

North East & Yorkshire Youth Travellers Series 2026

Welton Sailing Club

30 May 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

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

RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the prescriptions of the RYA and the class rules except where specifically detailed in these instructions. The club upholds and expects its members to act in line with the RYA Racing Charter.
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- 1.3 This event is part of the North East and Yorkshire Youth Traveller Series (NEYTYS) and the NEYYTS Notice of Race applies.
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between the NOR and these SIs, the SIs will prevail.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the first race on the day it will take effect and will be signalled by displaying flag "L" accompanied by one sound signal.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board prior to the event, located www.neyysa.org, or, on the day of the event at the Official Notice Board inside the clubhouse.
- 3.2 The sailors' briefing will take place at 0945am.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 There are 4 races scheduled. One race shall constitute a series.

6.2 The approximate schedule will be as follows.

08:45	Club Open for arrivals and registration
09:45	Briefing for Sailors Regatta Fleet Coach Briefing
10:05	Permission to launch
10:25	Warning signal for race 1
<i>The following are for guidance only and may vary considerably. Information will be provided at the competitor briefing on the proposed sailing schedule. Deviation from SI6.2 will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a)</i>	
Immediately following race 1	Warning signal for race 2
12:30	Lunch Ashore
13:30	Launch and 2 races back-to-back
Post Racing	Regatta Division Coach De-Brief Prize Giving

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:25.

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.5 No warning signal will be made after 16:00.

7 CLASS FLAGS AND IDENTIFICATION

7.1 The Class flag is Echo (E) (blue stripe above red stripe).

7.2 Sailors entered in the regatta fleet will be provided with an identifying tag to clearly identify them on the water, this must be displayed on the boat or worn, as instructed by the race organisers.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be the large section of Welton Water as shown on the board

9 COURSES

9.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the course board in the club house or on the side of the committee boat, the marks used and their order of rounding will be displayed on the course board.

Course marks are numbered 1 to 8, E & W inclusive.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks will be orange, long cylindrical inflatable marks.

The starting/finishing mark will be a small yellow pencil mark

11 NOT USED

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5 Mins	Class flag	one	Warning Signal
4 Mins	Preparatory Flag: P or I or U	One	Preparatory Signal
1 Min	Preparatory flag removed	One	One Minute to start
0	Class Flag removed	One	Starting Signal

- 12.2 Individual Recalls: Individual recalls will be dealt with in accordance with RRS 29.1.

- 12.3 General Recalls: General recalls will be dealt with in accordance with RRS 29.2.

- 12.4 Starting lines: The start line and its location will be described on the course board.

- 12.5 Keeping Clear: Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

- 12.6 Limit Marks (IDM): Limit marks may be laid adjacent to the ends of a start line, they are marks of the course and must be passed on the same side as the starting mark they guard, and boats shall not pass between the limit mark and the mark it guards.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 The course will not change after it has been rounded for the first time.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be as described on the course board.

- 14.2 Each race will be sailed for a target time of 40 minutes, at which point the race will be shortened, by display of flag S, and boats will be finished as they next cross the start line.

- 14.3 Boat may be Whiskey finished, by a race committee vessel bearing a whiskey flag. 14.4 Boats who have been whiskey finished will have their time and laps taken from their last time through the line.

15 NOT USED

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The time limit for a race is 80 minutes. The target time in minutes for the lead boat on the water is 40 minutes.

- 16.2 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 For races held before the lunch break, the protest time limit is 15 minutes after the last boat is ashore, following the morning races. For races held after the lunch break, the protest time limit is 15 minutes after the last boat is ashore, following the days racing.

- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

- 17.3 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. The location of hearings will be published with the schedule, on the Official Notice Board.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Each race at the will be scored based on average lap times. The elapsed time for each boat will be divided by the number of laps sailed by that boat to calculate an average lap time.
- 18.2 The low points scoring system from RRS Appendix A will apply. Results will be issued based on a boats PY number.
- 18.2 The race committee will shorten the course at the finishing line to achieve the target race duration. All boats crossing the finishing line from the direction of the last mark will be finished after the course has been shortened. Thus, the first boat to finish may not be the leading boat on the water.
- 18.4 When 2 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.2 RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race organising authority.
- 20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the race organising authority. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 Not Used

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 Prizes will be given to the winner of the event and to the winner of the regatta fleet. Other prizes may be given at the discretion of the organisers.

24 RISK STATEMENT

24.1 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 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 organizer 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;