



# Tees and Hartlepool Yacht Club

Regatta 24 May 2025



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Rules

This is an open THYC organised event. The event will be governed by RRS 2024-2025, 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 2024 – 2025 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 to the event all non THYC boats should indicate their intention to race by email to [crace@thyc.co.uk](mailto: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 two classes below:-

Class 1 – boats with a NERR rating of TCF 0.8500 and above.

Class 2 – boats with a NERR rating of TCF below 0.8500

Boats are required to fly the appropriate numerical pennant from their backstay.

**7. Notice to Competitors**

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

**8. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any 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	24 May	All Classes	10:55	11:00	Approx. 90min
Saturday	Race 2	24 May	All Classes	As soon as possible after the finish of race 1		
Saturday	Race 3	24 May	All Classes	As soon as possible after the finish of race 2		

**10. Tide Times Hartlepool BST:-**

<b>Sat 24 May</b>	14:04	5.12m				
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## 11. Starting Sequence

Signals	Tower Lights	On the water	VHF Ch.M2
Warning signal (5 minutes to start)	1 white light	Class Flag(s) and one sound	10 second countdown
Preparatory signal (4 minutes to start)	2 white lights	Prep Flag and one sound	10 second countdown
1 Minute to start	3 white lights	Prep Flag removed and one sound	10 second countdown
Start	Lights Off	Class flag removed and one sound	10 second countdown
Finish	4 white lights	One sound	

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

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.

## 12. Recalls

Signal	Tower Lights	On the water	VHF Ch.M2
Individual recall	2 white lights	Flag X and one sound	Individual call
General recall	4 white lights	First Sub and two sounds	General recall

## 13. Postponement

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

## 14. Start/Finish Line - Saturday - From the water

The start and finish line will be a line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark (committee boat) at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end start/finish mark.

## 16. Courses - From the water

**Saturday** courses will be Windward / Leeward. See attached course sheets Appendix A. The course chosen and number of laps will be indicated on a blackboard on the committee boat. At the start and finish of each lap yachts must pass between inner and outer distance marks.

## 17. Shortened Courses - From the water - Saturday

Flag S and two sounds. Flag N and three sounds for abandoned race.

## 18. Course Amendments - Saturday

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## **19. 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 try to cross this area.

## **21. Retirement**

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

## **22. 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.

## **23. 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.

## **24. 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."

## **25. Scoring**

Races will be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2024-2025 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.

**26. Prizes** - Regatta prizes will be awarded in THYC clubhouse to class winners on Saturday after racing at approximately 18:00.

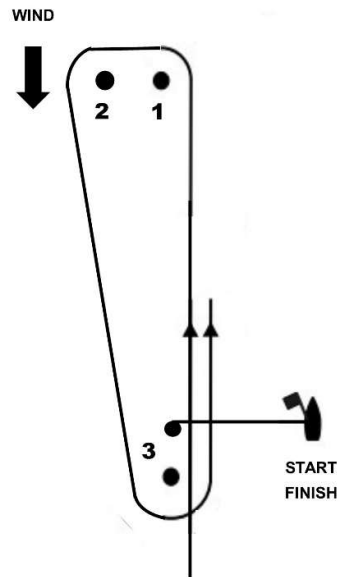
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## Appendix A

Course 1. A Windward-Leeward Course.

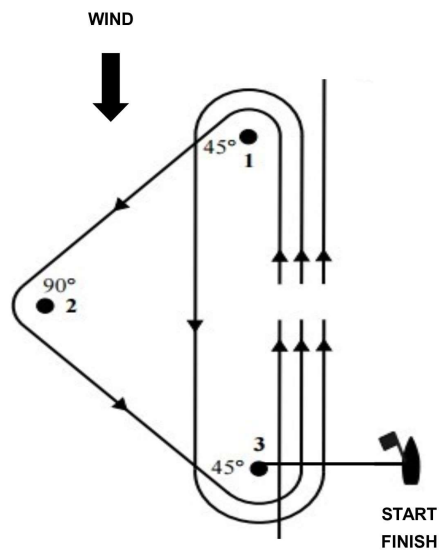
Start – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish (number of laps indicated on committee boat)

There may not be a No2 buoy.



Course 2 A Triangle-Windward-Leeward course.

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish (number of laps indicated on committee boat)



## 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](mailto:crace@thyc.co.uk) at least 7 days before the event.
- Visiting boats are welcome at Hartlepool Marina from Friday 23rd May 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](mailto: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 24th May by 10:30 to ensure enough tide depth in the channel and can then moor temporarily at Kafiga. The Marina is accessible again until 17:00.
- Racing will start at 11:00 and consist of 3 windward/leeward courses back to back.
- The start may be delayed if there is difficulty exiting Marina.
- The racing will finish at approximately 16:00.
- Entry to the Marina is possible until approximately 17:00.
- 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](mailto: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.**