



Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

Series Three Autumn 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY



Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

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1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by RRS.

2. ENTRY

2.1 Boats are invited to enter monohull yachts and sports boats complying with Appendix B , intending to compete in IRC and YTC classes.

2.2 Boats intending to participate in any race organised by Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club must submit to the Race Committee:

- a) A completed Annual Signing On Form
- b) A valid IRC certificate if participating in IRC as well as YTC.
- c) World sailing: https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/15183818/WS_Offshore_Special_Regulations_2024-2025_1.13.pdf

2.3 The above stated documents must be submitted to and acknowledged by the Race Committee prior entering a race in this series.

3. FEES

3.1. Entry Fees per competing Yacht shall be: £10.00 per race

3.2. Entry fees shall be paid promptly after each race.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1. The Organising Authority intends to offer a Race Programme as follows:

Format

Class	Start Signal
IRC	09:45
Club Handicap	09:45

Dates

Race	Date	Target Duration
1	20 th September	4 hours
2	4 th October	2 hours
3	18 th October	4 hours
4	1 st November	2 hours
5	8 th November	2 hours
6	15 th November	2 hours
7	22 nd November	2 hours
8	29 th November	2 hours
9	6 th December	2 hours
10	13 th December	2 hours

4.2. Scoring Regimes: Club Handicap or IRC (see SHYC Sailing Instructions).

4.3. Prior to the start of racing, a short briefing will be given by the Race Officer via Marine Band VHF Radio on the Race Frequency Channel 77.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. The SHYC Standard Sailing Instructions are available on the SHYC website

6. RADIO COMMUNICATION

6.1. It shall remain the responsibility of the person-in-charge to ensure:

- The yacht is able to receive communication with the Race Management Team via Marine Band VHF Radio on the Race Frequency;
- A listening watch is maintained at all times whilst underway.



Failure to receive instruction from the Race Officer shall not form grounds for protest or request for redress

6.2. The Race Frequency shall be Marine Band **VHF Channel 77**.

6.3. The race committee call-sign shall be "Suntrap".

6.4. General announcements to competitors shall be announced using the call-sign "Sovereign Harbour Race Fleet".

6.5. Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile-telephone equipment.

7. COURSE

7.1 The course shall be announced no later than 5 minutes before the first warning signal, by the race officer on VHF Channel 77

7.2 The race officer shall set a target for participants to finish within 3 hours for a standard race, with a 90-minute time-out once the first boat finishes. However, the race officer retains the discretion to adjust these timings as necessary.

7.3 Races marked as long, are intended to be long races with a target time of up to 5 hours with the time-out adjusted to 2 hours after the first boat finishes. As above, the race officer retains discretion.

7.4 Current marks; see appendix A

8. START AREA AND START PROCEDURE

8.1. Time limits; A boat failing to start within **10mins** of her start signal shall be scored DNS (changes rule RRS A5).

9. SCORING

9.1. IRC or Club Handicap Races:

- a) A Yacht serving as Race Officer shall be awarded a "Third place" 3 points.

10. PRIZES

10.1. Prizes will be awarded to First Three Place in each Group subject to minimum entry of 5 yachts in each Group. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of sponsors and the Organising Authority.



11. BEHAVIOUR

11.1. The Person-in-Charge of a yacht associated with the SHYC, and/or sailing under the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club banners will be held responsible for the behaviour and actions of all crew at all times during the Race. RRS 2 and 69 deal with the penalties for breaking it.

13. DECISION TO RACE

- a. 13.1. Competitors participate in races organised by Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club entirely at their own risk.
- b. Decision to Race. Under RRS Rule 3 the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate, or continue to participate, in the SHYC races, is hers alone. The safety of a boat and all persons aboard is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge. Neither the establishment of the OSR Category 3,4, or appendix B the Safety Regulations, nor the inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Person in Charge.
- c.

FURTHER INFORMATION

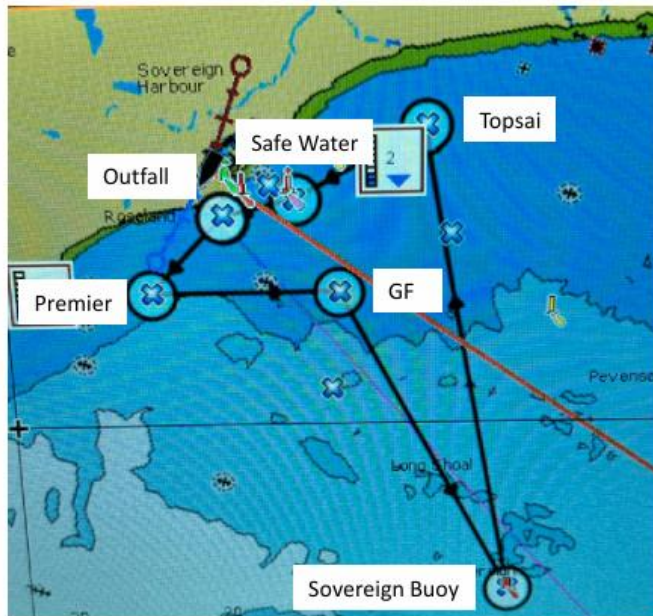
A.1. The Organising Authority will be pleased to assist with any queries regarding Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club racing; contact details can be found under Organising Host at the start of Page one of this document.

A.2. Race Documents can be found at <https://shyc.co.uk/racing/>

A.3. Race Results will be posted to <https://shyc.co.uk/racing/>

A.4 The ODM (outer distance mark) has approximately 3.6m depth at LAT's (lowest astronomical tides). Inshore from this mark, there are reducing depths. Please note: **the water inshore from this mark, may not be deep enough for some vessels.**

Appendix A Fixed race marks



Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club Race Marks – September 2026

Outfall to St Leonards Outfall - 8.00
Sovereign Buoy to St Leonards Outfall - 6.39
Outfall to Rye Safe Water – 19.10
Outfall to CS2 – 11.3

Buoy	North	East
Safe Water	50 47 370	00 20 810
Outfall	50 47 008	00 19 855
Premier	50 46 082	00 19 167
GF	50 46 653	00 21 861
Topsail	50 48 378	00 22 350
St Leonards Outfall	50 49 321	00 31 970
Sovereign Buoy	50 44 229	00 25 856
Rye Safe Water	50 54 040	00 48 020

Buoys	Outfall	Safe Water	Topsail	GF	Premier	Sovereign Buoy
Outfall		0.70	2.09	1.32	1.02	4.70
Safe Water	0.70		1.40	0.98	1.65	4.48
Topsail	2.09	1.40		1.75	3.05	4.70
GF	1.32	0.98	1.75		1.80	3.5
Premier	1.02	1.65	3.03	1.80		4.62
Sovereign Buoy	4.70	4.48	4.70	3.5	4.62	