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Handbook 2026



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Welcome to the 2026 sailing season

The WYC 2026 programme is probably the most comprehensive in the south east and the purpose of this handbook is to give members the fullest appreciation of the club's activities both on and off the water to allow everyone to get the most from the club. The website and social media add a dynamic feed of news and information about special events and there are also regular emails to ensure that you don't miss anything.

Highlights in the racing calendar are Whitstable Week our five day racing and social festival, the Town Regatta – one of the oldest sailing regattas in the world and the Club Championships when this year's champions will be decided. There's also WYC's weekend dedicated to Laser's in June – Laserfest!

This year we host a Topper SE training and open event which will attract visitors to compete against our hugely successful team from last year's worlds. There is a Merlin Rocket Silver Tiller event coupled with a Tasar open, a Dart 18 traveller coupled with a B14 open and the Wanderer national and Wayfarer southern championships, so we'll be welcoming plenty of visitors.

Our training calendar offers weekly sessions for youngsters over eight years old, a programme for improving sailors, both young and older and a 'Transition to Racing' course for those looking to start racing but perhaps lacking confidence or skills. There is a full programme of youth and adult training through the year and a range of dinghy cruises and kayaking/paddleboarding in company.

Our club is a community of friends who come together to enjoy water sports and social events – none of which would happen without members taking responsibility for organising. Water user members have agreed on joining or renewal to undertake duties commensurate with their experience – most are allocated two dates which are listed in the programme in this handbook and on the website.

Please take note of these now and ensure that you attend or arrange a stand-in and advise your fleet captain and the Club Manager of any swaps.

Club management

The club is managed by the General Committee chaired by the Commodore, supported by the Sailing Committee chaired by the Rear Commodore Sailing, the Rear Commodore House and the Bar Manager.

Full details of committee members and copies of minutes can be found in the 'About Us' section of the website.

General Committee

Elected annually at the club AGM to manage the affairs of the club according to the rules.

Sailing Committee

Representatives of the sailing members of the club, responsible for the management of the sailing and sailing related activities, except training. The Rear Commodore Sailing is elected by the membership at the AGM, fleet representatives are elected by the members of their respective fleets.

Rear Commodore House

Elected annually at the AGM and responsible for the fabric and maintenance of the WYC estate.

Bar Manager

Member of the General Committee and responsible for the bar, its drinks and snacks offer, opening times, staffing and profitability.

Club Manager

Responsible for the day to day management of club including membership and financial accounting. Also looks after membership administration, race programme, duty allocation and results.

General Information

The clubhouse is open to members daily (except Christmas day) from 9am until the bar closes. The bar is open every day (except certain bank holidays) - current opening hours can be found on the club website.

Club etiquette

Please dress appropriately in the bar and Sea Room — wet sailing clothing is not permitted in either space. Dogs are welcome in the Sea Room but must be kept on a lead.

Feedback

Concerns and feedback is welcome— please email a flag officer or the Club Manager who will bring it to the General Committee.

Parking on the beach is not permitted

The only exceptions are for those delivering to or undertaking maintenance at the club. Vehicles may be driven on to the beach for delivery or collection of water sports equipment but it is expected that this equipment is prepared for transport in advance to minimise the time vehicles spend on the beach.

Boats kept on club premises

Boats must display a WYC storage sticker— full conditions of boat storage can be found in the Boat Parking and Equipment Storage Policy in the 'Racing & Sailing Documents' section of the website.

Lost property

Items should be given to a member of staff who will pass to the office. Proof of ownership must be provided before the item claimed is handed over.

Website

Club documents are available on the website – these include club rules, policies, sailing instructions, the club safety manual, emergency flow charts, details of our management committees and committee minutes.

Safeguarding

As defined in the Children Act 1989, for the purposes of this policy anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child. The policy also applies to vulnerable adults.

It is the policy of WYC to safeguard children and young people taking part in boating from physical, sexual or emotional harm. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that, through appropriate procedures and training, children participating in club activities do so in a safe environment. We recognise that the safety and welfare of a child is paramount and that all children, whatever their age, gender, disability, culture, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, social status or sexual identity, have a right to protection from abuse.

WYC recognises that safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with children. We therefore expect members to treat all children with respect and celebrate their achievements. All members should be encouraged to demonstrate exemplary behaviour in order to protect themselves from false allegations. The following are common sense examples of how to create a positive culture within Club organised activities:

- ◆ Avoid spending any significant time working with children in isolation.
- ◆ Treat all young people equally, with respect and dignity.
- ◆ Make sailing fun, enjoyable and promote fair play.
- ◆ Ensure that if any form of manual support or physical contact is required (e.g. assisting in launching/recovery of boats, pulling out of water into safety boat, etc.) is minimised and provided openly. Where practical, it should be explained to the child what is happening.
- ◆ Involve parents/carers wherever possible, e.g. for the responsibility of their children in the changing rooms*.
- ◆ Use of inappropriate language by children, and by adults in the hearing of children, should be challenged.
- ◆ If a child is having difficulty with a wetsuit or buoyancy aid, ask them to ask a friend to help if at all possible.
- ◆ If you do have to help a child, make sure you are in full view of others, preferably another adult.

