

NOTICE OF RACE

Minima Yacht Club

Annual Regatta 2026

Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th September 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. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The provisions of Part 2c: Navigation - steering sailing and speed of The Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 ("Thames Byelaws") apply between a boat that is subject to the RRS and a boat that is not.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions are available on the website at <https://minimayc.co.uk/regatta>.

3. Communication

- 3.1 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and entry

- 4.1 This event is open to competitors from any club affiliated to the RYA.
- 4.2 Due to the limitations of river sailing, no multihull or foiling boat is eligible and boats may not use any trapeze or asymmetric spinnaker at any time during the event.
- 4.3 Entries should be made online at <https://minimayc.co.uk/regatta> before 2300 on Friday 4th September.
- 4.4 Late entries will be accepted in person at the Club House during registration on Saturday or Sunday subject to capacity.
- 4.5 Boats of a class with three or more entries will race as a fleet.
- 4.6 Other boats will race in the Portsmouth Yardstick fleet.
- 4.7 Race starts may be combined for two or more fleets as indicated by the class flag(s) displayed at the Warning Signal. The intended grouping and sequence will be announced at the competitors briefing each day but any changes to this grouping or sequence shall not be grounds for redress.
- 4.8 A New Sailors race will be held on Saturday 5th September following Race 2.

5. Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee is £15, or £10 if only attending on one day. Entry for the New Sailors Race is free.

6. Schedule

- 6.1 The schedule is attached to this notice of race.

7. Equipment inspection

- 7.1 Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time.

8. Venue

- 8.1 Registration will be at the Club House, Minima Yacht Club, 48a High Street, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 1HN. Boats that have entered online do not need to register in person.
- 8.2 Changing facilities and refreshments (including bacon or egg rolls and lunch on Sunday) are available at the Club House.
- 8.3 Boats may be launched from and stored overnight at the boat park on the opposite (Middlesex) bank, accessible from Barge Walk. The access road is secured by a barrier, contact the Sailing Secretary on 07917 085 332 for the code.
- 8.4 The sailing area will be on the Thames between Kingston Bridge and Raven's Ait.
- 8.5 Due to the abnormally low river level (at the time of issuing this notice of race), competitors should take additional care when launching and recovering boats and when coming alongside our fixed jetties.

9. Scoring

- 9.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.1.1 When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.1.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.1.3 When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

10. Risk Statement

- 10.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 10.2 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;

11. Insurance

- 11.1 [NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

12. Privacy Statement

- 12.1 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.

13. Prizes

- 13.1 Prizegiving will be held in the Club House following racing on Sunday.
- 13.2 Prizes will be awarded for each fleet as below and for the New Sailors Race. A prize may not be awarded for a fleet with fewer than three entries.
 - (a) Thames A Rater - Rater Salver
 - (b) Merlin Rocket - Hilde Cup
 - (c) Laser - Laser Trophy
 - (d) Enterprise - End of Season Plate
 - (e) Solo - Solo Hand
 - (f) Portsmouth Yardstick - Turketine Challenge Cup

Annual Regatta 2026 – Schedule

Time		Venue
Saturday 5th September		
1200	Registration open; changing facilities and soft drinks available.	Club House
1330	Mandatory briefing for all competitors	Boat Park
1400	Race 1 (warning signal at 1355)	
Following Race 1	Race 2	
Following Race 2	New Sailors Race	
1800	Bar open	Club House
2000	Barbeque (pre-booking essential)	Club House
Sunday 6th September		
0930	Registration open; changing facilities, soft drinks and bacon or egg rolls available free for competitors.	Club House
1030	Mandatory briefing for all competitors	Boat Park
1100	Race 3 (warning signal at 1055)	
Following Race 3	Race 4	
	Break for lunch	Club House
1400	Race 5 (warning signal at 1355)	
TBA	Prizegiving	Club House

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