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Sussex Regatta 2026: Notice of Race

Sussex Combined Clubs Regatta 2026

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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 2026 Sailing Instructions to appear in due course – 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 apply to yachts racing under IRC handicap, except those covered by Articles 1.4 and 1.5 below: [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, Brighton Marina 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. 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. Subject to a decision by the person-in-charge and rules declared in the Sussex Regatta 2026 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/.

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.



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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, Sportsboats or YTC classes; or vessels not wishing to race in handicapped fleet classes 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 2026;
- c) Indication of class in which the applicant wishes to race eg IRC, Sportsboats, YTC classes, or Pursuit race
- d) Payment of the entry fee in full.

2.3. Applications should be submitted before 23.59hrs on Wednesday 23th September 2026.

2.4 All yachts entering must be able to provide a valid IRC or YTC certificate to the organisers by 23.59hrs on Wednesday 23th September 2026

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

2.6. 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.*



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3. FEES

3.1. Entry Fees per participating yacht shall be:

- a) Racing - £55 if the entry and payment is received before 23.59 on Monday 14th September 2026. If entry or payment is after that time the fee is £65 until entries and payments close at 23.59hrs on Wednesday 23th September 2026. Article 2.3 and 2.4.
- b) Pursuit Sailing entry is £25 until entries close at 23.59hrs on Wednesday 23th September 2026. Article 2.3 and 2.4. If adequate interest a separate Pursuit NoR will be issued. If there is not adequate interest, Article 4.4, the Pursuit race will not be run and entry fees will be repaid, or the yacht can chose to sign on for the other classes with the balance of entry fee due of £30 up to 23:59 on Friday 25th September 2026.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1.

Relevant Brighton tides (local time, m)

	HW		LW		HW		LW
Friday 25 th Sept	1111	6.20	1724	1.20	2324	6.20	
Saturday 26 th Sept	1145	6.40	1759	1.00	2359	6.40	
Sunday 27 th Sept			0615	0.90	1219	6.50	1833 0.90



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4.2

Day 1: Saturday 26th September 2026

Class	Number of Races	Format	Target Duration per race (approx.)	First Warning Signal
IRC	3-4	Windward leeward; short round the cans	60 mins	10:30
YTC	3-4	Windward leeward; short round the cans	60 mins	10:30 or soon after IRC
Sportsboats	3-4	Windward leeward; short round the cans	60 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 27th September 2026

Class	Number of Races	Format	Target Duration (approx.)	First Warning Signal
IRC	2	Windward leeward; short round the cans	60 mins	10:00
YTC	2	Windward leeward; short round the cans	60 mins	10:00 or soon after IRC
Sportsboats	2	Windward leeward; short round the cans	60 mins	
	Number of Pursuits	Format	Target Duration	Approximate Start time
Pursuit Sailing	1	1x Pursuit – long legs; 2-3 Hours	2 hours	10:30

4.3. No start sequence will commence after 14:30 on Saturday 26th or 15:00hrs on Sunday, 27th September 2026. To allow Brighton Marina access before 16:00 on Saturday 26th September 2026 and 16:30 on Sunday 27th September 2026



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4.4 Note that it is intended to race IRC, Sportsboats racing under IRC, and YTC, and a Pursuit Race racing under YTC. Fleets will be split further or combined depending on entrants. Depending on interest it may or may not be possible to run all these separate classes which will require at least 3 confirmed entries for a class to be valid. In this case classes will be combined at the discretion of the organising committee.

4.5 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.

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/ 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/

6. VENUE

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

6.2. A Prize Giving will be held on Saturday 26th September and Sunday 27th September 2026 in BMYC after racing is complete and results have been finalised. This will be held ASAP after competitors have had sufficient time to return to the BMYC Club House after the final race.

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



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7. SAILING AREA

7.1. The race area shall be the English Channel in the vicinity of Brighton Marina making use of the BMYC 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.

