



### Objectives

- To provide the framework for everyone to enjoy the sport of sailboat racing in whatever capacity and to whatever level the individual desires.
- To ensure that the sport of sailboat racing welcomes all people and treats them equally.
- To ensure that those who experience sailboat racing are encouraged to continue.

### Principles and Practices

- The sport welcomes all participants; it relies largely on self-compliance and self-policing. Those that deliberately take unfair advantage of this or behave in an inappropriate manner, either on or off the water, can expect action to be taken against them.
- Competitors agree to compete in compliance with the rules and behave in accordance with accepted standards of sailboat racing. When involved in a genuine dispute, all parties to the dispute and those deciding the matter will use the established procedures for achieving resolution.
- Foul or abusive language, intimidation, aggressive behaviour or lack of respect for others and their property will not be tolerated.
- Organizers, officials and other providers of sailboat racing agree to provide the fairest racing possible. This includes encouraging feed-back and facilitating the resolution of genuine disputes (including protests) in a timely and proper manner.
- Support persons agree to encourage their competitors to behave in compliance with the above principles and practices.

This Charter applies equally to those who organize, manage, coach, advise, judge, provide services and compete (including those who support competitors) in sailboat racing.

The RYA encourages the adoption and implementation of this Charter, and provides guidance and support to individuals and organizations to assist implementation. This guidance and support is consistent with the practices of World Sailing.

For further information, visit [www.rya.org.uk/racingrules](http://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules).

## KEELBOAT RACING OVERVIEW & NOTICES OF RACES 2022

**This overview is intended to function as a guide for SYC boats and as Notice of Race for each of the individual events and series.**

The races described in the overview are organised by the Sussex Yacht Club and are governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing, the SYC Keelboat General Sailing Instructions and the IRC Rules.

Skippers intending to enter the IRC division should produce a valid IRC certificate; those entering NHC or Pursuit races do not require this but may be asked to provide some details of their boat to the Keelboat Race Committee for the purposes of setting a handicap. Please send a copy of your 2022 current or revised IRC rating certificate to the SYC Keelboat Sailing Section via e-mail to [secretary@sussexyachtclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sussexyachtclub.org.uk) as soon as possible and at the very latest by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 for those wishing to be scored for the Spring series and at least 48 hours in advance of the first race of every other series.

Boats racing within the IRC class shall comply with the IRC rules as prescribed by their rating certificate. Should a competitor have reason to believe that this is not being complied with, the competitor can arrange a protest under rule 10 of the IRC Rules. Boats in the IRC division shall not change their rating during the course of a series. They can however choose to race under their Non-Spinnaker Rating. Boats sailing in the NHC division, Pursuit and Christmas Cracker races may have their handicaps changed after each race according to the particular rules of each division.

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Current boat rating data is shown under **section 7 Yacht IRC Ratings, NHC and Pursuit Handicaps** and includes any changes made during the year. Boats can race in two divisions, as IRC (International Rating Certificate), subject to a valid IRC certificate, or NHC (National Handicap for Cruisers). Skippers are responsible for their own application for IRC but the Club will help with the technical side and where possible negotiate group discounts for applications submitted through them.

**SYC IRC certificate fee rebate scheme;** third year 2022. If a boat that has applied for and obtained (through the Keelboat Section) a current IRC certificate, then it will be exempt from all SYC race fees (including Pursuits but with the exception of the RER) up to the full cost of the IRC certificate or £100.00, whichever figure is the lowest. These credits will be deducted before the invoices are raised.

The Club will obtain an initial NHC handicap from the RYA published base list (or if not shown then SYC calculated using the RYA formula). Boats racing under IRC will usually also be counted in the NHC division. Pursuiting will continue with a simplified handicap system, derived directly from the NHC base, and expressed as minutes before or after the nominal race start time.

#### Emails, WhatsApp, Texts and Notices

Any changes to these races will be communicated to owners/skippers by means of email or WhatsApp messages so it is vital that all owners/skippers lodge valid email and mobile details with the SYC Keelboat Section at [secretary@sussexyachtclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sussexyachtclub.org.uk). It is the owner or skippers' responsibility to ensure that messages can be received through these routes. The primary keelboat racing WhatsApp group is "SYC Racing" and pursuit racing is "SYC Pursuiting". All races will use VHF Ch. 37 when on the water.

#### Classifications and Eligibility

The classifications given for each event refer to the race division, series or group and the safety classification. Participants must comply with the safety requirements.

