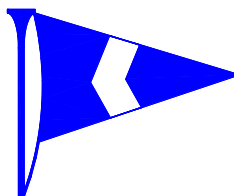


**South Shields**



**Sailing Club**

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## **North East & Yorkshire Youth Traveller Series**

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**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

This event will be organised by South Shields Sailing Club. See Section 25 - Figure 1 for location.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 This event is part of the North East and Yorkshire Youth Traveller Series (NEYYTS) and the NEYYTS Notice of Race applies.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the NOR and these SIs, the SIs will prevail.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled time of the race or races to which it applies.

**3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse foyer.
- 3.2 A briefing will be held in the galley at 10.00

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signals AP.

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

The race schedule and time of the warning signal for the first race of each session is as follows:

Saturday – 3 Races @ 11:00

**7 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag for all boats in the regatta will be Numeral Flag "8" (A white with a red cross).



flag

**8 RACING AREA**

The Sailing Area will be on the North Sea adjacent to the mouth of River Tyne, either in the adjacent bay to the north, or the adjacent bay to the south as shown in Section 25 - Figure 2. In the unlikely event that conditions dictate the organisers retain the right to use the area inside the harbour walls.

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**9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The course will be a port hand triangle.
- 9.2 The start/finish line "gate" will be between a dan buoy with an orange flag and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat.
- 9.3 All boats shall pass through the start/finish gate on every upwind leg of the course. Boats observed not to do so will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.
- 9.4 Boats shall not pass through the start/finish line on a designated downwind leg. Boats observed to do so will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.
- 9.5 Competitors shall continue to circulate until they have recorded a finish as defined in 13.

**10 ROUNDING MARKS**

Rounding marks will be orange inflatable cylinders.

**11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26. (5-4-1-Start).
- 11.2 The start line will be the start/finish "gate", defined in 9.2.

**12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 Marks may be moved to maintain configuration of the course, or the fairness of the race.
- 12.2 Verbal instructions may be given to competitors advising of course changes, but no other signals will be made. This changes Rule 33.

**13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be through the start/finish gate.
- 13.2 When on station to finish the committee boat will display a blue flag.
- 13.3 Competitors will be given a single sound signal to indicate that they have recorded a finish.

**14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for all boats is 60 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within a 20-minute finishing window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 14.3 Back markers may be given their finish position taken on the course by a Race patrol boat displaying Flag W and they may then return to the starting area for the next race.

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**15 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1 Boats intending to lodge a protest shall inform the race committee finishing vessel upon finishing the race. Note that an Advisory Hearing does not require a sailor to inform the race committee boat at the finish of the race.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4 Hearings will be held in the clubhouse.
- 15.5 The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

**16 SCORING**

- 16.1 Boat positions in each race will be determined using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System and the current published yardstick numbers.
- 16.2 The Low Point scoring system (Appendix A) will apply.
- 16.3 One race completed will constitute a series.
- 16.4 When fewer than three races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.5 When three or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Crew members shall always wear personal flotation devices whilst afloat without Flag Y being flown. This changes RRS 40 (Personal Flotation Devices). Wet or dry suits alone are not considered adequate personal buoyancy.
- 17.3 When sailing to and from the racing area sailors will be passing through the commercial shipping lane. Competitors are required to keep well clear (greater than ½ mile clear of large vessels e.g.: car transporters or ferry) of all commercial, fishing, and naval vessels. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from all races on that day.
- 17.4 All commercial river traffic has right of way at all times and shall not be obstructed by competitors.
- 17.5 [DP] [NP] Check out and check in: All boats shall sign on before going on the water and sign off, as soon as possible, but within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing a race. The signing on/off sheet will be posted in the clubhouse foyer. Any boat failing to sign on or off under her correct sail number may exonerate herself by making a donation of £5 to the RNLI.

**18 EVENT ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**19 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be SSSC RIBs only.

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**20 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard official boats.

**21 DATA PROTECTION**

21.1 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. 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 Organising Authority's privacy policy (see <https://www.myclubhouse.co.uk/SSSC/PrivacyPolicy>). 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.

21.2 The Organising Authority will share your personal information with the Streaker Class Owners Association (the Class Association) which will store and use your information in accordance with its privacy policy (see <https://www.streaker-class.org.uk/data-privacy-policy>)

**22 USE OF IMAGES**

22.1 The Organising Authority and NEYYTS Association may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the event and published for publicity or training purposes on the internet, social media channels or in print.

22.2 By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees to the use of images for this purpose, and they agree to assign any right of ownership of these images to the Class Association.

**23 RISK STATEMENT**

23.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23.2 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

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#### 24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

#### 25 GENERAL INFORMATION

Please avoid parking and rigging boats at the concrete turning areas at the top of the slipway. Please show consideration for other users and assist crews to launch quickly by bringing trolleys up the beach once their boats are launched.



Figure 1 - Location of South Shields Sailing Club



Figure 2- Sailing Area