

Tees and Hartlepool Yacht Club

NECRA Regatta

18th and 19th May 2013

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

The event will be governed by RRS, the prescriptions of the RYA and NECRA and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Conditions of Entry

Boats must be registered with NECRA prior to the start of this event.

Each boat shall hold a valid NERR rating certificate.

Boats must meet the safety regulations described in **27** below.

The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race.

Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organizers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew as a result of their taking part in a race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races and that the boat contains at least the minimum safety equipment specified by NERR/NECRA.

3. Intention to Race

Boats should indicate their intention to race on the NECRA website prior to the event.

In addition, boats must indicate their intention to race by notifying Tees Tower on channel M2.

4. Classes

Boats will compete in one of the three classes below:-

Class 1 – boats with a NERR rating of TCF 0.88 and above.

Class 2 – boats with a NERR rating of TCF below 0.88

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 the results

Boats are required to fly the appropriate numerical pennant from their backstay.

5. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors and these Sailing Instructions will be posted in the Hartlepool Marina Lock Office, at Kafiga Landings, and on the NECRA website.

6. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled race at Hartlepool Marina lock office and Kafiga Landings entrance.

7. Schedule of Races

| | | | Class | Warning | Start |
|----------|--------|--------|-------------|---|-------|
| Saturday | race1 | 18 May | All Classes | 13:25 | 13:30 |
| Saturday | race 2 | 18 May | All Classes | As soon as possible after the finish of race 1. | |
| Sunday | race 3 | 19 May | All Classes | 10:25 | 10:30 |

8. Tidal Times

Hartlepool Tidal times BST:-

| Sat 18th May | | | | Sun 19 May | | | |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 03:35 | 09:57 | 16:26 | 22:43 | 04:51 | 11:01 | 17:34 | 23:48 |
| 1.9m | 4.2m | 1.6m | 4.1m | 2.0m | 4.2m | 1.5m | 4.2m |

On Saturday 18th May there should be access to the marina from 1800 onwards perhaps 17:30 for shallower draft boats. On Sunday morning there should be no significant tidal restrictions for access to the marina.

9. Starting Sequence

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| Warning signal (5 minutes to start) | One white light |
| Preparatory signal (4 minutes to start) | Two white lights |
| 1 Minute to start | Three white lights |
| Start | All lights extinguished |

These signals may be supplemented by a countdown on VHF ch.M2.

10. Recalls

Individual recall - One white light after start. Light will remain on until offending yacht(s) have returned to start side of line or for 4 minutes.

General recall – Four white lights on after the start. The new starting sequence will commence 1 minute after the lights have been extinguished.

11. Postponement

Will be indicated by 4 white lights. The new start time will be broadcast on VHF ch.M2

12. Starting Line

The start line is a transit between a white light on the THYC clubhouse and a white pole at the end of the south pier carrying the red harbour light and weather instruments. Please note, the outer and inner distance marks (orange spheres) are tide borne. Yachts must pass between the Inner and Outer distance marks at the start of each course specified.

13. Finishing line

A transit between a white light on the clubhouse and a white pole at the end of the south pier carrying red harbour light and weather instruments. As each yacht finishes four white lights will be displayed from the THYC clubhouse.

14. Courses

Courses will be selected from the attached course sheet and may consist of combinations of the THYC courses listed. Courses will be announced on VHF ch.M2 approximately 15 minutes before the start.

15. Shortened Courses

Shortened course for any class will be indicated by two white lights displayed from the THYC clubhouse as the leading yacht in class approaches the last mark before the finishing line. It may also be announced on VHF ch M2.

16. Course Amendments

Courses may be amended . An announcement will be made via VHF ch M2. The OOD will attempt to confirm by VHF that each competitor is aware of the amendments. However, the onus is on competitors to monitor VHF ch M2 for such announcements.

17. Hartlepool and Tees Channels

These are designated as Continuous Obstructions and must not be entered when racing. Yachts entering these Channels whilst racing will be disqualified.

18. Time Limit

As indicated on course sheet. If more than one THYC course is used, the time limit for the race is the sum of the time limits for each course.

19. Declaration and retirement

Written declarations shall not be required. In crossing the finish line, the yacht declares herself to have sailed the course fairly and in accordance with the rules. Skippers who cannot so declare should wear an ensign. Any yacht retiring before or after finishing must inform the duty officer on VHF channel M2 as soon as possible.

20. Penalties

If a yacht contravenes a rule of part 2 of RRS while racing she may exonerate herself by taking a 720° turns penalty in accordance with RRS44.

21. Protests

Protests must be advised to OOD by VHF ch.M2 immediately after the end of the race and protest forms handed in to T&HYC race office within 1 hour of the finish of the last boat.

22. Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones. THYC "Tees Tower" will address all racing yachts as "NECRA fleet."

23. Scoring

Race results will be calculated using boats' NERR ratings as shown in the Registered details on the NECRA Website at the time of the event.

Necra scoring will be as RRS Appendix A using low points.

24. Prizes

Regatta prizes will be awarded in THYC clubhouse to class winners for each race as follows:-

Saturday 7.15pm THYC

Sunday 13:30pm THYC

25. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the race at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to or during this event.

26. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of two million pounds sterling.

27. Safety Equipment requirements

All classes to satisfy ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 5 plus NECRA prescriptions.

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