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NOTICE OF RACE

Friday 19th June 2026
(All Times are BST)

1 RULES

- 1.1* The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The IRC 2026 Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply.
- 1.3* Autohelms are permitted for 2 handed boats only

2 ADVERTISING

As part of the entry package, yachts are provided with a 'Battle Flag' 2026 displaying both SYC and **W BOYES & CO LTD** logos. This battle flag **SHALL** be flown on the entered vessel whilst moored in Scarborough Harbour prior to the race start and also in all Dutch Harbours following the race finish. Only 2003 through to 2026 SYC North Sea Race battle flags along with boat specific battle flags are to be flown. SYC North Sea Race battle flags depicting previous event sponsors are not to be flown. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in exclusion from the race results. Competitors will also be provided with crew shirts again displaying both SYC and **W BOYES & CO LTD** logos, competitors are encouraged to wear these shirts at the post race dinner in Hoorn.

3* ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats of the following classes
 - Boats holding a valid IRC Rating Certificate
 - Boats holding a valid YTC Rating Certificate
- 3.2 The Race Committee may at its discretion allocate divisions of the above classes according to handicap rating and performance characteristics.
- 3.3 Additional classes may be added to the foregoing by the Race Committee.
- 3.4 A minimum of four entries are required for a Class to receive separate prizes.
- 3.5 An Entry Form, which is included in the Notice of Race or obtainable from the Club Office and Club web site, must be completed and any entry fee paid to the SYC before competing in the Race.
- 3.6 Late entries will be subject to a **£25.00 surcharge**. It should be noted that places at the race dinner, T -shirts etc cannot be guaranteed for late entering yachts. Details of late entering yachts may not be printed on any associated publicly distributed entry lists or other associated event communications.

4 FEES

- 4.1** An Entry Form, which is included in the Notice of Race or obtainable from the Club Office and Club web site, must be completed and any entry fee paid to the SYC before competing in the Race. Entries should be received by SYC North Sea Race Secretary not later than **Sunday 24th May 2026**. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.2** Entry fees for the Event shall be £32.00 per boat, £32.00 per crew member and £110.00 for the Boat Tracker. Each Boat receives a Battle Flag and Plaque and all Sailors the pre-race supper, race shirt and presentation dinner in Hoorn.)
- 4.3** An IRC boat shall attach a copy of her Rating Certificate to the completed Entry Form.
- 4.4** A boat intending to race in the YTC Class shall have a current YTC Rating.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1*** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 1820 BST, Friday 19th June 2026. (Provisional).

6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1** A valid Measurement or Rating Certificate shall be held at all times by each boat for the class for which she is entered, and must be produced to the Race Committee if requested.
- 6.2** Measurement of boats and sails may be made at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.3** A boat shall attach a copy of her Rating Certificate to the completed Entry Form.
- 6.4** Rating Certificates for all yachts shall not be changed after 1500 hours on **Sunday 24th May 2026**. Any change of rating from that declared on the entry form must be notified to the Race Secretary and produced at the Race Office by the above date and time.
- 6.5** A boat intending to race in the YTC Class and not holding a current rating are required to apply for a YTC number by completing and submitting a web-based YTC Form. This is obtained by following the process set out at <https://rorcrating.com/ryaytc/ryaytcapplicationform>.
- 6.6** Boats not having an allocated registered sail number shall request in writing a number to be allocated by the Race Committee and are required to comply with RRS 77.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the SYC Web site to all competitors who have entered they will also be available on Friday, 19th June from the Race Office from 1630 - 1730 hours at the SYC clubhouse.

8 THE COURSE

Scarborough to Ijmuiden, Holland. Start and finish details to be confirmed in NSR Sailing Instructions.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1** Appendix P will apply.

10 BERTHING

Notification of berthing requirements in Scarborough should be filled in where indicated when returning the entry form.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12 PRIZES

Trophies and prizes will be awarded for all classes including each division of handicap classes.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13.1 Each owner/competitor is entirely responsible for the boat's safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

13.2 It is for each owner/competitor to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching, or going to sea, each owner/competitor confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

13.3 Each owner/competitor is responsible to ensure that the boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

13.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of each owner/competitor nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the Race. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee and Race Officers

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

Completed Entry Forms, Entry Fees, etc, and other Scarborough Yacht Club, North Sea Race correspondence should be addressed to 'The North Sea Race Secretary' 47 Cross Lane Newby Scarborough YO12 6DQ.

Or Email to stevewinrussell@outlook.com