



Royal Temple Yacht Club



Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for IRC & YTC Cruiser Classes 2026

Organised by the Royal Temple Yacht Club

Version 1.0a

1. RULES

- 1.1 The events will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Royal Harbour Marina terms and conditions. the Royal Harbour Marina terms and conditions and the current Port of Ramsgate bye-laws.
- 1.2 IRC Classes shall comply with current IRC Rules Parts A, B and C, but excluding IRC rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4,
- 1.3 All Classes will comply with current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B: Special Regulations for Inshore Racing and with the Royal Temple Yacht Club minimum safety equipment rules, attached as Appendix 1 to this Notice of Race.
- 1.4 For all classes the RTYC recommend at least 1 crew member has a current First Aid Cert.
- 1.5 **Class 3 & 4 YTC Boats, in these classes will be handicapped using the YTC system. Boats that do not have a valid 2026 YTC certificate may apply for one on-line, using the procedure set out within the YTC website (www.ytc.rorcrating.com). Confirmation of entry. A copy of a boat's valid [Current Year] RYA YTC certificate shall be received.**

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Royal Temple Yacht Club and may be posted on the WhatsApp racing pages

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY.

As per latest amendment to the Sailing instructions.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change in Sailing Instructions will be posted before 08.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 21.00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Verbal amendments to the Sailing Instructions for all Class courses may be advised by the race committee by announcement on **VHF, channel 68**,

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Temple race Hut **45 minutes before the first warning signal of the day. Example 'Y Flag' and communicated to all competitors by VHF Channel 68.**
- 5.2 Flag L over numeral pennant 1 means "The first notice to competitors has been posted", the second notice by flag L over numeral pennant 2 and so on, each with one sound signal. After numeral pennant 9 has been flown, numbering will re-commence at 1.
- 5.3 For all Courses, flag AP displayed on the Squarehead means "The race is postponed". Competitors should listen on **VHF Channel 68** for further instructions.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing will be scheduled as per the 2026 RTYC Sail Programme.
 - 6.1.1 Both IRC Classes 1 & 2 will start together. If there are 3 or more Class 1 boats entered on the day, the Race Officer may announce a separate start via the VHF Channel 68.
 - 6.1.2 For Cruiser Classes 3 & 4, they will also start together **but may be sailing different courses.**



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6.1.3 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Saturdays will be posted on the Official Notice or www.rtyc.com and on the WhatsApp racing pages
 Sunday will be 10.15 hours for Cruiser Classes 3 & 4 and 10 minutes later for IRC Classes 1 & 2

6.2 The times of **Warning Signals** for classes are as follows:

	Saturdays	Sundays	Mondays	Wednesdays
3&4	TBA	10:25	TBA	18.30
1&2	TBA	10.15	TBA	18.30

Offshore Races: Start times and course to be sailed will be advised via the Official Sailing Board and www.rtyc.com

6.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to hold an additional race on any day.



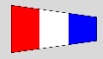

6.4 In the event of a general recall of any class, all classes will stay in their original start sequence as per 6.2 above.

7. CLASSES

7.1 Racing will be organised in classes as given in Table 1. Whilst racing, yachts shall wear on the backstay (or, if without a backstay, in the aft part of the yacht), a clearly visible class flag as given in Table 1. The race committee may decide to combine classes where there are less than 3 entrants. **The number of RTYC Series Entrants must be a minimum of 3 from any class on the day to qualify for a race. Separate courses may still be set for IRC & Cruisers.** The race committee may decide to combine all classes into one start where necessary.

7.2 Tracking [NP] For safety and race management purposes, boats while racing shall register, carry and use a RTYC approved tracking device, which shall be one of the following:
 a. An AIS transponder. Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that the device is switched on and transmitting at least once every 5 minutes; or
 b. A compatible mobile device running the App.
 Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their boat has one or more such devices onboard and operating.
 Multiple devices are encouraged to ensure compliance with this SI

Table 1.

IRC		IRC 1	Open to boats holding a current IRC Certificate. It is intended to have 2 IRC classes and the "Rating Bands" for will be notified to competitors by an amendment to the Sailing Instructions displayed on the Club's website prior to the first race and on the WhatsApp racing pages
		IRC 2	
		YTC 3&4	You may choose to enter the more relaxed YTC Cruiser division. allocated by reference to YTC Handicap Systems.
			



