

2025 WYC Sailing Programme

The 2025 sailing programme has been developed taking into account input received on the 2024 season both via the Meeting of Sailors and informally.

Club racing:

There are a total of 107 races planned for 2025 vs 112 last year. These numbers include WYC regattas and are reduced due to the addition of a weekend Solo event and KSSA training in 2025.

As per 2024, members who are more experienced as RO have been allocated to the WYC regattas, and members who have competed in 17+ races in 2024 have been allocated a 2nd duty. **Please note your allocated date(s) and arrange a swap via your fleet captain if required – also advise Sally so she can keep the records straight.**

Outside events:

Our policy remains to only host outside events that have a strong chance of a turnout of 20-30 boats. There will be no club racing during these events leaving the opportunity for members to volunteer in support of the event or to free sail. 2025 outside events:

Solo training & Spring Championships: April 26/27

Topper training & SE traveller open: May 10/11

Tasar National Championships: June 13/15

KSSA training: October 4

The club will also host the Wanderer National Championships and a Wayfarer open combined with club racing on June 28/29.

Whitstable week:

Will be held between Wed 6th to Sun 10th August – slightly later this year due to tide times. It retains the Wed-Sun format to allow members to participate but take fewer days off work.

Laserfest:

The 2025 event will retain a sprint format and will be on July 12th/13th. We will promote to local clubs as a mix of friendly racing and great socials to showcase what a great place WYC is to sail.

Organised cruises:

A programme of 9 organised dinghy cruises is included in the schedule to be organised by Richard Maltby and his team.

Youth and improver sailing:

There is a full programme of 22 cadet sessions and 18 improver sessions planned by Ruth and Jo. These are regularly oversubscribed - our challenge is to manage the numbers and to link families and sailors with wider WYC activities.

Transition to racing:

Following last year's successful programme, TTR is a series of four events designed to bridge the gap between improvers and club racing. This year the programme leads into a series of 7 supervised races which aim to make club racing less daunting. Contact Ruth Oliver or Steve Gray.

Kayak/SUP paddle in company:

We are planning a few Kayak/SUP events through the season to encourage members who own or can borrow a Kayak or an SUP to have a paddle in company. The chosen dates have a rising tide to give reasonable water depth but will rely on suitable weather to hold an enjoyable event – events will be rescheduled if necessary. Contact Kerry Collins (07985 419473).

Summary:

There were a total number of 1,886 starts by WYC boats in club races in 2024, an impressive 12% increase on 2023. We believe that the 2025 programme provides the basis for a great year of sailing - we won't have got everything right, but we look forward to the warmer weather and some good breezes.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen P Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style. To the right of the signature is a vertical yellow line.

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