You should never:

Allow or engage in inappropriate physical contact.

Allow children to use inappropriate language unchallenged, or use such language yourself when with children.

Make sexually suggestive comments to a child, even in fun.

Fail to respond to an allegation made by a child; always act.

Do things of a personal nature that children can do for themselves.

*It is preferable for adults to stay away from the changing rooms while there are children there. However, this is often unavoidable because adults are sailing at the same times, it is therefore better if one adult is not alone when children are present. Parents should be aware that adult club members may be in the changing rooms.

Stay covered!

In order to safeguard the interests of all members, WYC require that swimsuits or underwear are worn at all times by members whilst using the changing rooms and showers.

Child Welfare Contact:



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paul@paul-cross.net

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Coffee Club



Daily at 10:00am in the Sea Room or on the veranda.

Enjoy coffee with friends old and new.

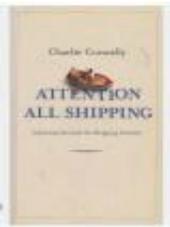
WYC Games Night



Contact: Tizzie Lambert: 07920 262673

Every Tuesday from 7pm, Mexican train dominoes, cribbage or bring your own - come and join us. Bit of luck, bit of skill, bit of a laugh, bit of wine.

WYC Book Club



Contact: Kellie Gray: 07966 046693

Second Wednesday of the month, at 7pm, It's a lovely way to meet others. Discuss, enjoy a drink and have a laugh.

WYC Golf Society



Contact: Kellie Gray: 07966 046693

Compete in the annual Nautical Niblick or join our informal ladies group

WYC Music Club

Contact: Andrew Provan 07899 662412

Every Thursday 7:30pm to 10.30pm. We pick songs to rehearse and then play together as several bands.

We welcome all voices and instruments and put on gigs at the club.



WYC Pool Nights

Contact: Magda Venning Bar Supervisor: 01227 272942

Wednesdays from 7pm - club pool night. Players and non-players are welcomed, come along and support the Whitstable Yacht Club team. Thursdays from 5pm –free table.



Darts

Available during bar opening hours in the Sea Room — adults only



WYC Art Group Contact: Tizzie Lambert: 07920 262673

Bring your oils, acrylics, charcoal, pencils, even crayons out of the cupboard and join us in the Sea Room. Good, average or useless, you are all welcome. Held on Mondays from 10.00 —12.30





Recognised Club

Training

The club offers a range of tuition with nationally recognised certification which supports progression from complete novice to confident independent sailor.

Adult courses are held in small groups and follow the Royal Yachting Association syllabus. Each course is held over two days: *Level 1* is an introduction to sailing dinghies for complete beginners. *Level 2* builds confidence and develops the skills needed to be a competent sailor in light winds. *Level 3* consolidates those skills and introduces new ones to cope with more challenging conditions and to gain the confidence to start sailing independently.

Youth courses (ages 8-16) are based on the RYA National Youth Sailing Scheme and are held over three days during school holidays: *Stage 1* provides the basic principles of how to get a boat sailing. *Stage 2* develops the ability to sail around a triangular course and starting to understand what's really going on. *Stage 3* builds confidence and skills needed to sail in different directions in moderate conditions.

Powerboat courses are of two days' duration, maximum of 3 people per course, minimum age 14 years. *Level 2* is the most popular, offering theory and practical assessment, with plenty of time on the water. This is the minimum qualification required to drive a WYC support boat. For the complete novice, it may be preceded by *Level 1*. For the experienced powerboat driver a direct assessment can be arranged.



Katie Berrington

Chief Instructor,
Training Administrator,
RYA Onboard Officer

Adult courses:

Thu 16 th & Fri 17 th April	RYA Powerboat Level 2
Wed 29 th & Thu 30 ^{sh} April	RYA Powerboat Level 2
Sat 2 nd & Sun 3 rd May	RYA Level 1 sailing
Mon 18 th & Tue 19 th May	RYA Powerboat Level 2
Sat 30 th & Sun 31 st May	RYA Level 1 sailing
Fri 12 th & Sat 13 th June	RYA Level 2 sailing
Sat 27 th & Sun 28 th June	RYA Level 1 Sailing
Tue 30 th June & Wed 1 st July	RYA Level 3 Sailing
Mon 13 th & Tue 14 th July	RYA Level 2 Sailing
Sat 29 th & Sun 30 ^h August	RYA Level 1 Sailing
Tue 8 th & Wed 9 th September	RYA Powerboat Level 2
Sat 12 th & Sun 13 th September	RYA Level 2 Sailing
Thu 24 th & Fri 25 st September	RYA Powerboat Level 2
Sun 11 th & Mon 12 th October	RYA Powerboat Level 2

Sailing Development

Improve sessions - Weekly sessions either on a Wednesday evening or a Sunday for members who have completed at least RYA Level 1 and who would like to improve specific skills and gain more confidence on the water.

