

WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB

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WHITSTABLE WEEK NOTICE OF RACE

July 29-Aug 2 2026

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), the appropriate class rules, Canterbury City Council Water Safety Rules and the Sailing Instructions for this event. In the event of conflict these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The event is open to any member of a recognised sailing/yacht club.

ENTRY PROCESS

Competitors may enter via the website at: <https://www.wyc.org.uk/sailing-event-entries/> - entry fee is £60 for the week (£18 for under 18 helm's) or £18 per day (£5 for under 18 helm's).

PROGRAMME

The first race Warning Signal will be no earlier than 13.54hrs on Wed 29th July. The programme is scheduled as follows:

Wed July 29th	12.45	Briefing
	14.00	Race 1/2 back-to-back
Thu July 30th	14.00	Race 3/4 back-to-back
Fri July 31st	14.00	Race 5/6 back-to-back
Sat Aug 1st	14.00	Race 7/8 back-to-back
Sun Aug 2nd	14.00	Race 9/10 back-to-back
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Should race(s) be abandoned on any day prior to Sunday the race committee may add a further race(s) to one or more of the subsequent days.

The racing will be run as All-in-Handicap and average lap times will be used. There will be one start for the main fleet with an additional start for cadets if numbers justify. Start times and courses will be described at the briefing and displayed on the course board.

Social events will be held every evening, see website for details.

SCORING SYSTEM

There are 10 races scheduled of which at least 2 shall be completed to constitute a series. The Low Points Scoring System, RRS A4 will apply amended as follows: if 6 or more races are sailed there will be two discards. If 3 – 5 races are sailed there will be one discard. In the event of only 2 races being sailed both results will count.

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 <https://www.wyc.org.uk/whit-week/> and will be posted in the Sea Room..

SAFETY – SIGNING OUT and SIGNING IN

All competitors shall sign out on the form provided at the veranda railings before launching and shall sign back in on the same form as soon as possible after coming ashore, and certainly **WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF THE FINISH OF THE LAST BOAT IN THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY.** This procedure is for the safety of competitors and failure to comply may result in disqualification or a £5 fine, which will be donated to the RNLI.

PRIZES

Will be awarded as follows:

- 1st Overall
- 1st Under 18 sailor
- 1st Laser/ILCA standard rig
- 1st Laser/ILCA radial rig
- Spirit of Whitstable Week
- Other classes with adequate turnout subject to the discretion of the race committee.

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