Unless described as an open event **all SYC racing events are for SYC boats only**. Those wishing to join in our racing should note that non-SYC boat skippers & new racing crews should apply for membership of the club at the earliest opportunity; details are on the SYC website [www.sussexyachtclub.org.uk/](http://www.sussexyachtclub.org.uk/).

#### **PURSUIT SERIES (Classification: Pursuit)**

If you wish to try racing, train crew, tune up your own performance or just have a fun sail for a couple of hours on a Saturday, then Pursuiting could be for you. Boats start in order of their handicap number (slowest go first) the courses are short and simple, very suitable for beginners to both racing and crewing. If you want to join in then speak to David Nunn (Escape) at Southwick on the day or email [secretary@sussexyachtclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sussexyachtclub.org.uk) beforehand, he will also arrange a handicap number for your boat if you don't already have one and for you to join the SYC Pursuiting WhatsApp group.

The goal is sailing enjoyment in good company with an element of competition. International Collision Regulations or "The Rules of the Road" must be observed, as always when going to sea. There are three series of 7 races each run on Saturdays, with the best 4 results to count in each series.

Start times for each boat will be based on an initial handicap expressed as +/- minutes from the nominal race start time. Latest adjusted individual boat start times will be posted on the "SYC Pursuiting" WhatsApp group together with signing on instructions etc a couple of days before race day. Courses are set on the day and also published on the WhatsApp group, before we leave the lock, in an attempt to achieve 100 minutes of sailing for a boat with a handicap of 0 (zero).

The first boat across the line in each race is the winner. Series points will be awarded as one for first, two for second and so on. There are prizes for each series and they will be awarded at the SYC Prizegiving Dinner in November.

To promote the "enjoyment of sailing" handicaps will be adjusted after each race throughout the year. A win carries a penalty of 6 minutes for the next race, 2nd place 5 minutes, 3rd place 4 minutes etc down to 1. If you are last you will be given a boost of 6 minutes for the next race, 5 minutes for the next to last and 4 minutes for 3rd from last etc down to 1. If 12 or more boats finish then this is applied in total, any boats finishing 7th or more from the start or end will not be adjusted. If less than 12 boats finish, then if it is an odd number the middle boat will not be adjusted, if it is an even number then adjustments will apply from both ends. These will stop at the middle rather than overlap.

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#### INSHORE SERIES (Classification: Inshore)

Three series of seven Inshore, Short Course races held on Sundays. Courses will be set by the Race Officer on the day with an expected 1½ - 2½ hour race duration. These races will be scored under both NHC and IRC; in the case of NHC the three series will run together. Initially this series will start with the final calculated handicaps from the 2021 Autumn series, then into the Summer and again into the Autumn series. The final 2022 handicap calculated will be used for the first race of the 2023 Spring series.

#### LONG INSHORE SERIES (Classification: Long Inshore)

A series of nine races of a medium length. Courses are specified below but further sailing instructions may be made by the Race Officer on the day. These races will be scored under both NHC and IRC; in the case of NHC this series will start with the final calculated handicap from the final 2021 Long Inshore series. The final 2022 handicap calculated will then be used for the first race of the 2023 Long Inshore series.

Race 1	<b>Solent Race</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April, start 09:00
Start on the Old Fort line, Mixon beacon to starboard, Street to starboard and then to the Finish. A boat finishes when she crosses a line drawn between the eastern sides of Horse Sand Fort and No Man`s Land Fort. Boats should take their own finish time, which should be sent to the "SYC Racing" WhatsApp group within 2 hours of finishing.		

Race 2	<b>Round Rampion Race</b>	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June, 07:00
Start on the Old Fort line, SYC W to port, Rampion marks N cardinal, Mast (NW), S cardinal all to port (also keeping all wind turbines to port, no cutting inside) and then to the Finish. A boat finishes when she has SYC E to starboard and bearing 090°. Boats should take their own finish time, which should be sent to the "SYC Racing" WhatsApp group within 2 hours of finishing.		

Race 3	<b>Tala Hinna Race</b>	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June, start 10:00
Start on the Lancing line, SYC E to starboard, SYC 6 to port, BMYC 3 to port, Friars Bay Outfall Buoy to port, BMYC 4 to starboard and then to the Finish. A boat finishes when she has SYC E to port and bearing 180°. Boats should take their own finish time, which should be sent to the "SYC Racing" WhatsApp group within 2 hours of finishing.		

