

WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB

Founded 1902

Affiliated RYA

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS NOTICE OF RACE

August 29-31 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 Whitstable Yacht Club.

REGISTRATION

Competitors must sign on before going afloat to race in accordance with WYC Sailing Instructions; see Safety below

PROGRAMME

The first race Warning Signal will be no earlier than 13.55hrs on Saturday 29 August. The programme is scheduled as follows:

Saturday 29 Aug	14.00	Race 1
		Race 2 back to back to Race 1
Sunday 30 Aug	14.00	Race 3
		Race 4 back to back to Race 3
Monday 31 Aug	14.00	Race 5
		Race 6 back to back to Race 5
Prizegiving: as soon as possible after Race 6		

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

STARTING

Starting Procedure will be in accordance with Rule 26 with warning signal 5 minutes before the start – this changes paragraphs 13.1 – 13.4 of the WYC sailing instructions.

A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her class/fleet starting signal.

Following a general recall the race will be restarted ASAP at the race officer's discretion – this changes paragraphs 9.1 – 9.4 of the WYC sailing instructions.

Black Flag: After a general recall, Rule 30.4 shall apply to all subsequent starts of that race.

The race officer may alert competitors that he is about to make the warning signal by sounding a number of short blasts.

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. In the event of only 2 races being sailed both results will count, if 3 or more races are sailed each boat shall discard its worst score.

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

Trophies will be awarded subject to a minimum of 3 entrants per fleet or at the discretion of the sailing committee as follows:

Dawes Trophy – for the overall club champion
Tom Bourne Trophy – for first youth (u18) overall
WYC Racing Shield – for first Big Cat
Sales Trophy – for first Small Cat
Castle Cup – for first Asymmetric Skiff (RS500, Musto)
Johnson Cup – for first Merlin Rocket
Tasar Trophy – for first Tasar
Yachting & Boating Trophy – for first Laser
Laser Radial Prize – for first Laser Radial
Babbington Hill Trophy – for first Topper

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