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## 1. RULES

1.1. Racing and Pursuit Sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- a) ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS): [2025 - 2028 RRS \(sailing.org\)](https://www.sailing.org/2025-2028-RRS)
- b) The Sussex Regatta 2025 Sailing Instructions – [www.thesussexregatta.uk/documents/](http://www.thesussexregatta.uk/documents/);
- c) Supported by the prescriptions of The RYA Racing Charter: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
- d) Offshore Special Regulations (Category 4): [World Sailing - Offshore Special Regulations](https://www.worldsailing.org/offshore-special-regulations)
- e) IRC Rules and Definitions: [IRC Rule, Notices & Policies - IRC Rating](https://www.irc.org/rule-definitions)
- f) RYA National Handicap Yacht Time Correction (YTC) <https://rorcrating.com/ryaytc/>.

1.2. The Organising Authority shall be the Organising Host, Sussex Yacht Club.

1.3. Class Association Rules shall not apply. The owner of a boat not meeting requirements of Offshore Special Regulations (Category 4) may submit an application for dispensation of Article 1.1(1.1.d) to the Organising Authority.

1.4. IRC Rule 22.1.1 shall apply to all competing boats; boats rated with bunk cushions on board may remove the bunk cushions. No compensating weight need be carried. This changes IRC Rule 22.1.1.

1.5. IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted and replaced by 'Subject to a decision by the person-in-charge and rules declared in the Sussex Regatta 2025 Sailing Instructions, no restriction shall apply to the maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat. No restrictions on crew weight shall apply. This changes IRC Rule 22.4.

1.6. Where safety rules of the above-named organisations conflict, the higher specification shall prevail.

1.7. Changes to this Notice of Race will be posted on the documents page of the Sussex Regatta website: [www.thesussexregatta.uk/documents/](http://www.thesussexregatta.uk/documents/).





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1.8. In the event of conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions of this event the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. Applications are invited to enter monohull yachts and sports boats complying with the Articles of section 1 intending to compete in racing IRC or YTC classes; OR vessels not wishing to race may enter the Pursuit Sailing event.

2.2. Each application shall include:

- a) A completed application form online, see Appendix A of this Notice of Race;
- b) A copy of the yachts' Insurance Certificate declaring the names of Yacht, the Person-in-Charge and any surrogate where each Person-in-Charge, or surrogate, shall be insured with a minimum third-party liability cover of £5,000,000 per event or the equivalent; Insurance cover shall be continuous throughout the Sussex Regatta 2024;
- c) Payment of the entry fee in full.

2.3. Applications should be submitted before 23.59hrs on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

2.4. Entries received on or after the time specified in paragraph 2.3 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

2.5. The Organising Authority may reject or cancel the entry of a boat where the entry is deemed to be inappropriate, see RRS Rule 76. *N.B. Until such time the requirements of Article 2.2 are fulfilled the application shall be deemed Incomplete.*

## 3. FEES

3.1. Entry Fees per participating yacht shall be:

- a) Racing - £55 if the entry is received before 23.59 on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025. After that time the fee is £60.

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b) Pursuit Sailing - £25. Separate Pursuit NoR to be issued.

## 4. SCHEDULE

4.1.

### Day 1: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Class	Number of Races	Format	Target Duration per race (approx.)	First Warning Signal
IRC	3-4	windward leeward	45 mins	10:30
YTC	3-4	windward leeward	45 mins	10:30 or soon after IRC
Sportsboats	3-4	Windward leeward	45 mins	
	Number of Pursuits	Format	Target Duration	Approximate Start time
Pursuit Sailing	1	1x Pursuit - long legs;	2-3 hours	11:00



## Day 2: Sunday 28th September 2025

Class	Number of Races	Format	Target Duration (approx.)	First Warning Signal
IRC	2	1x windward leeward/ 1x round the cans fixed marks	1 hour	10:30
YTC	2	1x windward leeward / 1x round the cans fixed marks	1 hour	10:30 or soon after IRC
Sportsboats	2	1x windward leeward / 1x round the cans fixed marks	1 hour	
	Number of Pursuits	Format	Target Duration	Approximate Start time
Pursuit Sailing	1	1x Pursuit – long legs; 2-3 Hours	2 hours	11:00

4.2. No start sequence will commence after 15:00hrs on Sunday, 28th September 2025.

4.3 Fleets will be split further depending on entrants.

4.4 Pursuit Sailing start times:

Individual start times will depend on the range of boats entered and will be allocated and confirmed by the Organising Committee near to the event, with the aim for the “middle” boats to start at around 11:00hrs. Any allocated start times may be amended in the interest of fairness prior to the second Pursuit Sail.