Race 4	<b>Double Diamond Race</b>	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July, start 12:00
Start on the Old Fort line, SYC W to port, SYC 2 to port, SYC 4 to port, SYC 6 to port, SYC W to port, SYC 1 to port, SYC 2 to port, SYC 6 to port, SYC W to port, SYC 1 to port, SYC 3 to port, SYC 2 to port, SYC W to port, SYC 1 to port, SYC 3 to port, SYC 4 to port, SYC W to starboard and then to the Finish. A boat finishes when she has SYC E to starboard and bearing 180°.  Boats should take their own finish time, which should be sent to the "SYC Racing" WhatsApp group within 2 hours of finishing.		

Race 5	<b>Ferguson Race</b>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August, start 12:00
<b>A separate Notice of Race will be published for this event.</b> Suitable courses will be set for both Keelboats and Dinghies competing in separate fleets. A course will be set by the Race Officer on the day which may include a committee boat start and or finish.		

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Race 6	<b>Eastbourne Race</b>	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> August, start 09:00
<p>Combined with a Rally at Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. Start on the Lancing Line, SYC E to starboard, SYC 6 to port, SYC 5 to port, BMYC 3 to starboard, Friars Bay Outfall buoy to port, Red lateral buoy (position 50° 44.23" N, 000° 25.86" E) to port and then to the Finish. A boat finishes when she has Sovereign Harbour Safe Water Mark to starboard and bearing 180°. Boats should take their own finish time, which should be sent to the "SYC Racing" WhatsApp group within 2 hours of finishing.</p>		

Race 7	<b>Eastbourne Return Race</b>	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> August, start 08:00
<p>Start will be a gate start set by the Race Officer on the day, Friars Bay Outfall buoy to port, BMYC 4 to port, BMYC 3 to starboard, SYC 6 to starboard and then to the Finish. A boat finishes when she has SYC E to starboard and bearing 090°. Boats should take their own finish time, which should be sent to the "SYC Racing" WhatsApp group within 2 hours of finishing.</p>		

Race 8	<b>Black Rock Race</b>	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August, start 10:00
<p><b>This is an Open event and a separate Notice of Race will be published beforehand.</b> Suitable courses will be set for both Keelboats and Dinghies competing in separate fleets. The traditional course is Start line, BMYC1 to starboard, Finish. A course will be set by the Race Officer on the day which may include a committee boat start and or finish.</p>		

Race 9	<b>Littlehampton Race</b>	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September, start 09:00
<p>Start on the Old Fort line, SYC W to port, SYC 4 to starboard, Rustington weather station to starboard and then to the Finish. A boat finishes when the Yellow Buoy (YFL Y 5s and charted at 50° 46.27" N 000° 30.54" W) is to port and bearing 180°. Boats should take their own finish time, which should be sent to the "SYC Racing" WhatsApp group within 2 hours of finishing.</p>		

### OFFSHORE SERIES (Classification: Offshore)

A series of five races of approximately 60 miles or more. Courses are shown below but further sailing instructions may be made by the Race Officer on the day. These races will be scored under both NHC and IRC; in the case of NHC this series will stand alone. The starting handicaps will be those calculated from the end of the 2021 Offshore series and the final 2022 handicap calculated will be used for the first race of the 2023 Offshore series.

A yacht will only be counted as competing in the Offshore Series if it enters at least two races. Therefore, the results of the Royal Escape will be included in the overall series but only for those Yachts which compete further in the Series. This ensures that any DNS, DNF or DNC result will be relative to the total number of entrants in the Series and not the total number of entrants in any one race of the series.

Race 1	<b>Royal Escape Race</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May, start TBA
<p><b>This is the Club's major Open event and a separate Notice of Race will be published beforehand.</b> The annual iconic cross-channel race is the largest offshore race on the South Coast outside of the Solent and 2022 will be its 43<sup>rd</sup> edition. Register on The Royal Escape Race website <a href="http://www.royalescaperace.co.uk">www.royalescaperace.co.uk</a>.</p>		

Race 2	<b>Cherbourg Race</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June, start 15:00
<p>This will be an overnight race, starting on the Old Fort line, SYC W to port, SYC 3 to port then to the Finish. A boat finishes when she has Roches Nord Ouest (Red lateral, charted at 49° 40.65" N 001° 35.29" W) to port bearing 090°. Boats should take their own finish time, which should be sent to the "SYC Racing" WhatsApp group within 2 hours of finishing.</p>		

