



Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

1.1 The Sussex Yacht Club (SYC) Icicle Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 2024.

1.2 Competitors should note that SYC implements the RYA Racing Charter and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with the charter. This can be found at the front of the RYA book- Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028.

2 Advertising Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Eligibility

3.1.1 The SYC Icicle Series is open to all monohull dinghies with a Portsmouth Number listed in the RYA Dinghy Portsmouth Number List. Those wishing to enter the event with a boat not listed shall contact the event organisers in advance to agree an acceptable Portsmouth Number.

3.1.2 Boats entering races are expected to conform to their class rules; however, a boat not meeting its class rules may still race if an appropriate Portsmouth Number can be agreed in advance of the first day the boat races. Laser or other class replica sails are allowed.

3.1.3 Boats needing to sail with sail numbers differing from those under which they have entered must seek approval from the SYC race committee in writing prior to the first race in which they sail with the changed numbers. This will usually be from the Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer or Beachmaster. All competitors must ensure that the sail has a suitable sail number identification.

3.1.4 The event is not open to sailboards or multihull dinghies.

3.1.5 Each boat shall be sailed by the same helm throughout the series. Substitution of helm must be treated as a separate entry and entered online accordingly. Substitution of crew is permitted, this shall be notified on the printed race sign-on sheet.

3.1.6 Any change in rig resulting in a PY change from one rating to another will be scored for the whole series using the faster rigs PY. If the PY.

3.2 Age Groups 3.2.1. Young competitors are those aged under 18, on the 31 March 2026.

3.2.2. During the event the parents or guardians of young competitors, shall either be in or around SYC or afloat participating in the event, or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in

loco parentis on their behalf. (SYC members aged 16-17 whose parent or guardian has had a SYC **Young Person Consent Form** accepted by SYC Office are exempted).

3.2.3. Parents, guardians, or persons acting in loco parentis of young competitors shall by submitting the online entry form accept the parents or guardians declaration.

3.2.4. Adult competitors are those aged 18 or over on 1 January 2026

3.3 Entry 3.3.1 Eligible competitors should enter on-line. A new entry will be required for each boat for each day of the series. On-line entry is available until the start of racing. In exceptional circumstances competitors may complete a paper entry form on the day.

3.3.2. On race day competitors must check and sign that their entry and intention to race appears correctly on the printed list displayed in the SYC Clubhouse. New entries made on-line on that day must be noted on the printed list by the competitor. Competitors racing must Sign On each day on the printed list (except as in 3.3.5)

3.3.3. The helm (or crew) of every boat must Sign Off for each race on the Whats app race group or printed list displayed SYC after returning to the shore. By signing off the helm is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that all of the boats crew have returned safely to the shore. A helm shall indicate that he has retired from a race by signing off with the code RET, DNF or DNC. Where competitors use DNS this should be confirmed by the Race Officer. Helms shall sign off within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

3.3.4 The race committee shall apply a penalty of one point without a hearing for a breach of 3.3.2,

3.4 Entry Fees

3.4.1 Adult competitors Member

3.4.2 Young competitors Member

4. Racing Schedule

Race 1 & 2, Sunday Jan 4th @ 11:00

Race 3 & 4, Sunday Jan 18th @ 10:30

Race 5 & 6, Sunday Feb 1st @ 10:15

Race 7 & 8, Sunday Feb 15th @ 09:30

Race 9 & 10, Sunday Feb 22nd @ 14:00

Race 11 & 12, Sunday March 8th @ 13:30

4.1 Stated warning signal times are for the first race of the day

4.2. The Briefing will normally be held in the training area at SYC. The Race Committee may, at its discretion, provide an online briefing, notified via the SYC website or Winter Series What's app group.

5. Risk Statement

5.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

5.2 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:

- (a) 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; and for boats sailed by young competitors the competitor's parents or guardians or those acting in loco parentis also accept this.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue and event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

6. Insurance Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

7. Notices to Competitors Notices to competitors will be posted at SYC & on the Series WhatsApp group

8. Changes to Sailing Instructions Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted at SYC & on the Series WhatsApp group or online.

9. Signals Made Ashore

9.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated on the end of **pier**.



9.2. Handicap class flag

10. Courses

10.1 Courses will be set and races will be held on the river Adur between SYC clubhouse and Emerald quay

10.2 The race course will be two marks one of the SYC club before the footbridge and a mark before Emerald Quay.

10.3 Two races per day are planned to use an average lap system. The lead boat will receive a shorten course signal after approx. 30 mins

11 The Start

11.1 The starting line mark shall be the end of SYC pier flag pole and mark identified in briefing boat. Direction of start will be as close to into wind as possible and will be informed in briefing.

11.2 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 The Finish and Finishing

12.1 The finishing line will be as the start line.

13 Time Limits

13.1. The advisory time for the lead boat in each race is 30 minutes. Subject to the Race Officer's discretion, boats likely to finish 10 minutes or more behind the lead boat, may be given their position on the course at the previous lap completed. The Race Officer will advise those competitors accordingly. The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 Scoring

14. 1 The Low point System will be used, and calculated in accordance with the number of races to count specified in

14.2. below. This changes RRS A2.1. Average points will be awarded for duties.

15. Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

15.1 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. (Full information on www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

15.2 The exoneration penalty will be 30% of the score for DNF and calculated as stated in Rule 44.3.(c).

15.3 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, but preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned and before leaving the race area and coming ashore.

15.4 Protest forms are available in the SYC office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.5 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 62.2

15.6 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.8 Breaches of instructions 2, 10.3, 14.3, 19, 20.1, 21.1, 21.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66. 18.10 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17 Radio Communication Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to any mobile electronic device including mobile telephones.

18 Safety Regulations 20.1 RRS Rule 40 (Personal flotation) applies at all times while afloat - International code flag Y will not be displayed.

18.1.1. Competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices when on the pontoons.

18.1.2 Competitors must wear a wet suit or a dry suit.

18.1.3 Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

18.2.1 Competitors are reminded of 3.3.2 -sign-on.

19. Supporting Information

19.1 Results may be posted on SYC's web. These are kept as long term records by SYC.

19.2 Support boats attending this event shall register in writing with the Beachmaster, Race Officer or Assistant Race Officer.

19.3 Competitors shall accept that photographs and motion pictures of their boat and its crew could be taken whilst attending this event.

19.3.1 In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

20. Icicle Series Prizes

20.1 All trophies shall remain at SYC . Retention trophies will be awarded

20.2 The following trophies will be awarded to competitors in the SYC Icicle Series

- 1 st place overall
- 2 nd place overall
- 3 rd place overall
- 1 st cadet under 18