

Briefing Notes

Sussex regatta 2026.

0830 Saturday 26th in the Club House of BMYC.

24.9.26

All announcements via VHF radio channel 77, with count down and starts will be announced via VHF. There will be no sound signal for 5, 4, 1 and start signal. Watch the flags and listen to the VHF

Starts

First start will be IRC1 warning signal 10.30 **Prompt** with start 10.35, That is the warning signal for IRC 2 start 10.40. which will be warning signal for YTC and sports boats (**combined**).

It is likely that different fleets will do a different number of laps, but all will be doing the same course

For example, race 1 IRC 1 may do 2 laps, but IRC2 YTC and Sports Boats may do 1 lap. As soon as all boats in each class has finished you will be restarted. Therefore; a good indication as to when you will restart is when the last boat in your class finishes. The restarts will therefore not necessarily be in the same sequence as race 1. Be warned of rule 10.1.c, boats will be times out after 30 minutes of the first boat in their class finishing. This is only an example of what may be done on the water.

OCS: any boat OCS **will not be** individually identified and announced on the VHF. An announcement will be made on VHF individual recall (s) and the individual recall flag will be raised and remain raised for 5 minutes or once the OCS boat has correctly started, whichever is the soonest.

General recalls: if there is a general recall that start will go to the back of a sequence of starts or immediately try again, if there is no sequence of starts running. It will be clearly announced on the radio. Remember the start of one class maybe the warning signal of the next class. If there is more than 1 general recall in that class, that class will be automatically **black flagged** for the rest of that day.

As I am not allowed to start any racing **after 14.30 Saturday, 1500 Sunday**, I may therefore need to combined fleet start

If we lose a race on Saturday, I may increase the races to 3 on Sunday.

The focus will be on Quick Turn Around

Mark movements.

Warning; if you are the last boat on the water, in your fleet, and it is my intention to move from course 1 or 2 to course 3, mark B may start moving once you have rounded it, therefore don't be surprised!!

Courses

I will announce the course number at the 5 minute warning signal and again in the start sequence for each start.

The courses will be announced by referring to the Course Number 1 to 4 in Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions. A couple of points are worth emphasising:

First, there may or may not be a spreader mark at the Windward mark.

Second, the start line must not be crossed in either direction after the start and until the end of your race.

Thirdly, the finish line must be passed through on the windward leg of each lap only, and must not be passed through otherwise.

Fourthly, the start ODM (and finish ODM only for course 2) is a mark for all courses. For courses 1, 3 and 4 the Start line ODM must be left to port. For course 2 there is a choice of leaving Start line ODM to port or Finish line ODM to Starboard.

Finish Line / Gate.

If a fleet are starting and boats in other classes, are approaching the finish line, please keep a clear look out. If that is happening I will attempt to make the start line bias to the ODM end, to encourage you to be clear of the finishing boats.