Transition to Racing - A series of four events designed to bridge the gap between improvers and a club race. Sessions will start on land with some theory and follow up with the practical application of what was learned. Sessions will cover starting, sailing upwind, mark rounding and racing rules and will be followed up with racing.

Taster sessions - Usually on a one-to-one basis, but can be arranged for small groups. This is great for ongoing improvement after a course, or if you are unsure if you will like sailing and want to try before committing to a course.



Young People and Families

We have a long tradition of introducing young people to sailing and the water – our Cadet and Families programme is designed to provide children aged 8 and above an appropriate start in a controlled and fun manner.

There is a programme of Cadet sessions throughout the year where young people quickly make new friends as they learn to sail under supervision. Most youngsters go onto take their RYA Youth Sailing qualifications to develop their skills.

There's plenty of time to enjoy just being on the beach or on the water away from the organised sailing sessions. Parents have the benefit of watching their children learn from the beach or the club deck and take advantage of Keith's coffee shop or the club bar.

There's also a great social side of parties and barbecues which is topped by our annual CadetFest Aug 10-14th —a week of sailing, water sports, socials and fun!

Youth courses:

Tue 7 th to Thu 9 th April	RYA Youth Stage 1, 2, 3 (Westbere)
Wed 27 th to Fri 29 th May	RYA Youth Stage 2,3,4
Mon 27 th & Tue 28 th July	RYA Youth Stage 1,2
Thu 30 th & Fri 31 st July	RYA Youth Stage 4, Racing
Mon 3 rd to Wed 5 th August	RYA Youth Stage 1, 2, 3
Mon 10 th to Fri 14 th August	Cadetfest
Mon 17 th & Tue 18 th August	RYA Youth Stage 4, Racing
Wed 26 th to Fri 28 th August	RYA Youth Stage 1, 2, 3 , Seamanship
Mon 26 th to Wed 28 th October	RYA Youth Stage 2, 3 (Westbere)

Find out more and booking:

The WYC website has more information on all aspects of training and cadet events—see <https://www.wyc.org.uk/training/>.

All bookings are made via the website—see <https://www.wyc.org.uk/book-a-training-session/>.

Vouchers

Vouchers are available to cover part or all of the cost of training —purchase via the website—<https://www.wyc.org.uk/product/gift-voucher/>.





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Sailability

Whitstable Yacht Club is keen to provide opportunities for those with disabilities, however, our exposed location, beach launching and prevailing weather can make this challenging. We are linked with a nearby RYA Sailability centre, where many of our members volunteer, to provide help and training in more sheltered waters. Westbere Sailing Opportunities offers fun, happy and safe sailing experiences to adults and children with all forms and levels of disability on a lake on the outskirts of Canterbury.

Windsurfing

At low water and when the wind kicks in Whitstable Bay offers superb conditions for windsurfing and WYC members are quick to enjoy them throughout the year.

The dynamic of the fleet continues to improve and expand, not only in the ability of the sailors but also in the variety of equipment in use - freeride and wave boards are most numerous with racing longboards making a comeback.

There is a strong camaraderie and a willingness to offer sailing, tuning and technical tips to help everyone enjoy their windsurfing to the utmost, whether it's a high-speed blast or a relaxed sail in light conditions.



Cruiser Fleet

The WYC cruiser fleet is hidden on moorings in nearby creeks but takes advantage of our location to explore the Swale and further afield.

The very ethos of cruising mitigates against a structured programme but there is plenty going on around the area. Class captain Jeremy Scott (07972 239452 - jeremydavidscott@icloud.com) is always keen to receive suggestions for events, activities and ways to develop the WYC cruiser fleet.

Dinghy Cruising

We are in an ideal location to venture out from the club to explore the Swale and the coastal bays towards Thanet. Dates for dinghy cruising can be found in the sailing schedule. You will note that both Saturday and Sunday are listed for each cruise—choice of day will be determined by the weather and advised via WhatsApp group—to join contact Fef Griffin on 07940 496869.