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Race 3	<b>Pactolus Race</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July, start 09:00
<p><b>The event is for SYC boats only but with a special invitation to SRF boats to participate.</b></p> <p>An offshore race to coincide with the traditional Pactolus rally with hospitality from our friends at Société des Régates de Fécamp (SRF).</p> <p>Start on the Old Fort line, SYC 1 to port, keeping all Rampion wind turbines to starboard (no cutting inside), Greenwich Light Vessel to port and then to the finish at Fécamp. The finishing line extends 3 cables westward bearing 105° true from the pier head of the western harbour arm at Fécamp. Boats must finish by crossing the line heading in a southerly direction and may make use of the waypoint 49°45.93" N, 00°21.56" E which falls close to a point midway along the finishing line.</p> <p>Boats should take their own finish time in BST with a declaration handed to the nominated boat in Fécamp on arrival.</p>		

Race 4	<b>Seaway Trophy Race</b>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August, start tba
<p>A return race after our annual rally to St Valéry-en-Caux with hospitality from Club Nautique Valeriquais.</p> <p>The start will be a transit set by the Race Officer on the day then Greenwich Light Vessel to starboard, keeping all Rampion wind turbines to port (no cutting inside), and then to the Finish.</p> <p>A boat finishes when she has SYC 6 to starboard and bearing 090°.</p> <p>Boats should take their own finish time, which should be sent to the "SYC Racing" WhatsApp group within 2 hours of finishing.</p>		

Race 5	<b>Nab Tower Race</b>	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September, start 09:00
<p>Start on the Old Fort line, SYC W to port, Rampion marks N cardinal, Mast (NW) to port (also keeping all wind turbines to port, no cutting inside), Nab Tower to port, South Pullar to port, Rampion Mast (NW) and N cardinal to starboard and keeping all Rampion wind turbines to starboard (no cutting inside) and then to the Finish.</p> <p>A boat finishes when she has SYC 2 to starboard and bearing 180°.</p> <p>Boats should take their own finish time, which should be sent to the "SYC Racing" WhatsApp group within 2 hours of finishing.</p>		

### CLUB RACES (Classification: Club)

This is not a series but a mix of individual races and regattas. Courses are shown below but further sailing instructions may be made by the Race Officer on the day. These races will be scored under both NHC and IRC; in the case of NHC these individual races will stand alone and the current (from the race directly preceding) handicap calculated from the Spring/Summer/Autumn Inshore series will be used for each race.

	<b>Shake Down Race</b>	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March, start 11:00
<p>A chance to get your boat ready for the Spring series.</p> <p>The start and course will be set by the Race Officer on the day.</p>		

	<b>SYC Cup</b>	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> August, start 11:00
<p>The SYC Cup will consist of two mixed format races.</p> <p>Race 1 will be a Pursuit race using the latest handicaps from the Pursuit series race preceding the Cup. Race 2 will be a fleet race around SYC fixed marks and will start shortly after the completion of race 1. Race 2 will be dual scored under both NHC and IRC.</p> <p>The SYC Cup will be awarded based on the combined points score of races 1 and the NHC result of race 2. This event may be opened up to yachts from other clubs.</p>		

	<b>Crews Race</b>	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September, start 11:00
<p>The helm for this race <b>must</b> be a club member, have raced on the boat at least <b>once</b> previously during the 2022 racing season and not be the regular helm. Owners are permitted to enter the race as long as they meet these conditions.</p> <p>The start time and course will be set from Littlehampton back to Shoreham and will be announced on the pontoon on the morning of the race.</p> <p>Boats should take their own finish time, which should be sent to the "SYC Racing" WhatsApp group within 2 hours of finishing.</p>		

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#### **CHRISTMAS CRACKER SERIES (Classification: Club)**

This is a series of four 'round the cans' handicap races, using the current NHC handicap to start, this will be the final handicap calculated from the Spring/Summer/Autumn Inshore series. These numbers will apply for the boat's first race but be amended for the next race(s) based on a simple adjustment, similar in operation to the usual Pursuit rules but with more weight! The starting NHC number will be adjusted as follows: A win carries a penalty of 0.100 for the next race, 2nd place 0.090, 3rd place 0.080 etc down to 0.010. If you are last you will be given a boost of 0.100 for the next race, 0.090 for the next to last and 0.080 for 3rd from last etc down to 0.010. If 20 or more boats finish then this is applied in total, any boats finishing 10th or more from the start or end will not be adjusted. If less than 20 boats finish, then if it is an odd number the middle boat will not be adjusted, if it is an even number then adjustments will apply from both ends. These will stop at the middle and not overlap.

Courses will be set by the Race Officer on the day.

These races are not included in the Langley Coaster Trophy scores.