

NECRA notice of race 2026



1. Rules

Racing will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA and NECRA.
- 1.3 The event Sailing Instructions of the Organising Authority (Host Club).
- 1.4 Between the hours of sunset to sunrise the IRPCS or other Government Right of Way rules shall replace RRS Part 2 and Navigation lights must be displayed.

2. Safety

The minimum requirements for a boat to compete in a NECRA event is that prescribed by the event Sailing Instructions of the Organising Authority.

- 2.1 Single handed racing is not permitted.
- 2.2 Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are only permitted if specified in the event Sailing Instructions (this would change IRC Rule 15.2(d) and RRS52).
- 2.3 NECRA recommend that for all Offshore Series events all classes should:
 - Meet World Sailing Special Offshore Regulations Category 4.
 - The propulsion engine should enable the boat to motor at a minimum speed (in knots) of the square root of the LWL (in feet) and boats shall carry enough fuel to motor at this speed from the furthest point in the race to a safe harbour, plus fuel for an additional 1 hours motoring.
 - Carry an anchor, chain and warp appropriate to the water where the boat is racing.
 - Carry a fixed VHF and/or a handheld VHF

3. Schedule

NECRA provides three different Series of races this season:

- 3.1 An Offshore Series.
- 3.2 A Return Series.
- 3.3 An Inshore Series.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 The Series are open to all registered NECRA boats having a current or temporary NERR rating certificate.
- 4.2 Boats shall meet the Organising Authority's required Safety Regulations and Insurance cover.
- 4.3 Registration in NECRA shall be on the form available on the NECRA website (preferred) or on a form available from the NECRA Secretary.
- 4.4 Boats shall have paid all appropriate NECRA fees before entering a race or will be scored DNC.
- 4.5 Boats registering within 3 days of a NECRA event in which they wish to compete may not receive recognition of their result at that event.
- 4.6 The NECRA Management Committee reserve the right to refuse a yacht's entry to any of the NECRA Series races.

5. Classes

Boats can choose to race Spinnaker (Class 1 or 2 depending on their rating) or Non-Spinnaker (Class 3) for any full Series.

The TCF figures defining classes for the season are provisional and will be confirmed at least 3 days before the start of the season are as follows:

- 5.1 Class 1 NERR rating system TCF 0.9 and above.
- 5.2 Class 2 NERR rating system TCF less than 0.9.
- 5.3 Class 3 is designated a 'white sail' class. Boats in this class shall not use a spinnaker and their non-spinnaker NERR rating will be used to calculate their results.
- 5.4 Boats may race in different classes for each Series but once chosen must keep to that class for the whole of that series.
- 5.5 Before competing in any of the Series, boats must declare in writing to NECRA, or have indicated on their Registration Form, in which Class they wish to compete in each Series. Spinnaker is the default Class.
- 5.6 Boats wishing to change classes during the season must give at least 7 day notice of such a change in writing to NECRA on the understanding that previous results in any series may be voided.

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 Provisional Sailing Instructions will be posted on the NECRA website at least 3 days before the event.

7. Scoring

7.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply to each race. RRS Rule A5.3 will apply to all series (long series scoring).

7.2 The Offshore Series:

- Will consist of a possible 8 races.
- Boats will score their best results from 5 of the races.

7.3 The Return Series:

- Will consist of a possible 10 races.
- Boats will score their best results from 5 of the races.

7.4 The Inshore Series:

- Will consist of a possible 15 races.
- Boats will score their best results from 6 of the races.

7.5 For the new member trophy all races will count.

8. Ratings

8.1 A valid NERR ratings certificate must be carried on-board at all times.

8.2 A list of all registered boats and their ratings will be maintained on the NECRA website.

8.3 Results will be calculated on the basis of a boats rating, as shown on the NECRA website on the day of the race.

8.4 Boats who permanently change specification such that it changes their rating during the season must give at least 7 day notice of such a change in writing to NECRA.

9. Scoring - Club Championship

The Offshore Series, the Inshore Series and the Return Series results will be used to calculate the club championship. Each club boat competing will score as follows:

- 1 point for starting,
- 1 point for finishing,
- 1 point for each boat beaten in their class.

For races with less than 5 boats starting, points will be calculated on the basis of 5 boats starting.

10. Results

Results for each race will be posted on the NECRA website as soon as possible after the completion of each race.

11. Trophies

- 11.1 NECRA Trophies will be awarded to the class winners for the Offshore Series, Inshore Series & Return Series.
- 11.2 The 'New Members Trophy' will be presented to the most successful new NECRA member of the season.
- 11.3 A NECRA trophy will be awarded for the Club Championship.
- 11.4 Other trophies may be presented at the committee's discretion.
- 11.5 NECRA yacht of the year will be decided by the NECRA Committee and will be based on a combination of results, support of the events and overall contribution to NECRA.

12. Advertising

- 2.1 Category C advertising is permitted.

13 Radio Communications

- 13.1 All competitors must confirm their intention to race and declare the number of people on board to the Race Start Team before the starting sequence begins.
- 13.2 Other than for safety reasons, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communication during the race that is not available to all boats racing. These restrictions also apply to mobile telephones.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in NECRA events entirely at their own risk. NECRA and the Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any NECRA event.

15. Conflict

In the event of conflict with the SIs published by the Organising Authority:

- For the calculation of NECRA results only, this NOR will take precedence.
- In all other areas of conflict the SIs of the Organising Authority will take precedence.