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THE COURSE

All Classes will be started from the Squarehead on the RTYC start line A. The Race Officer will set a course of his/her own design using the marks selected from the RTYC waypoint list of marks, this will be announced on **VHF Channel 68 and via "WhatsApp" Royal Temple Race Fleet group**. When each course is announced on the VHF, any amendments will be announced on the VHF and acknowledgement requested from each boat. **Example 'Course read plus announcement the Y flag is flying and all boats must acknowledge'.**

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Harbour Approach Channel - Yachts must abide by the contents of Rules 9(b) and 9(d) of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea when entering the Harbour Approach Channel. Any yacht impeding the progress of a large vessel in the approach channel may be disqualified without the right of protest, amending rule 63.1.

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MARKS

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The marks are buoys listed in the RTYC Waypoint list, the numbering and position of which will be made available to competitors at www.rtyc.com.

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THE START

11.1 All Classes - VHF Channel 68 "Temple Race Hut".

11.1.1 Races will be started according to rule 26, with RTYC light System below.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	1 light on	5
Preparatory	 P,  I,  Z, or Black flag, 2 lights on	4
One-minute	Announced on VHF 72 preparatory flag removed 1 light on	1
Starting	light extinguished	0

In order to assist competitors, the Race Officer will count down the start sequence on VHF Channel 68.

11.1.2

Individual recalls will be signalled by a light remaining on with **one** sound signal for **Individual recalls**. **General recalls will have Two** sound signals and two lights on. Individual recalls, competitors will, where possible, be advised by radio on VHF Channel 68.

11.1.3

The start line for all races is an extension to seaward of the forward mast of the RTYC Squarehead, on the eastern pierhead next to port control, marked by an orange triangle, and the red port entry mark at the end of the southern breakwater, bounded by the ODM, in the event of the ODM missing the end of the line shall be a transit between the North Quern and West Quern buoys.

11.2

Yachts whose warning signal has not been made must keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.



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- 11.3 A yacht whose identity is announced in accordance with rules 30.3, 30.4 and 62 shall leave the starting area and racecourse immediately, unless she:
- Immediately displays her protest flag and shall have it orally acknowledged by the Race Committee.
 - Lodges a request for redress in accordance with rule 62.
 - If she fails to win the protest or claim for redress then her penalty shall be DND.
- 11.4 **A boat may be towed in order to get to the starting area after her preparatory signal provided that, before she starts, she stops using her engine or drops her tow and then takes a penalty by promptly making one turn including one tack and one gybe.**

12 Change of Course

A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading yacht has begun the first leg affected. The new course will also be given on **VHF Channel 68**. This changes RRS rule 33.

13 THE FINISH

There will be 4 different Finish lines available for 2026.

FINISH LINE A is an extension to seaward of the forward mast of the RTYC Squarehead, marked by an orange triangle, and the red port entry mark at the end of the southern breakwater, bounded by the ODM or in the event of the ODM missing a transit between the North Quern and the West Quern buoy. The Red port entry marks as the IDM.

FINISH LINE B is an extension to seaward of the forward mast of the RTYC Squarehead, marked by an orange triangle, and the West Quern Buoy bounded the Race Mark number 48, RTYC Navigation Buoy as ODM which is approx. 100 metre South of the West Quern Buoy. The West Quern Buoy acts as the IDM.

FINISH LINE C is an extension to seaward of the forward mast of the RTYC Squarehead, marked by an orange triangle, and the North Quern Buoy with the Number 6 Channel Marker acting as the IDM.

FINISH LINE D is an extension to seaward of the RTYC flag pole on the RTYC balcony, and the red port entry mark at the end of the southern breakwater, bounded by the ODM or in the event of the ODM missing a transit between the North Quern and the West Quern buoy. The Red port entry marks as the IDM. Yachts must call Race Hut on **VHF Channel 68 when approaching this line.**

Note: Yachts must not finish in the Harbour entrance between the Port and Starboard entrance poles.

- 13.2 The course may be shortened at any mark of the course at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 13.3 In the case of shortened course, Yachts are to note their finishing time and, if possible, the sail number of the yachts finishing immediately ahead and immediately astern of them.
- 13.4 A yacht which has broken a rule of Part 2 and has taken a penalty shall complete the appropriate form available from the race office and shall lodge it with the race office before the end of protest time.
- 13.5 Any use of engine for propulsion whilst racing must be reported in full on the declaration form

14. TIME LIMIT

There are no time limits, and the Race Committee may shorten course at any time and for any reason. This changes rule 32.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Any yacht wishing to lodge a protest shall advise the Temple Race Hut via VHF Channel 68 after finishing the race. Protests shall be written on forms available on the RTYC web site and delivered to the RTYC within protest time to the Duty Race Officer of the day.



