



## **RIVER EXE REGATTA 2026**

*Incorporating the Hornet Open Meeting*

### **Dinghy Racing Notice of Race**

**Organising Authority: Starcross Yacht Club**

**Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 June 2026**

**Tides:** Saturday HW 3.5m at 1139; Sunday HW 3.3m at 1223.

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

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix T shall apply. RRS 44.3(a) and 44.3(b) are changed in that a yellow flag need not be displayed.
- 1.2 Changes to the RRS will be indicated in the relevant instructions to which they apply - in this NOR or the SIs.

#### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be published by 5 June 2026 on the Exe Regatta page of the Starcross Yacht Club events site at: <https://www.starcrossyc.org.uk/syc-events>

#### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at: <https://www.starcrossyc.org.uk/syc-events>
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 4.1 The Exe Regatta is open to monohull dinghies with an RYA PY rating between 797 (RS800) and 1452 (RS Tera Sport) and all multihull dinghies. The Hornet Open Meeting is open to all Hornet classes.
- 4.2 Entries can only be made for a single rig where boats have multiple rig options. The rig to be used at this event shall be specified at entry.
- 4.3 A maximum of 75 boats may enter the event.

- 4.4 Boats shall enter by completing the entry form online using this link: <https://www.starcrossyc.org.uk/syc-events>. To be considered 'entered' a boat shall complete all registration requirements. This shall be done before entry closes.
- 4.5 For children (under 18) or vulnerable adults, written consent of the parent or person with parental responsibility is an entry requirement.
- 4.6 Entry will close when 75 completed entries have been made or at 2300 on Wednesday 17th June 2026.
- 4.7 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries at its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76. If the Organising Authority decides to cancel the event, cancel a class or reject an entry they shall give at least 36 hours notice to the affected competitors.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 This event is free to those who have successfully completed their entry.

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

## 7 ADVERTISING

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

## 8 FORMAT OF RACING

- 8.1 The event comprises a single series of up to four races for each class.

## 9 SCHEDULE.

- 9.1 A competitors' briefing will be available via YouTube no later than 18th June 2026. Competitors are required to have seen this briefing before going afloat. A link to the briefing will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Competitors will also be sent an email (to address provided at entry) containing this link.
- 9.2 The scheduled first warning signal and number of races for each class is set out in the table below:

Class	Description/PY Handicap Rating	Course Area	Scheduled First Warning Signal Saturday 20	Number of scheduled races	Scheduled First Warning Signal Sunday 21	Number of scheduled races	Event Total number of races
Slow Handicap	Monohull dinghies PY 1218 - 1452	A	1100	2	1145	2	4
Medium Handicap	Monohull dinghies 1053 - 1217	A	1103	2	1148	2	4
Multihull	All mutihulls	B	1100	2	1145	2	4
Hornet	All Hornet Class dinghies	B	1103	2	1148	2	4
Fast Handicap	Monohull dinghies PY 797 - 1052	B	1106	2	1151	2	4

- 9.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## **10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 10.1 Boats and equipment, including personal equipment, may be inspected at any time.
- 10.2 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
- 10.3 Boats are permitted to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that under which the boat is registered, with the following constraints: (a) It is not permitted to use a number which is already being used by a boat of the same class in the race and (b) the boat shall enter via the entry form the sail number to be used in this event.
- 10.4 Sail numbers are not required on spinnakers. This changes RRS Appendix G1.1.

## **11 CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT**

- 11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times whilst afloat.

## **12 VENUE**

- 12.1 Racing will take place on The River Exe in the vicinity of Lymptone Sailing Club and Starcross Yacht Club.
- 12.2 There will be two course areas with fleets allocated to them as set out at NOR 9.2 above.

## **13 THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 For the multihull fleet only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 One race is required to be scored to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When three or more races have been scored the worst result will be excluded.

## **16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 16.1 Except when requested by, or agreed with the race committee, support persons may not communicate with competitors' afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.
- 16.2 Support boats may be required to assist any boat on any race course under instruction from the race committee.

## **17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

Does not apply

## **18 BERTHING**

- 18.1 [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

## **19 HAUL- OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Does not apply

## **20 DIVING EQUIPMENT & PLASTIC POOLS**

Does not apply

## **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 Starcross Yacht Club's privacy policy, which can be found at <https://www.starcrossyc.org.uk/disclaimer-and-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.

21.2 In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them, taken during the period of the event as defined in the NoR/SI in which they participate, without compensation. If such consent needs to be withdrawn, competitors should state this in writing to the PRO at least 36 hours before the start of the event.

## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

22.1 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 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, 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 competitor briefing held at the venue.

## **23 INSURANCE**

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

23.2 Competitors are advised to ensure that their boats are appropriately insured for any loss or damage that may occur.

## **24 PRIZES**

24.1 It is intended to hold the prize giving as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 21st June 2026.

24.2 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each of the Exe Regatta classes and in the Hornet Class.

24.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

## 25 RYA RACING CHARTER

25.1 Competitors should note that SYC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RRS 2025-2028 published by the RYA or at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

## 26 FURTHER INFORMATION

26.1 The venue website can be found here: <https://www.starcrossyc.org.uk/syc-events>

26.2 To contact the Organising Authority please submit a query via the link on the venue website.

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## EXE REGATTA WHATSAPP GROUP

A WhatsApp group has been set up and will be used as a quick messaging service between the Organising Authority and competitors. This is not the Official Notice Board. It may be used to draw attention to a notice that has been posted on the Official Notice Board. To join the WhatsApp group use the QR code below, or this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HaoPJ8INleTFTImeNsPDvB>

