

WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB

Founded 1902

Affiliated RYA

WANDERER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND WAYFARER SOUTHERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTICE OF RACE

August 15-16 2026

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is Whitstable Yacht Club in conjunction with the Wanderer Class Owners Association (WCOA) and Wayfarer Class Association (UKWA).

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, the WCOA and UKWA rules and the Sailing Instructions for this event. In the event of conflict, the event Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

The following amendments shall be made to the WYC Sailing Instructions for the purpose of this event:

2.2. The entry fee will be £30 per boat.

8.1/2. Flag W.

17.1. Varied by Notice of Race: 'Scoring System'.

Participants should also note rule 13.1: Starting Intervals of 3-minute intervals shall be used.

ENTRY & REGISTRATION

Enter via the Whitstable YC website at: <https://www.wyc.org.uk/wanderer-nationals-and-wayfarer-open/>
Entry fees are paid by the Wanderer Class Owners Association for any boat sailed by a current WCOA member.

PROGRAMME

The programme is scheduled as follows:

Saturday 15 August **10.00 Last access for vehicles and boats to the harbour - the only vehicle access to Whitstable YC** (Please see the Joining Instructions)

10.30 Registration opens. All participants shall register with WYC.

12.30 Briefing.

The first race Warning Signal will be no earlier than 13.54 hrs on Saturday 15 August.

Saturday 15 August 14.00 Race 1

Race 2 back to back to Race 1

Sunday 16 August 14.00 Race 3

Race 4 back to back to Race 3

The racing will take place alongside WYC club races.

SCORING SYSTEM

There are 4 races scheduled of which one must be completed to constitute a series. The Low Points Scoring System, RRS A4 will apply. If 4 races are sailed, 3 will count, and if 3 races or less are sailed all results will count - this alters RRS A2 and WYC SI 17.1.

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/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/WYC-Sailing-Instructions-club-races-2026.pdf>

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

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

Wanderers: for first, second and third places. In addition: The WCOA National trophy, The Gavin Barr trophy, The Runner Up trophy, and other prizes. The 1st non spinnaker boat, the “Start as You Mean to Go On” trophy, will be awarded according to the number of entries, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Wayfarers: for first, second and third places. In addition, other prizes for the Southern Area Championship will be awarded according to the number of entries, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

ACCOMMODATION AND SOCIAL

Visitors will be met by stewards in the harbour adjacent to the RNLI from 08.00 to 10.00 hours. At 10.00 the harbour access will be closed to vehicle entries. Please see the Joining Instructions.

Boats will be allocated to sections of the beach and road trailers to the compound.

Campervan parking between August 12th- 16th can be booked via the WYC website.

Sailing visitors have recommended ensuite room and breakfast accommodation at the University of

Kent, 5 miles S of Whitstable. June 28/29 is out of the university term. Email: accomm@kent.ac.uk
tel: 01227 766660.

On Saturday 15th August there will be an evening buffet supper followed by acoustic music, participation awards and entertainment on the club veranda (19.00 - 21.00). The buffet meal will be provided by Indian master chef, Paul Babra and his team, to cater for all tastes, vegetarian included, in Indian food. The meal must be booked with payment in advance via the system detailed in the event's booking information: <https://www.wyc.org.uk/wanderer-nationals-and-wayfarer-open/>. The supper is for competitors, event volunteers and friends. Please book early to assure your place.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For information about Whitstable Yacht Club and directions to the venue please use this link to the club website [Whitstable Yacht Club \(wyc.org.uk\)](http://Whitstable Yacht Club (wyc.org.uk))

Class contact Richard Maltby, richard.maltby9@gmail.com, 07548 752823 or Whitstable Yacht Club, office@wyc.co.uk, 01227 272942.