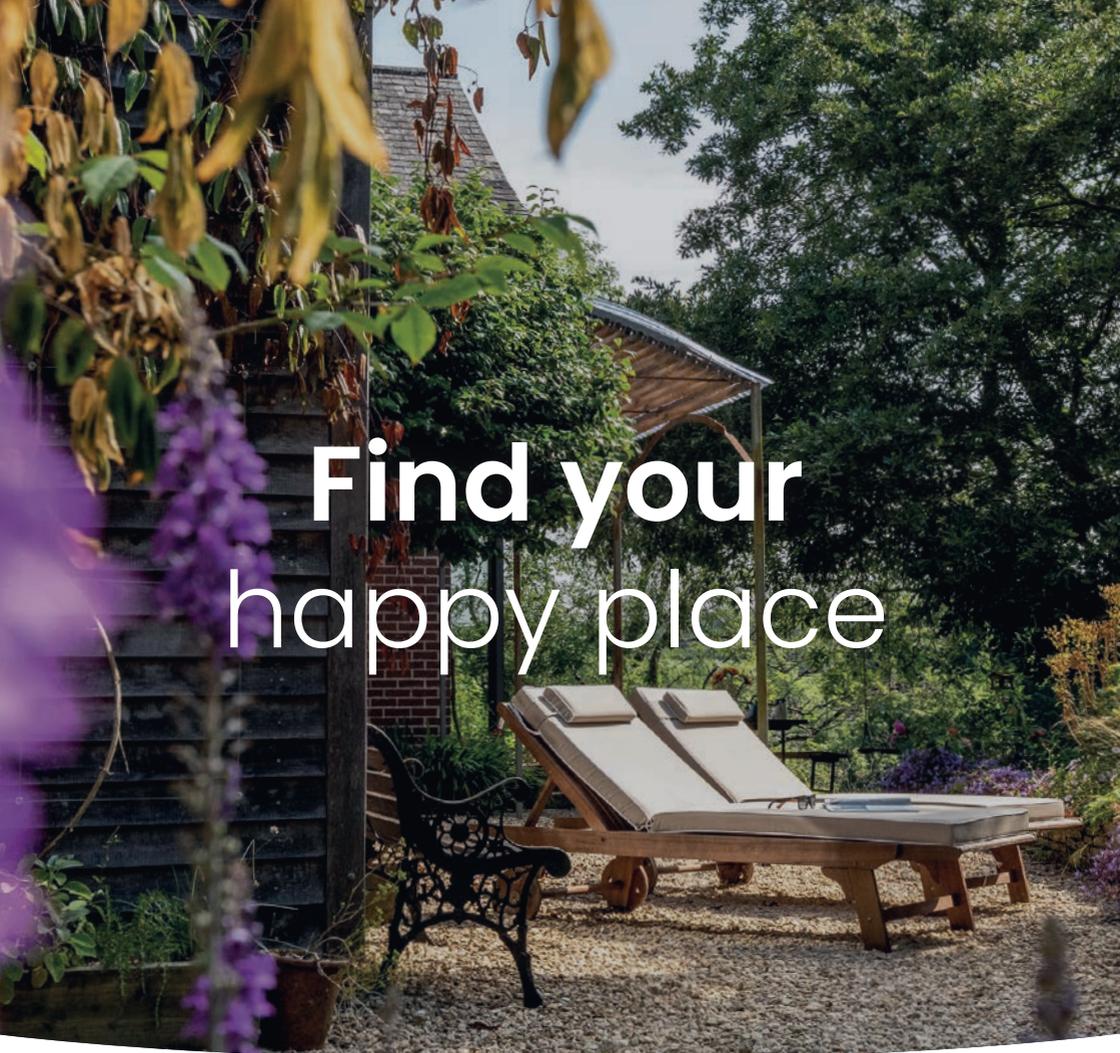


Join us with suitably equipped dinghies or crew for one of more experienced sailors.

Kayaks and Paddle Boards



We are planning a number of 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 dates are listed in the programme and chosen on a rising tide with reasonable water depth and rely on weather suitable to hold an enjoyable event – events will be rescheduled if necessary. Contact Kerry Collins (07857 419473).



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Safe sailing alone or in company

The General and Sailing Safety Manual has recently been revised and is a required read for those thinking of sailing from the club outside organised events. The manual can be found on the website under Racing & Sailing/Documents.

A quick summary is that responsibility for safety lies with the owner/person in charge, so careful preparation is necessary before sailing:

'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 has the appropriate equipment and insurance and that the crew are adequately skilled to face the conditions that may arise.'

Advice on free sailing is given in the manual (section 1.4) and should be read before setting sail. Key advice includes:

Arrange to go out with another similar boat and watch out for each other.

Check the weather forecast and times/heights of tides.

Carry a mobile phone in a plastic bag or waterproof container.

Dress warmly for the conditions – it is easier to take off a layer than put it on.

Wear personal buoyancy, properly done up, at all times afloat.

Go ashore if you have doubts or get cold or tired – there's always another day.

If you capsize and can't right it, stay with the boat. Never try to swim to shore.

Tell a reliable person ashore where you are going and your mobile number.

Arrange a time for your shore mate either to contact you or to raise the alarm.

Tell your shore mate to stand down when you come ashore.

Don't stay out alone after your sailing partner comes in .

The General and Safety Manual covers being safe without a safety boat when sailing solo or in company —please become familiar with its advise before setting sail.

Club Racing Programme

Racing is held for Lasers and an All-in-Handicap fleet throughout the season. The starting sequence and procedures are shown in the club sailing instructions available on the website.