8. SCORING

8.1. IRC, YTC and Sportsboats 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.
- e One discard will be allow if 5 or more races are run. Otherwise 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

10.1 It is the intention of BMYC to support facilitation of visiting yachts to be berthed in Brighton marina. This is currently in process. Can all entrants make themselves aware of the Marina Entry and Exit requirements with particular regard to tide heights and depths in the Marina.



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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 Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th of September in BMYC 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 2026 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.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. Competitors participate in the Sussex Regatta 2026 entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. Throughout the duration of the Sussex Regatta 2026: 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 2026.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1. The Organising Authority will be pleased to assist with any queries regarding Sussex Regatta 2026; 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/

17.3. Race Results will be posted to 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/

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

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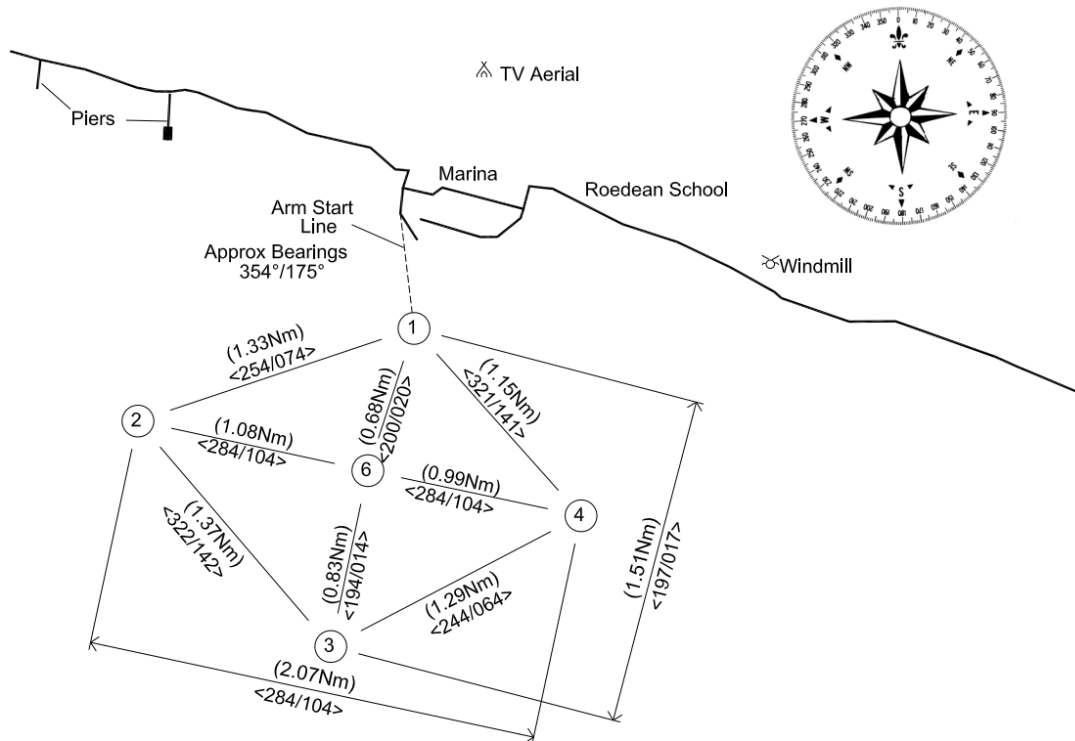
Appendix B *Berthing*

Be advised that Yachts visiting Brighton Marina for the purposes of the Sussex Regatta will have berthing fees waived for the Friday and Saturday night of 25th and 26th September.

This is due to the very generous offer of Premier Marinas Brighton.

Appendix C Fixed race marks

BMYC Marks Range and Bearings



BMYC1	N50° 48.06' W00° 06.40'
BMYC2	N50° 47.64' W00° 08.40'
BMYC3	N50° 46.60' W00° 07.00'
BMYC4	N50° 47.40' W00° 05.00'
BMYC6	N50° 47.41' W00° 06.73'