



WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB

Laserfest Sprints

June 27/28 2026

NOTICE OF RACE



ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is Whitstable Yacht Club.

RULES

The racing shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 - 2029, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), Canterbury City Council Water Safety Rules and the Sailing Instructions for this event. In the event of conflict, the event Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

ENTRY & REGISTRATION

Enter via the Whitstable YC online booking at <https://www.wyc.org.uk/laserfest-2/>
Entry fees: £25 for the weekend or £15 per day. Under 18's - £10 for the weekend or £5 per day.

RIG CHOICE

Sailors must declare on entry whether the maximum sized sail they use will be a Standard or Radial. Those who declare as a Standard sail can use any sail during the event. Sailors declaring as Radial must not sail with a Standard sail but may sail with a 4.7. Sailors declaring as a 4.7 must retain that sail throughout.

PROGRAMME

Saturday June 27 HW 11.51:

Registration/rig declaration will open at 09.30

There will be a briefing at 09.45.

It is planned to run 5 races a day subject to the weather – the first race Warning

Signal will be no earlier than 10.55 – subsequent races will follow back to back.

Sunday July 13 HW 12.35:

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SCORING:

There are 10 races scheduled, if 5 or fewer are competed all races will count, if 6 or 7 are completed there will be one discard, if 8 or more races are completed there will be 2 discards.

COURSES

Courses will be set in Whitstable Bay, approximately North West of Whitstable Yacht Club. The course configuration will be displayed on the WYC course board. Starts and finishes will either be from the club line or a committee boat. Starts and the starting sequence will be displayed on the WYC course board and at the briefing.

RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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.
- they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event referred to in the Sailing Instructions and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue; and
- their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions are published on the WYC website at <http://www.wyc.org.uk>.

SOCIAL

Bar hours are listed on the WYC website. There will be a live band – “DEAD PELICANS” on Sat starting at 20:00 hrs with late night bar hours.

PRIZES

Prizegiving will take place soon after the final race on Sunday.

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