



Sussex Regatta 2024

24th and 25th August 2024 – August Bank Holiday

Organised by the Sussex Combined Clubs Committee



NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING HOST



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Invitation to Enter

I am very proud as Rear Commodore Racing of Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club to invite you to take part in the Sussex Regatta 2024. SHYC are really looking forward to hosting this prestigious event. We will be providing a mixture pursuit racing, round the cans, and traditional windward leeward style courses over two days, split into Pursuit, YTC, and IRC classes. So there really should be something for everyone. Fleets will enjoy the fantastic views of the South Downs while they race off of Eastbourne and Pevensey Bay.



This year we are generously sponsored by: Topsail Insurance, Harvey's Brewery, Longman Brewery, Lightning Fibre, Plain Sailing Chandlery, Nicky's Canvass Works, Deliciously Chocolate and LWC Drinks.

Premier Marinas are kindly offering 50% off berthing to non-Premier boats on Saturday night.

All visiting yachts and crews will be given a one month's free membership to SHYC. Which give you full use of all our facilities and members discounts at the bar.



Ashore, breakfast will be available on both mornings before the race briefing in the clubhouse. On Friday, a dinner will be available off of the regular menu and can join us for Happy Hour (25% off beverages). Saturday pm there will be a prize giving, a BBQ together with a live band. Sunday Lunch will be available until 6pm and a live band along with the overall Prize Giving..

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Sussex Regatta

*Regards
Dickie Bird
Rear Commodore Racing
Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club*





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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): [2021 - 2024 RRS \(sailing.org\)](https://www.sailing.org)
- b) The Sussex Regatta 2024 Sailing Instructions – 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: [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, Sovereign Harbour 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. IRC Rule 22.1.1 shall apply to all competing boats; 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. IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted and replaced by 'Subject to a decision by the person-in-charge and rules declared in the Sussex Regatta 2024 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.

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 or YTC classes; OR vessel not wishing to race may sail in 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 2024; (for boats with insurance certificates issued prior to October 2023 the minimum third-party liability cover is £3,000,000).
- c) Payment in full.

2.3. Applications should be submitted before end of Wednesday, 21st August 2024.

2.4. Entries received on or after Thursday 22nd August 2024 will be accepted at discretion of the Organising Authority.

2.5. 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.*

3. FEES

- 3.1. Entry Fees per participating yacht shall be:
- a) Racing - £50.00 for both days or £30.00 for a single day
 - b) Pursuit Sailing - £20.00 for both days or £10.00 for a single day

4. SCHEDULE

4.1.
Day 1: Saturday 24th August 2024

Class	Number of Races	Format	Target Duration per race (approx.)	First Warning Signal
IRC	3	2x windward leeward; 1x short round the cans	1 hour	10:30
YTC	3	2x windward leeward; 1x short round the cans	1 hour	10:30 or soon after IRC
	Number of Pursuits	Format	Target Duration	Approximate Start time
Pursuit Sailing	1	1x Pursuit - long legs;	2-3 hours	11:00





Day 2: Sunday 25th August 2024

Class	Number of Races	Format	Target Duration (approx.)	First Warning Signal
IRC	2	2x round the cans fixed marks	1 hour	10:30
YTC	2	2x round the cans fixed marks	1 hour	10:30 or soon after IRC
	Number of Pursuits	Format	Target Duration	Approximate Start time
Pursuit Sailing	1	1x Pursuit – long legs; 2-3 Hours	2 hours	11:00

4.2. No start sequence will commence after 15:00hrs on Sunday, 25th August 2024.

4.3 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 11:00am. 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 no later than 12:00hrs on Monday 5th August 2024, available at www.thesussexregatta.uk/documents/.

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.

6. VENUE

6.1. The Race Office and evening social events will be located at Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.

6.2. A Prize Giving will be held on Sunday 25th August in Sovereign Yacht Club after racing is complete and results have been finalised. This will be held ASAP after competitors have had sufficient time to return to the SHYC Club House after the final race.

6.3. Further details of the shoreside schedule can be found in the invitation to Enter at the start of this Notice of Race.





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7. SAILING AREA

7.1. The race area shall be the English Channel in the vicinity of Sovereign Harbour making use of the SHYC 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 and YTC 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. There will be NO discards.

8.2. Pursuit Sailing:

A yacht's start time will be calculated based on its NHC Base TCF, with a possible discretionary allowance from the Organising Authority in the interest of fun and fair racing on a case-by-case basis. Yachts will be scored in accordance with their position on the water at the end of the race.

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 AND LOCK PROCEDURES

10.1. All non-Sovereign Harbour berth holders should see Appendix B of this Notice of Race for berthing arrangements

10.2. Boats shall be berthed in their assigned berths; equipment left shoreside must not spill-over to adjacent berths and not impeded passage on the walk-ways.

10.3. Competitors shall obey instructions from Premier Marinas (Sovereign Harbour).

10.4 Sovereign Harbour is served by two large Locks which turn on the hour and half hour, with room for approximately 12 boats, during busy periods the harbour may use both locks for inbound or outbound vessels, be prepared to raft and place fenders on both sides of your vessel.

10.5 Yachts should keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 17 when approaching and transiting the locks and obey all instructions from the Sovereign Harbour lock keepers, and pay attention to the light signals adjacent to the lock gates.



10.5 Yachts are advised to allow enough time to lock out prior to racing.

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 Sunday 25th August in Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club after racing is complete and results have been finalised. This will be held ASAP after competitors have had sufficient time to return to SHYC after the final race.

15. BEHAVIOUR

15.1. The Person-in-Charge of a yacht associated with the Sussex Regatta 2024 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.



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16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. Competitors participate in the Sussex Regatta 2024 entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. Throughout the duration of the Sussex Regatta 2024: 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 the Sussex Regatta 2024.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1. The Organising Authority will be pleased to assist with any queries regarding Sussex Regatta 2024; 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 of £50 or £20 depending on entry details:

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:

www.thesussexregatta.uk/entries/online-payment/





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Appendix B *Berthing*

All visiting yachts should make berthing arrangements with Premier Marinas Sovereign Harbour:

VHF: Channel 17

Telephone: 01323 470 099

Email: eastbourne@premiermarinas.com

Website: www.premiermarinas.com/marinas/sovereign-harbour

Entering the Harbour

Upon approaching the entrance to Sovereign Harbour it is recommended that you contact the marina office on VHF Channel 17. The main harbour is accessed via 2 large locks which turn once on the hour and half hour. You will need fenders on the both sides of your vessel, and be prepared to raft along side other boats.

- **Red lights:** Do not proceed. Inbound vessels give way to those exiting.
- **3 Green lights:** Vessels may enter the lock.
- **Red flashing:** Do not approach, a 'top-up' is in progress.
- **Green/white/green:** Caution, only proceed after specific instructions.

Departing

It is important to leave sufficient time to exit the marina via the locks prior to racing especially as there may be a large number of boats and therefore competitors may not all fit into one lock. You should aim at the latest to be in the outbound lock which closes 30 minutes prior to your start. It is recommended that you consider an earlier lock so as to have plenty of time before your race start. i.e. vessels with a 10.30 start time should consider aiming for the 09.30 outbound lock, and be prepared to raft or for other boats to raft alongside.

Appendix C Fixed race marks

A higher resolution and up to date PDF version and GPS positions are available at:

<https://shyc.co.uk/racing/>

Note: Exclusion zone applies from the beginning of your 5 minute start sequence until you finish or retire from the race, unless otherwise stated by the Race Officer.

