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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 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 may be used on only if sailing two handed.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 2hrs before the start.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club Starting Station adjacent to the Lighthouse Tower.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 5.1 All classes will start together at 18.30hrs on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

### 6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 Cross SYC starting line from **NORTH to SOUTH**; to **ORANGE BLACK ORANGE FLAGS TURNING MARK leave to PORT**; to Finishing Line as detailed in 9.1. NOTE; additional marks may be laid in Scarborough Bay and details will be given at the Briefing.
- 6.2 **SPECIAL RULE** – IJmuiden Harbour To comply with Harbour Rules, engines must be running and may be used from a point where a yacht crosses the transit of the two lighthouses {F.R. 15m10m and F.G. 15m10m Fl.3s(occas) Horn(2)30s} at the harbour entrance.

### 7 MARKS

- 7.1 **STARTING LINE:-** To be announced at the race briefing at 16.30 hrs on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June in the SYC Club House.

**8 THE START**

<b>8.1 SIGNAL</b>	<b>LIGHTS</b>	<b>HORN</b>	<b>TIME</b>
WARNING	AMBER	ONE	18:20 BST
PREPARATORY	AMBER OVER GREEN	ONE	18:25 BST
STARTING	LIGHTS OUT	ONE	18:30 BST

**8.2** At the starting signals. Lights shall govern.

**8.3** If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 37. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 61.1(a).

**9 THE FINISH**

**9.1 FINISHING LINE:-** An imaginary line between the two lighthouses {F.R. 15m10m and F.G. 15m10m Fl.3s(occas) Horn(2)30s} at the harbour entrance. Yachts should turn on Buoy IJM3-SPM (VQ) before proceeding into IJmuiden Marina.

**9.2** Yachts shall accurately record their own Finish Time (hh.mm.ss) using BST noting where possible yachts ahead and yachts astern. Please use GPS clock where possible. Each Yachts finish time will be taken from the Tracker log which will be used to calculate finish times but the above will be used as a cross reference to confirm this.

**9.3 DECLARATIONS**

Declaration forms recording exact Finish Time using BST and noting yachts ahead and yachts astern where possible, or retirement, and any use of alternative propulsion are required. **These are to be handed in to the Vice Commodore or if not available to a member of the Sailing Committee before the presentation dinner. If not handed in the prize will be forfeited**

**9.4 FINISHERS**

All yachts are required to text their finish time to HH within 2 hours of finishing

**9.5 RETIREMENTS**

Yachts retiring must, at the earliest opportunity, inform HH 07947 981070; or Scarborough Harbour (Tel +44(0)1723 373877) **AND** broadcast to the SYC fleet, call sign WHITE ROSE Ch77, giving their name, sail number, intended or actual destination and ETA. Yachts retiring into IJmuiden are to report to the Vice Commodore, a member of the Sailing Committee, or by text to HH or Email to hh@syc.org.uk

**9.6 NOTIFYING COASTGUARD**

A member of the Race Committee will take responsibility for notifying the Coastguard of arrivals up to 12:00 hrs Local Time on Monday 22nd June 2026.

**Thereafter it is the responsibility of each skipper with a later arrival time to notify the Coastguard or HH.**

**9.7 SAFE ARRIVAL**

**All yachts must report either their arrival in IJmuiden or their retirement by text to HH to ensure that search procedures are not instituted unnecessarily.**

**10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**10.1** Appendix P will apply

## 11 TIME LIMIT

11.1\* 19:00 CET (18:00 hrs BST) Monday 22nd June 2026.

## 12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered with the Race Declaration or handed to the Vice Commodore or a member of the sailing committee. Time, date and location of protest to be decided.

12.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.

## 13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 All yachts whilst Racing must comply structurally with and have on board all the gear and equipment specified in World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 Mono-hulls with Life Raft 2026 shall apply as appropriate to the entering yachts hull configuration. Liferrafts to WSOSR specification are recommended but others to a similar high specification such as those available for hire from a recognised Life Raft dealer will be accepted.

The responsibility for compliance rests with the person in charge of the yacht and cannot be delegated. Entries will not be accepted from any yacht not agreeing to and fully complying with these requirements. Any yacht found racing and not complying will be penalised and may be disqualified.

13.2 Competitors are urged to comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 2 Mono-hulls 2026 – 2027.

13.3 The Race Committee may inspect any or all yachts in respect of the above safety regulations. Inspection is carried out only as a guide. Inspection does not limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner and person in charge.

13.4 Copies of the above safety regulations and associated Inspection Card / Equipment Listing can be obtain from ORC or ISAF or though their respective web sites [www.orc.org](http://www.orc.org) or [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org).

13.5 Crew minimum for each boat, 2 persons.

All yachts are required to complete a Crew List prior to the Briefing for onward transmission to HM Coastguard. **Early submission of this information would be appreciated.**

13.6 Yachts shall maintain an adequate log and may be required to present it for inspection by the Race Committee, finish time to be included in the log.

13.7 There will be a race briefing at 16.30 hrs on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June in the Scarborough Yacht Club. A minimum of one representative from each competing vessel **MUST** attend. Failure to attend may result in a vessel being refused to start the event.

13.8 If a situation arises where a boat, through no fault of their own, is in danger they may use alternative propulsion using the engine or other means provided that they do not gain an advantage in the race. [ISAF Rule 42.3(i)] Where possible this must be announced via VHF and recorded on the race declaration stating time of use, duration, GPS position before and after the manoeuvre and the situation requiring its use. If the Race Committee feels that an unfair advantage has been gained then an appropriate penalty up to and including disqualification may be applied.

## 14 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **15 EVENT 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.

## **16 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, Sat Phones and Sat Data.

## **17 PRIZES**

Trophies will be presented at the SYC Annual Dinner and Dance in November 2026, and will be held for one year.

Flags will be presented at the Race Dinner in Hoorn.

## **18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**18.1** The Scarborough Yacht Club, Race Organisers and Sponsors shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever caused, to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew or any vessel as a result of their taking part in this event. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of their yacht for the event.

The safety of the yacht and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner / competitor / skipper, who must ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience, who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner must be fully satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

Neither the establishment of these conditions, their use by the race organisers, nor the inspection of the yacht under these conditions in any way limits the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or owner's representative. The crew is nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

### **18.2 DECISION TO RACE**

Specifically the owner/competitors attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 – The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

## **19 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.