



SYH CLASSIC REGATTA 2026

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SYH Classic Regatta: 26th, 27th and 28th June 2026

Race Organisers

Suffolk Yacht Harbour (SYH) in association with Haven Ports Yacht Club (HPYC). The Race Office is contactable as in "Venue" below.

Rules

The Regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing together with the RYA Prescriptions and also World Sailing Special Regulations.

Advertising

Not applicable

Eligibility and Entry

Yachts of classic character and conventional mono hull design, by invitation only.

Eligible boats may enter by filling in the "Entry Form" and paying the necessary fee. A "Handicapping Form" may also be required if the yacht is not known to the organisers.

Late Entries will be accepted until 5pm on 25th June 2025.

The regatta will be sailed under the provisions of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, appendix B, for inshore racing with the following variations:

It is strongly recommended that personal buoyancy be worn in any yacht without all-round guardrails.

Except where specific exemption has been obtained, a functioning propulsion engine is required, sufficiently powerful and with sufficient fuel to return to harbour if the need arises.

A minimum of 1 litre of drinking water shall be on board for each member of the crew

Upon entering the owner is responsible for ensuring that the yacht is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to withstand the expected weather/conditions. Also, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand the conditions. The safety equipment should be properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

Fees

There is required an entry fee payable of £15 for motor boats and £30 for sailing yachts.



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Schedule

Further clarification will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

Friday 26th June – An informal (All In) race in the river outside SYH starting at 18:00. (separate supplementary Sailing Instructions will be issued for this).

There will be a briefing for all competitors at 08:45 in the Harbour Room (adjacent LV87) on Saturday 27th June.

Saturday 27th June - two races for four classes, first start in Harwich Harbour at 10:45.

Class Z – Gaffers

Class S – Stellas

Class H – Yachts

Class D – Deben Cherubs

Sunday 28th June – A further race for the above classes again in Harwich Harbour.

A prizegiving will be held in the Harbour Room at approx. 16:00.

Measurement

Not Applicable

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be issued during May 2026.

Venue

The fleet will be based in Suffolk Yacht Harbour (IP10 0LN), the Race Office will be the SYH office, telephone 01473 659240 or 659465 and the social events will be on LV 87 / Haven Ports Yacht Club at SYH.

Course Area

Racing primarily will take place in the confines of the rivers Orwell and Stour. When suitable the waters outside of Harwich Harbour (but inside Cork Sand) using fixed racing marks may be utilised.

Scoring

The Saturday and Sunday races sailed will constitute a series (no discards) to be scored by the low points system of Racing Rules Appendix A. Races will be scored using the “Low Point” system set out in RSS Appendix A4.1 save that a boat is disqualified (DSQ, DNE, BFD or DGM) shall be scored points for the finishing place three more than the number of boats entered into the regatta. This changes RSS Appendix A4.2 accordingly. Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix A7 and A8

Support Boats

No restrictions



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Berthing

The fleet will be berthed at Suffolk Yacht Harbour (IP10 0LN), 01473 659240

berthing@syharbour.co.uk

Haul-Out Restrictions

Competitors shall stay afloat for the duration of the regatta.

Radio Communication

A VHF transceiver must be carried on board, handheld being acceptable. As a minimum, channels 16,37 (sometimes shown as M, M1 P or P1) 68, 71, 72 and 77 are required. The primary channel for communication will be VHF Ch. 77. Competitors are advised to monitor this at all times. Competitors may communicate with the race officer using VHF Ch.77 or by telephone (07518 027795) avoiding start sequences if not an emergency.

Prizes

Racing prizes as follows:

- *Stella of the Year*
- *Windpower Trophy*
- *Safir Trophy*
- *Spirit Flask 1*
- *Spirit Flask 2*
- *Friday Race Winner*
- *Yacht Class Winner*
- *Cherub Class Winner*
- *Stella Class Winner*
- *Gaff Class Winner*

Plus discretionary prizes to be awarded by the event organiser.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organisers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.



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Risk Statement

They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of 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."

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. *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.*

Privacy Statement

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. 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.

Insurance

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million whilst racing.

Further Information

Contact the Race Office as in "Venue" above or see the website www.syhclassicregatta.co.uk