

Sussex Regatta 2024

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Organised by the Sussex Combined Clubs Committee



Pursuit Sailing

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Welcome Letter



I am very proud as Rear Commodore Racing of Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club to invite you to take part in the Sussex Regatta 2024. SHYC are really looking forward to hosting this prestigious event. We will be providing a mixture pursuit sailing, round the cans races, and traditional windward leeward style courses over two days, split into Pursuit, YTC, and IRC classes. So there really should be something for everyone. Fleets will enjoy the fantastic views of the South Downs while they sail off of Eastbourne and Pevensey Bay.

This year we are generously sponsored by: Topsail Insurance, Harvey's Brewery, Longman Brewery, Lightning Fibre, Plain Sailing Chandlery, Nicky's Canvass Works, Deliciously Chocolate and LWC Drinks.



Premier Marinas are kindly offering 50% off berthing to non-Premier boats on Saturday night.

All visiting yachts and crews will be given a one month's free membership to SHYC. Which give you full use of all our facilities and members discounts at the bar.

Ashore, breakfast will be available on both mornings before the pursuit briefing in the clubhouse. On Friday, a dinner will be available off of the regular menu and can join us for Happy Hour (25% off beverages). Saturday pm there will be a prize giving, a BBQ together with a live band. Sunday Lunch will be available until 6pm and a live band along with the overall Prize Giving..

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Sussex Regatta

*Regards
Dickie Bird
Rear Commodore Racing
Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club*

Pursuit Sailing

All boats are welcome to come and join some light hearted pursuit sailing around Eastbourne and Pevensey Bay. Pursuit sailing is a fun way to enjoy a day out on the water and sailing against other boats but without the busy start lines and short legs of traditional racing. It is great fun for boats who just want to go out and have a nice sail in company and something different to your usual sail around the bay.

How it works

- Each boat gets its own start time. This means there is no busy start line like in traditional racing, because boats start at different times according to how fast the boat is.
- Slowest boats start first.
- Fastest boats start last, and try to catch up with the slower boats in front while enjoying a nice sail.
- The pursuit finishes after 2 hours is up. Everyone wins because sailing is fun. The order the boats are in when they reach the next buoy after 2 hours is up, is their finishing position, so you just need to make a note of the boat in front and boat behind and we'll work it all out afterwards over a cup of tea.

When is it?

There will be one pursuit per day on the Saturday and Sunday of the August bank holiday weekend

Where is it?

Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club in Eastbourne are hosting the event this time around.

What will the course be?

The course will feature long legs allowing boats to settle down and enjoy the sailing, and a total target duration of around 2 hours. You are of course welcome to carry on having a nice sail if you wish.

Do I need a spinnaker?

No, but you are welcome to fly one if you would like to. You will just need to decide before the pursuit so this can be factored into your allocated starting time. You will get given a head start for not flying a spinnaker.

What about the other regatta fleets?

We will be aiming to keep the pursuit fleet away from the other racing fleets

How will I know when to start?

You will be allocated a start time before the pursuit sail, and you can call us on Channel 77 if you want to check. Start times will be using 11:00am as the average to base boat's individual start times around.

Is there a fee?

The pursuits are £10 per day, which goes towards the costs of putting on the event.

Is there anything else I need to know?

You can find detailed information about the event on the Sussex Regatta website ([Sussex Regatta - thesussexregatta.uk](https://thesussexregatta.uk)), where you can find the entry form, the full NoR and Sailing Instructions

How do I enter?

All you need to do is follow the link to website above and click on "entries".

What if I have any questions or want help entering?

You can contact any of the Sussex Combined Clubs with email addresses on the first page of this document

Will there be cheap drinks and something to eat afterwards?

Yes. Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club have generous sponsors helping to provide reduced prices on drinks. Hot food is available after racing, and you can even grab breakfast in the mornings. If you're visiting, you'll enjoy a month of free membership at SHYC giving you full member discounts at the bar too.