



**Chichester Yacht Club  
Club Racing 2024**

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

## **Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions**

### **Events Included**

First Breath, Lady Todd, May Bank Holidays, Summer, Late Summer, Autumn, Birdham Barrel, Dee Dum, Bass Cup, Last Gasp.

Friday Afternoon and Weekend Evening Series.

RNLI and Mission to Seafarers Pursuit Races.

Harbour Races.

Women's Regatta, Youth Regatta, Novice Regatta.

### **1 Rules**

1.1 CYC Club racing 2024 will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 (RRS).

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)

### **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 June 2024

3.1.3 Novice regatta – either helm or crew should be new to club racing since January 2024.

3.2 Boat Eligibility. CYC Club Racing is open to mono-hull dinghies with a Portsmouth Number listed in the 2024 RYA Dinghy Portsmouth Number List or the Limited Data 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. Boats without a valid measurement certificate should conform to the spirit of their class rules. 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. Replica class sails are allowed, but must be declared at entry and are subject to verification and acceptance by a member of the CYC race committee.

3.4 Any change in rig resulting in a PY change from one rating to another will be scored for the whole series using the faster rig's 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 Each boat shall be sailed by the same helm throughout the series. Substitution of helm shall be treated as a separate entry and entered online accordingly except with prior written approval of the race committee. Substitution of crew is permitted this shall be notified at race sign-on.

3.7 The Dee Dum series is open to Classic single handed dinghies only (Solo, Streaker, Europe) (7 July 2024).

3.8 All boats must pay appropriate harbour dues.

### **3.9 Young competitors**

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

3.9.2 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.

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

### **3.10 Entry**

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

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

3.10.3 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 and must be noted on the printed list by the competitor. Competitors racing must Sign On each day on the printed list. (Except as in 3.10.5)

3.10.4 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 competitor 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. Competitors 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 (see Appendix G). Competitors shall sign off within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day (Except as in 3.10.5).

3.10.5 Competitors sailing to the start from another shore (such as Dell Quay or Itchenor) must advise the CYC race team or patrol boat that they are racing and when they leave the race area. This is in lieu of sign on and sign off.

3.10.6 The race committee shall apply a penalty of one point without a hearing for a breach of 3.10.3 or 3.10.4. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

## 4 Racing Schedule

The Racing schedule is as published in the CYC programme and on-line on [www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk) Updates will be published on-line, and where possible by email or social media.

## 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 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.

## 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. 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 fleet flag is displayed ashore no boat shall launch until their fleet flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their fleet flag is displayed.

**10. Fleet definitions** - Fleet definitions for each series are in Appendices

10.1 Fleet Flags for each series are defined in the Appendices

10.2 Three Fleet Series – Appendix A

First Breath, Lady Todd, May Bank Holidays, Summer, Late Summer, Autumn, Birdham Barrel, Bass Cup and Last Gasp will be sailed in three fleets.

10.3 Two Fleet Series – Appendix B

Friday Afternoon and Weekend Evening Series will be sailed in two fleets.

10.4 Single Fleet Series – Appendix C

Harbour races (Long Distance Races) will be sailed in a single fleet. Both races will be joint with Dell Quay SC. Addenda to the SIs will be published at least 1 week before these events.

10.5 Pursuit Races – Appendix F

Pursuit Races are:- RNLI and Mission to Seafarers. Start schedules will be published before each race.

10.6 Other Series

10.6.1 Bass Cup is sailed with DQSC.

10.6.2 Dee Dum - Appendix E

10.7 Novice Fleet. Chichester YC wishes to encourage members to start racing. If agreed with the Race Officer before the event, a Novice Fleet may be organised. Coaching may be provided to members of the Novice Fleet. Novice Fleets will not be available for Long Distance Races.

10.8 Women's Youth and Novice regattas – Appendix D

There will be separate single fleet starts for the Women's fleet, the Youth Fleet and the Novice Fleet.