There are 10 points series in 2026 from Early to Winter series—this year the Summer series will be split into Early Summer Saturday/Sunday and Late Summer Saturday/Sunday to allow members to focus on one or the other around holidays.

The number of races to count for a series will be half the number sailed plus one (rounded down).

Points are awarded to boats, not crews - sailors wishing to change boats within the same class must inform the Club Manager.

Lasers who normally race with a standard rig are able to change down to a smaller rig (radial or 4.7) but results will count as per a standard rig – please advise when signing on.

Trophies will be awarded for the All-in-Handicap fleet, Lasers and at the discretion of the sailing committee, classes with a perpetual trophy with three or more starters in a given regatta or series.

Members rostered for duty may ask for redress for the race for which they are on duty - average points will be awarded at the discretion of the Club Manager.



2026 Trophy Races and Regattas:

Town regatta	6 race All-in-Handicap regatta over early May bank holiday
RNLI pursuit race	Pursuit race in aid of the RNLI
Dawes Trophy	Single All-in-Handicap race in memory of club legend Slotty Dawes
Laserfest	10 race sprint series for Lasers/ILCAs and socials
Whitstable Week	10 race All-in-Handicap regatta – 5 days of racing and socials
Club Championships	6 race All-in-Handicap regatta to determine the 2025 club champion over August bank holiday

Water user members are allocated race duties through the season to manage the racing programme – those who have started more races in the prior year are allocated two duties. **If your dates are not convenient it is your responsibility to arrange a stand-in and advise your fleet captain and the Club Manager of the swap.**

Keith's Coffee Hut



Keith, Nikki and the team serve coffee, hot chocolate and cold drinks together with a range of snacks and hot food from their white hut on the forecourt — there is a discount for club members (helpful to have your club membership/bar card with you).

Whitstable Yacht Club Sailing Programme 2026

If you are unable to carry out your rostered duty, you are required to find a replacement. Please advise your fleet captain and Club Manager of any duty changes.

Month	Date	HW (Clock Time)	Start Time	Event	Race Officer	Assistant RO (Spare Safety Boat Crew)	Safety Boat Crew	Safety Boat Crew
March	Sat 14 Mar	09.02	10.00	Working party	-	-	-	-
	Sun 15 Mar	10.16	11.00	Early series 1	David Connor	David Thornelow	Mike Hanson	N/A
	Sun 22 Mar	14.53	11.00	Race officer training	Christian Brewer	Steve Gray	N/A	N/A
			14.00	Early series 2	Christian Brewer	Steve Gray	Marc Dumas	N/A
			16.00	AGM	-	-	-	-
			11.00	Early series 3/4	Ali Nicolson	Andy King	Jo Phillips	N/A
April	Fri 03 Apr	14.39	14.00	Easter regatta	Simon Hadley	Andy Hockey	Ruth Oliver	Joe Lovett
	Sat 04 Apr	15.05	10.00	Cadets - parent rigging practice	-	-	-	-
			14.00	Easter regatta	Robert Govier	Matt Low	David Figgis	Susannah Baron
	Sun 05 Apr	15.33	14.00	Easter regatta	Tony Dod	Tim de Klerk	Gary Brownbridge	Jonathan Carter
	Mon 06 Apr	16.02	14.00	Easter regatta	Niall Martin	Ian Dorsett	James Collins	Gareth Head
	Sat 11 Apr	07.29	10.00	Early series 5	Peter Gowing	Richard Jones	Martin Feakins	Bevis Field
	Sun 12 Apr	09.05	11.00	Early series 6/7	Ben Spratling	John Phelan	Andrew Memmott	Ben McVeigh
	Sat 18 Apr	14.12	11.00	Cruise 1 - Shipwright's Arms (or Sun)	-	-	-	-
			14.00	Topper training	-	-	-	-
	Sun 19 Apr	14.52	11.00	Cruise 1 - Shipwright's Arms (or Sat)	-	-	-	-
			14.00	Topper open (CB)	Andy Jackson	Steve Gray	Anthony Middleton	Harry Morrison
	Fri 24 Apr	06.33	17.00	Cadets 1 - parent launch and recovery	-	-	-	-
Sat 25 Apr	07.55	10.00	Spring 1 (CB)	Jon Bloice	-	Phillipa Bloice	Amy Moore	
Sun 26 Apr	09.23	09.00	Improvers 1	-	-	-	-	
		11.00	Spring 2 (CB)	Matthew Crockett	-	Pete Townsend	Andrew Lilly	
Sat 02 May	14.02	12.30	Cadets 2	-	-	-	-	
		14.00	Town regatta (CB)	Charlie Campion	-	Peter Wilson	Jim Howard	
Sun 03 May	14.32	13.00	Improvers 2	-	-	-	-	
		14.00	Town regatta (CB)	Jon Slik	-	Paul Moore	Adam Freeman	
Mon 04 May	15.05	13.00	Transition to racing 1	-	-	-	-	
Fri 08 May	17.24	14.00	Town regatta (CB)	Richard Ledger	-	Sarah Oliver	Tony Ullman	
Sat 09 May	18.14	17.00	Cadets 3	-	-	-	-	
		10.00	Cruise 2 - Herne Bay SC (or Sun)	-	-	-	-	
Sun 10 May	19.13	10.00	Cruise 2 - Herne Bay SC (or Sat)	-	-	-	-	
		14.00	Transition to racing 2	Andrew Provan	-	Brenda Bates	Mikkil Bates	
		15.00	Spring 3 (CB)	-	-	-	-	
		15.00	Spring 4 (CB)	Kevin Hall	-	Mellony Morgan	Charlie Mount	
		17.00	Improvers 3	-	-	-	-	
Sat 16 May	13.00	14.00	Spring 5/6 (CB)	Zanna Gooch	-	Liz North	Lydia Wood-Power	
Sun 17 May	13.47	12.00	Kayak & SUP 1	-	-	-	-	
		12.00	Transition to racing 3	-	-	-	-	
		14.00	Spring 7/8 (CB)	Paul Kelly	-	Miles Ogborn	Chris Alman	
Wed 20 May	16.04	18.30	Wednesday 1	Merlin fleet	Merlin fleet	Merlin fleet	Merlin fleet	
Fri 22 May	16.04	17.00	Cadets 4	-	-	-	-	

