



Newcastle Yacht Club Annual Regatta & Junior Regatta

Saturday 21st September 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race and the Event Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 This Notice of Race may be amended by the Race Committee, and in any such conflict with the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The Regatta is an Open Event to any boat with a PY handicap.
- 2.2 Entry **should** be completed online at <https://www.newcastleyachtclub.co.uk/2024-regatta> prior to the event. Paper forms along with the £5 per boat entry fee will be accepted on the morning prior to the race briefing.
- 2.3 Entry for junior competitors **must** be completed by their parent or guardian.
- 2.4 All competitors who are not already members of Newcastle Yacht Club shall be Temporary Members of the Club for the duration of the Regatta. The Club and its representatives reserve the right to withdraw this membership.

3.0 Competitor Fees

- 3.1 Competitor fees are £5 per boat.
- 3.2 Entry fee does NOT include lunch (bring your own packed lunch).
- 3.3 A BBQ post racing will be provided at an additional cost of £5 per person.

4.0 Club boat availability and Fees

- 4.1 Club boat hire fees are as per NYC website standard hire conditions. Club boats must be hired online prior to the event.
- 4.2 Note club boats currently on hire for the second half of the season are not liable to this fee.
- 4.4 Club boats are not available to Temporary Members.
- 4.5 Club boats will be allocated based on ability to sail a triangular course competently from previous Tuesday evening sailing sessions.
- 4.6 A Club Officer or Race Officer, may remove the right for club boats to be used on the day based on weather conditions.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. Registration shall take place in the clubhouse from 09.30 and shall close at 10.00 (can be done on-line in advance)
- 5.2. A competitors' briefing will take place in the clubhouse at 10.15
- 5.3. 2 Fleets will participate, the main Fleet and the Junior Fleet
- 5.4. 8 races are scheduled: 2 in the morning for both fleets, 2 in the afternoon for both fleets.
 - Race 1:** First warning signal will be at 10:55
 - Race 2:** Immediately after Race 1
 - Lunch:** All boats shall return to shore for lunch – Please bring your own lunch
 - Race 3:** Warning signal will be after lunch, no later than 14:25

Race 4: Immediately after Race 3

5.4 No race will start after 16:30.

6.0 Sailing Instructions

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be sent to all participants via email. Copies are available online.

7.0 Scoring

7.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply except that a boat finishing first will be awarded 0.75 points.

7.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst result.

8.0 Prizes

8.1 Prizes will be awarded after the end of racing for podium places.

8.2 Regatta trophies (eligible to NYC members only) will be awarded at the end of season Dinner for the winners.

9.0 Safety

9.1 Where conditions are considered marginal or unsuitable for junior or inexperienced sailors, the Race Officer, a safety boat helm or a Flag Officer may instruct that that helm should not go afloat or if they are already afloat that they return to shore.

9.2 All competitors must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when on the water. Neither a wetsuit nor dry-suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy.

9.3 **All competitors must sign out before going afloat** on the sheet provided in the club porch and sign in immediately upon returning to the club house after coming ashore after each session.

9.4 No club boats will be available should the conditions be considered marginal.

10.0 Risk Statement

10.1 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. 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;
- 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 omissions;
- 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, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve competitors of their own responsibilities.

11.0 Insurance

11.1 Each participating boat must be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

11.2 Club boats have a £500 excess; in the event of a claim this cost will be shared between the club and the leasee (parent/guardian of Juniors).

12.0 Further information

12.1 For further information please check the NYC website or email the Club: contact@newcastleyachtclub.co.uk