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## 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. The sailing instructions will be made available on the documents page of the Sussex Regatta website [www.thesussexregatta.uk/documents/](http://www.thesussexregatta.uk/documents/) in good time before the start of the first race.

5.2. It shall be the responsibility of the person-in-charge to obtain the Sailing Instructions in electronic format and distribute with their crew as required. Hard copies will not be available from the Organising Authority.

5.3 Amendments to the sailing instructions will be made available on the documents page of the Sussex Regatta website [www.thesussexregatta.uk/documents/](http://www.thesussexregatta.uk/documents/)

## 6. VENUE

6.1. The Race Office and evening social events will be located at Sussex Yacht Club.

6.2. A Prize Giving will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in Sussex Yacht Club after racing is complete and results have been finalised. This will be held ASAP after competitors have had sufficient time to return to the SYC Club House after the final race.

6.3. Further details of the shoreside schedule will be published shortly..

## 7. SAILING AREA

7.1. The race area shall be the English Channel in the vicinity of Shoreham Harbour making use of the SYC fixed marks (see Appendix C of this Notice of Race) and laid marks within the same sea area.

7.2. Courses to be sailed shall be specified in the Sailing Instructions.





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## 8. SCORING

### 8.1. IRC and YTC Regatta Races:

- a The Low Point scoring system shall be used.
- b The prescriptions as set out under RRS Appendix A shall apply.
- c In accordance with RRS Appendix A1: If one race is started, and where one boats sailed the course and finished in accordance with the provisions of the Sailing Instructions for the Sussex Regatta, the series shall be deemed constituted; series scores shall be awarded accordingly.
- d A Yachts' series score shall be determined as the total score of all of her races including any DNCs. There will be NO discards.

### 8.2. Pursuit Sailing:

A separate NoR will be published in due course.

## 9. SUPPORT BOATS

9.1. During racing, support boats shall maintain a distance of 100 metres or more from the course area, except when asked to assist by the Race Officer or boats assisting with crew safety.

## 10. BERTHING

it is the intention of SYC to support facilitation of visiting yachts to be berthed in Shoreham Port. This is currently in process. In the meantime we encourage yachts wishing to have berthing please complete the berthing information on the regatta entry.





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## 11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

11.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta with exception of where risk of sinking exists or where prior written permission of is granted by the Organising Authority.

## 12. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

12.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around yachts between the preparatory signal of the first race and the finish of the last race of the regatta.

## 13. ADVERTISING

13.1. Yachts may be required to display advertising provided by the organising authority.

13.2. Yachts may not display advertising other than that required by the organising authority without having been given specific permission following a request in writing.

## 14. PRIZES

14.1. Prizes will be awarded to first second and third in each Group subject to minimum entry of 3 yachts in each Group. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of sponsors and the Organising Authority.

14.2. Pending outcome of any protest; a Prize Giving will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September in Sussex Yacht Club after racing is complete and results have been finalised. This will be held ASAP after competitors have had sufficient time to return to port after the final race.







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## 15. BEHAVIOUR

15.1. The Person-in-Charge of a yacht associated with the Sussex Regatta 2025 will be held responsible for the behaviour and actions of all crew at all times during the Regatta. Any misbehaviour which is deemed likely to bring the name of the Sussex Regatta or the Supporting Clubs into disrepute will render the yacht concerned disqualified without a hearing; serious occurrences could result in the yacht being banned from taking part in future events.





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## 16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. Competitors participate in the Sussex Regatta 2025 entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. Throughout the duration of the Sussex Regatta 2025: The responsibility for a decision to participate in a race or continue racing, including but not limited to, the safety of a boat and her crew, is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who shall make all endeavours to ensure that the boat will be:

- a) Fully found and maintained as thoroughly seaworthy;
- b) Crewed by experienced and appropriately trained persons who are fit to put to sea under prevailing weather conditions

16.2. The organising authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, during, or as a result of participating in the Sussex Regatta 2025.

## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1. The Organising Authority will be pleased to assist with any queries regarding Sussex Regatta 2025; contact details can be found under Organising Host at the start of Page one of this document.

17.2. Race Documents can be found at [www.thesussexregatta.uk/documents/](http://www.thesussexregatta.uk/documents/)

17.3. Race Results will be posted to [www.thesussexregatta.uk/results/](http://www.thesussexregatta.uk/results/)





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## Appendix A *Online entry form and payment*

All entrants must use the Online Entry Form to enter the event and pay the entry fee :

[www.thesussexregatta.uk/entries/online-entry/](http://www.thesussexregatta.uk/entries/online-entry/)

The payments link should come up once the online entry has been completed. This is also available at the link below:

[www.thesussexregatta.uk/entries/online-payment/](http://www.thesussexregatta.uk/entries/online-payment/)





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## Appendix B *Berthing*

Advice to follow



## Appendix C Fixed race marks