Programme also available on the website at www.wyc.org.uk/sailing-schedule. Check online for any changes or news.

Month	Date	HW (Clock Time)	Start Time	Event	Race Officer	Assistant RO (Spare Safety Boat Crew)	Safety Boat Crew	Safety Boat Crew
May	Sat 23 May	18.47	15.00	Spring 9 (CB)	Edmund Wilson	-	Georgios Rafeleto	
	Sun 24 May	07.40	10.00	Spring 10 (CB)	Robert Govler	-	Adam Roake	
	Mon 25 May	08.50	10.00	Transition to racing/improvers - race 1	-	-	-	
	Sat 30 May	13.01	11.00	RNLI Pursuit race (CB)	Mike Oliver	-	Marc Dumas	
	Sun 31 May	13.33	11.00	Merlin/Tasar open (CB)	Tom Bruton	Mark Fagg	SB Team	
	Fri 05 Jun	13.33	11.00	Merlin/Tasar open (CB)	Tom Bruton	Mark Fagg	SB Team	
	Sat 06 Jun	17.10	14.00	Cadets 5	Alastair Gould	-	Jonathan Loynes	
	Sun 07 Jun	17.52	15.00	Spring 11/12 (CB)	Alastair Gould	-	Douglas Amesz	
	Wed 10 Jun	20.40	18.30	Transition to racing/improvers - race 2	Mike Hanson	-	James Peasnell	
	Sat 13 Jun	11.43	11.00	Spring 13 (CB)	Steve Baker	Mei Baker	Tasar Fleet	
June	Sun 14 Jun	12.38	11.00	Merlin/Tasar open (CB)	John Gibbons	-	Martin Akers	
	Fri 19 Jun	12.38	12.00	Early Summer Sat 1/2 (CB)	-	-	-	
	Sat 20 Jun	17.32	14.00	Cadets 6	-	-	-	
	Sun 21 Jun	18.23	15.00	Discover sailing	-	-	-	
	Wed 24 Jun	21.18	17.00	Kayak & SUP 2	-	-	-	
	Sat 27 Jun	11.51	10.00	Kayak & SUP 7	Glenn Cook	-	James Perkins	
	Sun 28 Jun	12.35	12.00	Early Summer Sat 3/4 (CB)	Max Hunt	-	Nick Peryman	
	Sat 04 Jul	16.18	14.00	Transition to racing/improvers - race 3	-	-	-	
	Sun 05 Jul	16.53	14.00	Early Summer Sun 1 (CB)	Cat fleets	Cat fleets	Cat fleets	
	Wed 08 Jul	18.57	17.30	Improvers 5	-	-	-	
July	Sat 11 Jul	10.11	09.00	Improvers 6	Stephen Nation	-	Matt Low	
	Sun 12 Jul	11.23	11.00	Cadets 8	Mark Barnes	-	Oliver Goggi	
	Sat 18 Jul	16.29	14.00	Early Summer Sun 2/3 (CB)	-	-	-	
	Sun 19 Jul	17.09	14.00	Improvers 7	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Wed 22 Jul	19.22	18.30	Improvers 8	Stephen Nation	-	Susanmah Baron	
	Sun 24 Jul	18.57	17.30	Improvers 9	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sat 01 Aug	18.57	17.30	Improvers 10	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sun 02 Aug	18.57	17.30	Improvers 11	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sat 08 Aug	18.57	17.30	Improvers 12	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sun 09 Aug	18.57	17.30	Improvers 13	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
August	Sat 15 Aug	18.57	17.30	Improvers 14	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sun 16 Aug	18.57	17.30	Improvers 15	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sat 22 Aug	18.57	17.30	Improvers 16	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sun 23 Aug	18.57	17.30	Improvers 17	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sat 29 Aug	18.57	17.30	Improvers 18	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sun 30 Aug	18.57	17.30	Improvers 19	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sat 05 Sep	18.57	17.30	Improvers 20	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sun 06 Sep	18.57	17.30	Improvers 21	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sat 12 Sep	18.57	17.30	Improvers 22	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	
	Sun 13 Sep	18.57	17.30	Improvers 23	Mark Barnes	-	Bettina Covac	

