderland Yacht Club.

6. 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.

7. Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in the races at their own risk. See RRS rule 4 Decision to Race. The organising authority 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.

8. Insurance:

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

9. Safety:

WSOSR Cat 4. Life rafts are strongly recommended.

10. Retirement:

Any boat retiring from the race must inform the Race Committee at the destination Club. Please confirm retirement by texting "retired" followed by your boat name to Tel: 07976 938064

11. Intention to Race:

Prior to the start all boats must inform the Race Officer preferably on VHF Ch. M2/P4 of their intention to race including boat name, NECRA class and number of people on board.

12. Classes:

- Class 1 – boats with a NERR rating of TCF 0.9000 and above.
- Class 2 – boats with a NERR rating of TCF below 0.9000
- Class 3 - is designated a 'white sail' class. Boats in this class shall not use a spinnaker and their non-spinnaker NERR rating will be used to calculate the results.

13. Schedule of Races:

Start Time: 12th September	Tide Hartlepool	Tide Sunderland
All Classes 09:00 BST	HW Sun 05:30 5.63m.	HW Fri 17:45 5.23m.

14. VHF Channels:

Hartlepool Race Committee will operate on VHF Ch.M2/P4 and SYC Station will operate on VHF CH37/M/M1 (if manned).

15. Start Line:

The start line is a transit line between a white light on the clubhouse situated centrally below the race station windows, the white pole on the end of the Middleton South Pier carrying the red harbour lights and between the inner and outer distance yellow race buoys. These race buoys are tide and wind borne so may not be on the transit line.

If a race is started from the water the transit line is between the inner distance yellow marker buoy and the white pole on the end of the South Pier.

16. Start Procedure:

08:55	All Class Warning	10 second countdown on VHF Ch.M2
08:56	Preparatory	10 second countdown on VHF Ch.M2
08:59	One -Minute	10 second countdown on VHF Ch.M2
09:00	All Class Start	10 second countdown on VHF Ch.M2

All classes will have a combined start using Rule 26, but using VHF Ch.M2/P4.

Individual recall: will be signalled on the VHF Ch.M2

General Recall: will be signalled on VHF Ch.M2

Postponement: will be signalled on VHF Ch.M2.

17. The Course: Start - North to South, (M), (Bell), (SYC X). Marks in brackets left to port.

18. Finish Line:

- North of a West/East GPS latitude line 54° 55' .275N
- Between Sunderland North Pier and SYC "X" mark situated at 54 35.436N 01 20.900W.

All competitors should record their own finish times using GPS and a photo taken of the time and GPS coordinates at finish. Note boats ahead and astern and notified NECRA preferably by text with your boat name to Tel: 07976 938064 ASAP after finishing. Any boat not submitting a finish time within 2 hours of the Race Time Limit will be recorded as DNF.

19. Time Limit: 16:00 Sunday 13th September.

20. Restricted Areas:

The Tees and Hartlepool Approach channels are defined as continuous obstructions and must not be entered whilst racing. Any boat doing so will be disqualified.

All vessels entering and leaving the Port of Sunderland are required to declare their intentions Sunderland LPS (Port Control) VHF Ch.11 or 14.