**11 Courses**

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

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

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

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

**12 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.

**13 The Start**

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

13.1.1 **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.

13.1.2 **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.

13.1.3 **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

13.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.

13.3 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.

#### 13.4 Starting sequence

This changes RRS 26. Races will usually be started in the sequence set out in 13.4.1. If the sequence in 13.4.2 is to be used it will be indicated on the course board in the Sloop. Times will be taken from the visual signals. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. The warning signal for each succeeding fleet will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding fleet subject to general recalls.

##### 13.4.1 Start Sequence as RRS 26 (known as 5,4,1,Go)

Races will be started using the following signals

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5	Fleet flag	one	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I,U or Black flag	one	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	one long	One minute
0	Fleet flag removed	one	Starting signal

##### 13.4.2 Attenuated Start Sequence (known as 3,2,1 Go)

At 5 minutes before the first start an Orange flag will be displayed on the committee boat.

If an Answering Pennant (postponement) or a first substitute (General Recall) is displayed these will be removed at 4 minutes before the following restart.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Fleet flag	One	Warning signal
2	P, I, Z, Z with I,U or Black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One Long	One minute
0	Fleet flag removed	One	Starting signal

## 14 The Finish and Finishing

This changes the race signals in the RRS.

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

14.2 **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.

14.3 **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

**14.4 Pursuit race finishes** will be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal of the race start.

#### 14.5 Shorten Course

14.5.1 Where the shorten course flag is displayed with a Fleet's Flag (as defined in section 10 and the Appendices) then the shortened course only applies to the Fleet(s) indicated. This changes RRS 32.

14.5.2 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.

#### 14.6 Time Limits

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

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

#### 14.7 Pursuit Races

Pursuit start times will be based on the 2024 RYA PN list and published for each pursuit race.

### 15 Scoring.

15.1 The Low point System will be used.

15.2 A boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats who started on that day of the series. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats participating in the series. This changes Rule 5.2. Scoring abbreviations are set out in Appendix G.

15.3 Race Series - One race is to be completed to constitute a series. When 1 or 2 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 3 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her best scores in the number of races to count as set out below. The scores in the races which do not count (worst scores) are known as discarded scores. This changes Rule A2.1.:

Races in Series	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Races to Count	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5

#### 15.4 Boat's Score – duties

To compensate boats whose crew give up their time and sailing to help out as part of a race support team, the boat's helm will be awarded average points for races not sailed due to CYC duties subject to the following:

15.4.1 The average points awarded shall be the average of the boat's scores excluding discarded scores.

15.4.2 The number of races that may be awarded average points under this instruction shall be no more than the most number of races held on any one day of the series.

### 16 Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

16.1 The Post Race 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.

16.2 The Post Race Penalty will be 20% of the score for DNF and rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upwards).

16.3 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.

16.4 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.

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

16.6 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.

16.7 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).

16.8 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.

16.9 On the last scheduled day of any series 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 series day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

16.10 On the last scheduled day of any series 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.

16.11 Competitors are reminded of RRS 61.1(a) "The protesting boat shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing areas she shall hail "protest"."

## **17 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.

## **18 Safety Regulations**

18.1 RRS Rule 40.1 (requirement to wear a personal floatation device) applies at all times while afloat - International code flag Y will not be displayed.

18.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices when on the pontoons.

18.3 Competitors must wear clothing suitable for the conditions.

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

18.5 Competitors are reminded of instructions 3.10.3 / 3.10.4 / 3.10.5 / - Sign-On and Sign Off

## **19 Local Variations**

19.1 Competitors are warned that vessels 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 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.

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

19.3 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.

## **20. Duties**

Chichester YC expects all dinghy section members to undertake one duty a year. All Chichester YC members who compete in club racing are expected to undertake at least two duties a year.

## **21. Supporting Information**

21.1 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.

21.3 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.

