

WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB

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Affiliated RYA

TOWN REGATTA NOTICE OF RACE

May 2-4 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), Canterbury City Council Water Safety Rules and WYC Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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

REGISTRATION

There is no registration, but competitors must sign on before going afloat to race in accordance with WYC Sailing Instructions.

PROGRAMME

The first race Warning Signal will be no earlier than 13.54hrs on Saturday 2 May. The programme is scheduled as follows:

Saturday 2 May	14.00	Race 1 Race 2 back to back to Race 1
Sunday 3 May	14.00	Race 3 Race 4 back to back to Race 3
Monday 4 May	14.00	Race 5 Race 6 back to back to Race 5

The racing will be run using an All-in-Handicap format with average lap times and a single start for all classes.

SCORING SYSTEM

There are 6 races scheduled of which at least 2 shall be completed to constitute a series. The Low Points Scoring System, RRS A4 will apply. Each boat shall discard her worst two scores; this alters RRS A2 and WYC SI 17.1. In the event of 4 races sailed, 3 will count, and if 3 races or less being sailed all 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.

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>.

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

Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. Prizes will be awarded at the Annual Prizegiving.

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