



# Chichester Yacht Club

## Women's Youth and Novice Regatta 2023

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.  
Event Location: Chichester Yacht Club, West Sussex

### Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

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#### 1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- 1.2 Chichester YC 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 2021 - 2024.
- 1.3 Chichester YC follows the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with this code. Further information on [www.chifed.org](http://www.chifed.org)
- 1.4 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during these events.

#### 2 Advertising

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

#### 3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Entrants must be full members of CYC. CYC members may sign in a visitor as defined in CYC Club rules as crew or helm.

- 3.1.1 Women's Regatta – both helm and crew shall be women
- 3.1.2 Youth Regatta – both helm and crew shall be under the age of 18 on 22 July 2023
- 3.1.3 Novice Regatta - either helm or crew should be new to club racing since January 2022

3.2 Boat Eligibility. CYC Club Racing is open to mono-hull dinghies with a Portsmouth Number listed in the 2023 RYA Dinghy Portsmouth Number List. Those wishing to enter the event with a boat not listed should contact the CYC Dinghy Section Race Committee to agree an acceptable Portsmouth Number in advance of racing.

3.3 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, but must be declared at entry and are subject to verification & acceptance by a member of the CYC race committee.

3.3.1 Boats entering club racing at CYC who do not have a valid measurement certificate should conform to the spirit of their class rules.

3.4 Each helm shall normally sail the same class of boat throughout the series. If a helm sails more than one class of boat in a series then each class will have a new and separate entry. Substitution of helm will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Substitution of crew is permitted, this shall be notified at race sign-on.

3.4.1 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 change is significant enough to denote a change of fleet, the boat will have a new and separate entry in the changed fleet.

3.5 Boats needing to sail with sail numbers differing from those under which they have entered must seek approval from the CYC race committee

### **3.6 Harbour dues**

All boats must display a current harbour dues plaque.

### **3.7 Young competitors**

3.7.1 Young competitors are those under the age of 18 on the first day of each series.

3.7.2 Junior competitors are those under the age of 16 on the first day of each series.

3.7.3 During the event the parents or guardians of young competitors shall either be in or around Chichester YC or afloat participating in the event, or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their behalf. Those acting in loco parentis shall either be in or around Chichester YC or afloat participating in the event. A young competitor who is a Chichester YC member whose parent or guardian has had a Young Person Consent form accepted by Chichester Yacht Club, is exempted.

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

### **3.8 Entry**

3.8.1 Eligible competitors are requested to notify their intention to race online at [cyc.co.uk](http://cyc.co.uk).

3.8.2 Competitors may enter on the day by adding their name to the printed list.

3.8.3 On race day competitors must check that their entry and intention to race appears correctly on the printed list displayed in The Sloop area. Late entries may not be on the printed list & must be noted on the printed list by the competitor. **Competitors racing must Sign On each day on the printed list.**

3.8.4 The **helm (or crew) of every boat must Sign Off for each race** on the printed list displayed in The Sloop area 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. Sailors shall indicate that they have 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. **Sailors shall sign off within 30 minutes** of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

**3.8.5 The race committee shall apply a penalty of one point without a hearing for a breach of 3.8.3 or 3.8.4. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5**

## **4 Racing Schedule**

4.1 The Women's Youth and Novice Regatta will be held on Saturday 22 July 2023

4.2 The Briefing will be held in the Sloop area at CYC no earlier than 1 hour before the first warning signal

4.3 Racing will be held for the following Fleets: Women; Youth; Novice

4.4 The total number of races planned is two.

4.5 The scheduled times of the warning signal for the first race are:

Women 14.10

Youth 14.15

Novice 14.20.

## **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 and junior competitors the competitor's parents or guardians or those acting in loco parentis for the parents or guardians 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.
- (h) It is the responsibility of competitors and parents, guardians & those acting in loco parentis of young competitors to make themselves fully aware of and understand current COVID 19 risks.

## **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 each event and those sailing the boat.

## **7 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

## **8 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board in the area of the Sloop at least one hour before the warning signal of the series or races it affects. Where possible this information may also be posted online and/or on the CYC dinghy racers WhatsApp group.

## **9 Signals Made Ashore (for a Committee Boat Start)**

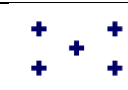
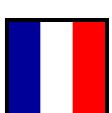

9.1 Signals made ashore, not directly involved with the start sequence, will be displayed on the mast situated between the two slipways.

9.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore (in accordance with S.I. 9.1 above) the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 20 minutes". This changes the RRS "Race Signals".

9.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, the class flag is displayed ashore no boat shall launch until their class flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their class flag is displayed.

**10. There will be separate starts for the Women, Youth and Novices** and each race will be sailed in a single fleet and boats will be scored according to their handicap.