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- 15.2 Protest time shall last for one hour after the last yacht finishes on each Course, (therefore, there could be more than one protest time limit).
- 15.3 The protest may be heard as soon as is possible, even before the end of protest time.
- 15.4 Race Committee or Protest Committee notifications to a yacht of a protest lodged against her under rule 60.2 will where possible be notified before the end of Protest Time or as soon as is practicable afterwards.
- 15.5** When there has been contact between any boats and damage is either evident or likely to have been incurred a protest meeting must be heard by the Protest Committee as soon as is practically possible. The protest meeting must proceed even if there has been an agreement between the owners. The result of the protest meeting shall be reported to the Race Officer of the day and recorded in writing.
- 15.6 An Arbitration system is available for protests of rules in RRS Part 2 Appendix T. Provided all parties to the protest agree to Arbitration, the procedure to be adopted is to be found in Appendix T
- 16. SCORING**
- 16.1 All series will be scored as per RTYC Sailing Programme using the Low Point System. A current IRC certificate is required for IRC boats, but if applied for and has not yet been issued, a boat may race at a TCC of 2.000 or YTC 400. When the actual rating is received, the race committee may at its discretion amend her score based upon that instead and as a result the scores for other boats may also change. The Scoring of a series will be excluding the discards. Example the Spring Series 7 races 5 to count, after 5 races sailed all count, after 6 races 1 discard and after 7 races 2 discards applied.
- 17. RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- 17.1 Other than in the case of emergency a yacht shall neither make radio or mobile phone transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. VHF radios may be used to receive the announcement of any individual recalls and course information. The race committee may not acknowledge any radio transmission during racing except in the case of an emergency and will not enter into dialogue with competitors.
PLEASE NOTE – 2026 VHF channel 68 will be used by Temple Race Hut,
- 17.2 Retirements must be advised to the Race Committee via “Temple Race Hut”, **VHF Channel 68**
- 18. PRIZES**
- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three yachts in each class for each series at the annual prizegiving.
- 19. STRONG WINDS**
- In the event of winds over 25 knots, the Race Officer or OOD may, at his/her discretion, either cancel or postpone the race.
- In the event of postponement to another date an announcement of when it is to be rescheduled will be posted on the RTYC Sailing Board and the Racing WhatsApp page no later than 6 days prior to its revised race date.



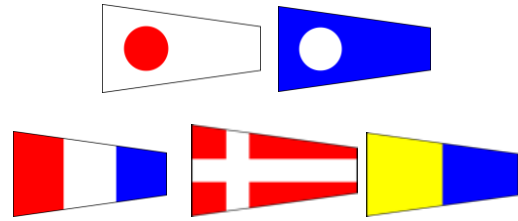
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Class racing for the following classes:



<https://www.rtyc.com> for further information during 2025

APPENDIX 1

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

Minimum Safety Equipment Rules for all Classes

1. Buoyancy

2. Boats shall either be self-righting from 120 degrees or have enough reserve buoyancy to support the boat and crew for at least 30 minutes following a capsize. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.

3. Flares

Boats shall carry, in a waterproof pack, at least two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares. Electronic flares are acceptable

4. Fire Extinguisher

Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard

4. Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard



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4.1 Boats **without** lifelines or with lifelines which do not meet current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (Section3), shall have personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40. Personal buoyancy shall be always worn by all crew members whilst racing

4.2 Boats **with** lifelines will comply with the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (Section3), shall carry personal buoyancy or lifejackets for each crew member. Boats shall also carry a rescue quoit or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line and at least one lifebuoy or life sling

5. First Aid

Boats shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions

6. Anchor

Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions

7. Compass

Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld is acceptable

8. Equipment

All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened

9. Propulsion

A means of propulsion, other than the boat's sails, is to be provided

10. Communication

Fixed or handheld VHF must be always carried capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16, 14, 68, 72 & 77

11. Tracking

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a. An AIS transponder. Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that the device is switched on and transmitting at least once every 5 minutes & RTYC require the MMSI Number.

b. A compatible mobile device running the App.

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Link to i-phone App , also available on Android

[Boat Beacon on the App Store](#)

12. For all classes the RTYC recommend at least 1 crew member has a current First Aid Cert.

13. Crew list should be completed and on board while racing with Emergency contact details.