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July	Sat 25 Jul	10.19	09.00	Cadets 11	-	-	-	-
			11.00	Late Summer Sat 3/4 (CB)	Richard Walby	-	Dominic Wade	David Marsh
			13.30	Cruise 5 - Hampton Pier SC (or Sun)	-	-	-	-
	Sun 26 Jul	11.22	10.00	Improvers 8	-	-	-	-
			11.00	Dawes Trophy (CB)	Mark Barnes	-	David Lidicoat	Hywel Morgan
			13.30	Cruise 5 - Hampton Pier SC (or Sat)	-	-	-	-
	Wed 29 Jul	13.36	14.00	Whitstable week (CB)	Steve Gray	Colin Smith	John Berrington	Liz Doggart
	Thu 30 Jul	14.11	14.00	Whitstable week (CB)	Steve Gray	Colin Smith	Angie Edler-Maidment	Richard Jones
	Fri 31 Jul	14.47	14.00	Whitstable week (CB)	Steve Gray	Colin Smith	John Phelan	Paul McNally
	Sat 01 Aug	15.23	14.00	Whitstable week (CB)	Steve Gray	Colin Smith	Janie Newwell	Tony Clements
Sun 02 Aug	15.58	14.00	Whitstable week (CB)	Steve Gray	Colin Smith	David Sansom	Simon Stanbridge	
			14.30	Improvers 9	-	-	-	-
Wed 05 Aug	17.38	18.30	Wednesday 6	General Handicap	General Handicap	General Handicap	General Handicap	
Fri 07 Aug	17.38	17.00	Cadets 12	-	-	-	-	
Sat 08 Aug	08.13	10.00	Late Summer Sat 5/6 (CB)	Andrew Guerin	-	Adrian Lambourne	Peter Carter	
Sun 09 Aug	09.51	09.00	Improvers 10	-	-	-	-	
			11.00	Late Summer Sun 3/4 (CB)	Simon Hadley	-	Stephen Hodges	Hugh Larkins
Mon 10 Aug	11.13	TBC	Cadetfest	-	-	-	-	
Tue 11 Aug	12.21	TBC	Cadetfest	-	-	-	-	
Wed 12 Aug	12.21	11.00	Wanderer Open Cruise - Shellness	-	-	-	-	
Thu 13 Aug	14.04	11.00	Wanderer Open Cruise - Swale Marina	-	-	-	-	
			TBC	Cadetfest	-	-	-	
Fri 14 Aug	14.48	11.00	Wanderer Open Cruise - Shipwright's Arms	-	-	-	-	
			TBC	Cadetfest	-	-	-	
Sat 15 Aug	15.27	14.00	Late Summer Sat 7/8, Wanderer National Championships & Wayfarer Open (CB)	Stephen Nation	-	Kelvin Tolson	Nick Stephens	
Sun 16 Aug	16.03	14.00	Late Summer Sun 5/6 & Wanderer National Championships & Wayfarer Open (CB)	Rick Perkins	Sarah Perkins	Ben McVeigh	All Nicolson	
			14.30	Improvers 11	-	-	-	
			14.30	Kayak & SUP 4	-	-	-	
Wed 19 Aug	17.45	17.00	Improvers 12	-	-	-	-	
			18.30	Wednesday 7	Laser fleet	Laser fleet	Laser fleet	
Fri 21 Aug	17.45	17.00	Cadets 13	-	-	-	-	
Sat 22 Aug	08.09	10.00	Late Summer Sat 9 (CB)	Richard Ledger	-	Sarah Oliver	Andrew Haslam	
Sun 23 Aug	09.38	11.00	Late Summer Sun 7/8 (CB)	Phil Emery	-	Julie Nuttall	Hilary Bradshaw	
Sat 29 Aug	14.22	11.30	Cadets 14	-	-	-	-	
			14.00	Club championships (CB)	Mark Fagg	Andy Jackson	Sally Newcombe	
Sun 30 Aug	14.57	14.00	Club championships (CB)	Mark Fagg	Andy Jackson	Edmund Wilson	Robert Slee	
Mon 31 Aug	15.30	14.00	Club championships (CB)	Mark Fagg	Andy Jackson	Huw Reynolds	William Smith	
			14.00	Improvers 13	-	-	-	
Wed 02 Sep	16.33	18.30	Wednesday 8	General Handicap	General Handicap	General Handicap	General Handicap	
Fri 04 Sep	16.33	16.30	Cadets 15	-	-	-	-	