**10.1 Class Flags** for each of the Women, Youth and Novices will be as follows:

| Fleet  | Flag                          | Flag image  |
|--------|-------------------------------|---|
| Women  | International Naval Numeral 0 |  |
| Youth  | International Code Flag T     |  |
| Novice | International Pennant 6       |  |

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## 12 Courses

12.1 Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters of Chichester Harbour.

12.2 To sail to the starting area once launched should take no more than 20 minutes

12.3 The course including start and finish line details, will be displayed on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race.

12.3.1 Where there is a committee boat start the course may displayed on the committee boat.

## 13 Marks

Racing marks shall be either large orange cylindrical buoys, bearing the initials CYC and an identification number, or small spherical buoys coloured green, orange, yellow, pink or red, or any of the fixed yellow Chichester Harbour Federation racing marks. The approximate positions of the Chichester Harbour Federation racing marks are shown on the charts in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

## 14 The Start

14.1 The starting line shall be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal of the race and will be one of following:

**14.1.1 Club Line Start** The starting line will be a transit of the line between the tall flag pole in front of the CYC starters hut and a shorter prominent pole immediately in front on the foreshore. The channel marker post known as 'Number 2' post is the Outer Distance Mark. Signals made from the CYC starter hut will be in accordance with the RRS Rules of Racing. (Not in accordance with S.I.9.2)

**14.1.2 Committee Boat Start** - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Chichester YC committee boat (usually Cyclone) at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark which will be a large orange cylindrical buoy marked CYC 0.

**14.1.3 Patrol boat start.** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a named Chichester YC support boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark which will be a small spherical yellow mark

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

## **15 The Finish and Finishing**

**15.1 Club finish line.** The Club finish line will be a transit of the line between the tall flag pole in front of the CYC starters hut and a shorter prominent pole on the foreshore. The Yellow marker post known as **Perch** is the Outer Distance Mark.

**15.2 Committee Boat finish.** The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on CYC committee boat (usually Cyclone) at the starboard end and the course side of the port – end finishing mark which will be an orange cylindrical buoy marked CYC 0.

**15.3 CYC Patrol boat finish.** The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a named support boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port – end finishing mark which will be a small spherical yellow mark

### **15.4. Shorten Course**

15.4.1 Where the shorten course flag is displayed with a Regatta Flag (as defined in section 10) then the shortened course only applies to the Regatta indicated. This changes RRS 32.

15.5.2 Shorten course race finish. When the shorten course flag or class shorten course flag is displayed all affected boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line. This changes RRS 32.

### **15.5 Time Limits**

15.6.1 There is no time limit for club racing. The advisory time for the leading boat is 45 minutes.

15.6.2 Average lap times may be used. This changes RRS 35.

## **16 Scoring.**

The Low point System will be used. Rule A5.3 will apply.

## **17 Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress**

17.1 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](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes)). Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

17.2 The exoneration penalty will be 20% of the score for DNF and calculated as stated in Rule 44.3.(c). See the official notice board for details.

17.3 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned.

17.4 Protest forms are available in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or

reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 17.5 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.  
This changes RRS 62.2
- 17.6 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.
- 17.7 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).
- 17.8 Breaches of any instructions contained herein will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches of these sailing instructions may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides unless the penalty is stated within the specific SI in which case the penalty may be applied by the race committee.

### **18 Radio Communication**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### **19 Safety Regulations**

19.1 RRS Rule 40.1 (personal floatation) applies at all times while afloat - International code flag Y will not be displayed.

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

19.3 Young competitors shall wear a wet suit or a dry suit whilst sailing between 31st October and 1st May.

### **19.4 Competitors are reminded of instructions 3.9.3 / 3.9.4 / 3.9.5 / - Sign-On & Sign Off**

### **20 Local Variations**

20.1 Competitors are warned that cruisers in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily manoeuvre freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels and hence cannot be expected to give right of way to boats racing. Competitors are requested to keep clear of all boats in these channels and are reminded that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply between vessels that are racing and those that are not racing.

20.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or from moored boats.

20.3 Competitors are warned that the mud bank known as Monkey Island, situated between the Club Line and the Monkey racing mark, has shallow patches and dries out well before low water.

### **21. Supporting Information**

22.1 Results will be posted on CYC's web site - [www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk).

This shall include names, boat type, sail number & results. These are kept as long term records by Chichester YC.

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

21.2.1 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.

21.3 Results, reports & photos as published on-line on [cyc.co.uk](http://cyc.co.uk) may also be published in the press.

21.4 Sign on/sign off sheets will be retained and held securely by CYC for up to 2 years.

21.5 Protest forms will be retained for up to 5 years.

21.6 Support boats attending any event shall register with the Race Officer.

21.7 Competitors shall not to leave road trailers in the car park at CYC, but to move them to the dinghy park or other area designated for the purpose.

21.8 Trash disposal. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **22. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded at the race committee's discretion. All CYC Club trophies shall remain the property of Chichester YC.

## **23. Contact details:**

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