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

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

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

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

21.8 Thorney Channel Beacons. (Long distance races), Boats on any leg to or from marks in the Thorney Channel shall pass on the channel side of;

the red Pilsey beacon marking the end of the piles at the south east corner of Pilsey Island

the Thorney Channel red "goal post" and

the Creek Post, a withy with a yellow top-mark, approximately 45 metres east of the green "goal post".

The piles extending inshore from each post rank as an obstruction.

## **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:**

Chichester Yacht Club, Chichester Marina, Chichester, West Sussex. PO20 7EJ.

Tel: 01243 512918

Web site: [www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk)

Email: [office@cyc.co.uk](mailto:office@cyc.co.uk)



**Appendix A - Three Fleet Series:**

First Breath, Lady Todd, May Bank Holidays, Summer, Late Summer, Autumn, Birdham Barrel, Bass Cup and Last Gasp will be sailed in three fleets.

**Fast/Modern Fleet**

Classes designed after 1990 typically, but not limited to, asymmetric boats.  
In addition any class with a PY of 1000 or under.

**Classic/Medium Fleet**




Classes with a PY of 1001 to 1199

**Slow/Traditional Fleet**


Classes with a PY 1200 or higher

*The helmsman of RS Fevas, Bytes, Miracles and other classic/medium boats may elect to sail with either the Classic/Medium or Slow/Traditional fleet. Once they nominate a fleet (at first 'sign on' for a series) they then must sail in that fleet for the entire series. Boats with a PY of 1200 or lower may only join the slow fleet in exceptional circumstances - which should be agreed with the Race Officer. Such exceptions must be notified to the Results Officer after racing.*

**Class flags**

Fleet	Flag	Flag image
Fast/Modern	International Code Flag F	
Medium/ Classic	International Code Flag G	
Slow/Traditional	International Code Flag T	

**Novice Fleet if requested**

Fleet	Flag	
Novice	International Pennant 6	

**Appendix B - Two Fleet Series**

The Friday and Weekend Evening Series will be sailed in two fleets:



**Fast Handicap**

Any class with a PY of 1199 or lower


**Slow Handicap**

Any class with a PY of 1200 or higher

*The helmsman of RS Fevas, Bytes and Miracles may elect to sail with either the Fast or Slow Fleets). Once they nominate a fleet (at first 'sign on' for a series) they then must sail in that fleet for the entire series.*


Fleet	Flag	Flag image
Fast	International Naval Numeral 0	
Slow	International Code Flag T	

**Novice Fleet if requested**

Fleet	Flag	
Novice	International Pennant 6	



**Appendix C - Single Fleet Series**

Long distance Harbour Race will be sailed in a single fleet

Fleet	Flag	Flag image
Long distance Races	International Naval Numeral 0	

**Appendix D – Women’s Youth and Novice Regattas**

Each of the Women’s Youth and Novice Regattas will be sailed in a single fleet with separate starts for each of the Regattas.

<b><u>Fleet</u></b>	<b><u>Flag</u></b>	<b><u>Flag image</u></b>
Women	International Naval Numeral 0	
Novice	International Pennant 6	
Youth	International Code Flag T	

**Appendix E – Dee-Dum Series**

The Dee Dum Series is Open to Chichester YC Classic Fleet (Solos, Streaker, & Europe) Races will be sailed as agreed with the Classic Fleet Captain & Race Officer for the day. The Dee Dum series for 2024 is Summer series 7 8 and 9 on 7 July 2024

**Appendix F**

Pursuit times will be published individually for each race at least 1 week before race

- RNLI

-Mission to Seafarers

**Appendix G**

<b><u>Abbreviation</u></b>	<b><u>Meaning</u></b>	<b><u>Score</u></b>
DNC	Did not come to the starting area	Number of boats participating in series plus one
DNF	Started but did not finish the race	Number of boats in race plus one
DNS	On the water during starting sequence but did not start	Number of boats in race plus one
DSQ	Disqualified	Number of boats in race plus one
OCS	On course side at the start	Number of boats in race plus one
RET	Finished but retired when signing off (for example missed a mark)	Number of boats in race plus one