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September	Sat 05 Sep	19.10	10.00	Cruise 6 - Minnis Bay SC (or Sun)	-	-	-	-
			15.00	Late Summer Sat 10 (CB)	Andrew Provan	-	Jason Pound	Peter Johnson
	Sun 06 Sep	08.00	10.00	Cruise 6 - Minnis Bay SC (or Sat)	-	-	-	-
			10.00	Late Summer-Sun 9 (CB)	Kevin Hall	-	Paul Reilly	Annalie Riches
	Sat 12 Sep	14.23	11.00	Cruise 7 - Shipwright's Arms (or Sun)	-	-	-	-
			12.30	Cadets 16	-	-	-	-
			14.00	Autumn 1/2 (CB)	Charles Campion	-	Bill Rich	Paul Saville
	Sun 13 Sep	14.58	11.00	Cruise 7 - Shipwright's Arms (or Sat)	-	-	-	-
			13.00	Improvers 14	-	-	-	-
	Sat 19 Sep	18.41	15.00	Autumn 3/4 & Bart's Bash (CB)	Christian Brewer	-	Penny Vinten	Glenn Cook
	Sun 20 Sep	07.03	09.00	Autumn 5 (CB)	Jon Bloice	-	Phillipa Bloice	Jack Kelly
	Sat 26 Sep	13.14	11.00	Autumn 6 (CB)	Zanna Gooch	-	Liz North	Ravi Singh-Verma
		11.30	Cadets 18	-	-	-	-	
Sun 27 Sep	13.48	11.00	Dart 18/B14 open (CB)	Tom Bruton	Steve Gray	SB Team	SB Team	
		11.00	Cruise 8 - Shelliness (or Sat)	-	-	-	-	
		11.00	Dart 18/B14 open (CB)	Tom Bruton	Steve Gray	SB Team	SB Team	
		12.00	Improvers 15	-	-	-	-	
Sat 03 Oct	17.59	15.00	Autumn 7 (CB)	Paul Kelly	-	Gary Speed	David Mikhail	
Sun 04 Oct	19.14	15.00	Autumn 8 (CB)	Martin Akers	-	John Gibbons	Howard Stoaie	
Sat 10 Oct	13.18	11.00	KSSA Training	-	-	-	-	
Sun 11 Oct	13.51	11.00	Autumn 9/10 (CB)	Phil Emery	-	Max Taylor	Andrew Burns	
		11.30	Cadets 19	-	-	-	-	
		16.00	Meeting of sailors	-	-	-	-	
Sat 17 Oct	17.20	14.30	Cadets 20	-	-	-	-	
Sun 18 Oct	18.09	15.00	Autumn 11	Peter Gowing	Veronica Moore	Rebecca Tinham	Jon Viner	
		14.30	Improvers 16	-	-	-	-	
Sat 24 Oct	11.56	15.00	Autumn 12	Simon Hadley	Andy Hockey	Glen Whitney	Matthew Boatman	
		11.00	Cadets 21	-	-	-	-	
Sun 25 Oct	11.35	10.00	Autumn 13/14	Rick Perkins	Sarah Perkins	Nick Fehle	David Liddicoat	
		10.00	Improvers 17	-	-	-	-	
Sun 01 Nov	17.02	14.00	Winter 1	Kevin Tolson	Chris Gerry	Ian Dorsett	Matt French	
Sun 08 Nov	11.45	11.00	Winter 2	Alastair Gould	Adam Freeman	Tony Ullman	N/A	
		13.00	Prizegiving	Abby Zambinski	Francis Stileman	Sian Rose Sargalson	N/A	
Sun 15 Nov	16.00	14.00	Winter 3	Vojta Nemeč	Georgios Rafeletos	Amy Moore	N/A	
Sun 22 Nov	10.09	11.00	Winter 4	Matthew Crockett	Nick Stephens	Tim Benham	N/A	
Sun 29 Nov	16.02	14.00	Winter 5	Tony Clements	Jon Dennis	Kelvin Thursby	N/A	
Sun 06 Dec	10.30	11.00	Winter 6	Niall Martin	Paul Cross	Sonia McNally	N/A	
Sun 13 Dec	15.07	14.00	Winter 7	Tony Dod	Steve Gray	Steve Pimblett	N/A	
		16.00	Winter series prizegiving	-	-	-	-	

If you are unable to carry out your rostered duty, you are required to find a replacement. Please advise your fleet captain and the Club Manager of any duty changes.

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29th, 30th and 31st August

Dart 18 Travellers Trophy and B14 Open

26th and 27th September

MEETING OF SAILORS

11th
October

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

8th November

LAST RACE OF 2026 and WINTER SERIES PRIZE GIVING 13th December

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