

NOTICE OF RACE

Minima Yacht Club: Club Racing 2026

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. Minima Yacht Club is the Organising Authority.
2. Club Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions change the following rules:
 - (a) RRS 28.1 (to allow a place to be awarded to a boat that does not complete the same number of laps as the leading boat);
 - (b) RRS 41 Outside Help (to allow help for less experienced sailors);
 - (c) RRS 45 Hauling out; making fast; anchoring (to allow boats to launch after the preparatory signal in Wednesday Evening races).
- 2.2 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies,
3. A programme giving the details of the each scheduled race is published on the Club website at minimayc.co.uk/sailing/.
4. Racing is open to all full club members sailing a non-foiling monohull dinghy. No asymmetric spinnaker or trapeze may be used except with the agreement of the Organising Authority.
5. The 'White Book' defines the series and events that will be run during the season and the prizes that will be awarded.
6. Where class prizes are awarded, these will be awarded for any class with at least three boats *qualifying* for a series (see NoR 13(b)).
7. Prizes will be awarded for the number of places equal to the square root of the number of *qualifying* entries, rounded down.
8. Portsmouth Number ratings are published on the Club website at minimayc.co.uk/sailing/.
9. [NP] A member intending to enter a boat for Club Racing shall complete an Annual Registration 2026 online no later than 24 hours before the published start time of the first race they intend to enter. Late entries, and entries on paper, may be accepted at the discretion of the Sailing Secretary.
10. [NP] Sailors intending to participate in a race in a Club boat shall submit a Club Boat Race Declaration to the Race Officer.
11. Sailors are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their equipment complies with their class rules. By entering a boat (other than a Club boat), sailors shall be deemed to be confirming that she conforms to class rules including with respect to buoyancy.
12. The Sailing Instructions will be published on the club website at minimayc.co.uk/sailing/.
13. Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A except that:
 - (a) the number of races that shall be excluded in calculating each boat's series score shall be 50% of the number of races completed in the series, rounded up, minus 1;

- (b) RRS A2.2 is replaced with the following: “A2.2 A boat that has come to the starting area for at least 20% of the total number of races sailed in the series, rounded down, plus 1 *qualifies* for the series and she shall be scored for the whole series
- (c) RRS A5.3 shall apply and is amended after the final comma as follows: “and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the greater of the number of boats *qualifying* for the series and the number that came to the starting area.”

14. Risk Statement

- 14.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- 14.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, 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, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - (g) it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
 - (h) their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

15. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority’s privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

16. RYA Racing Charter

Competitors should note that Minima Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rya-racing-charter/.