



Ramsgate Week Regatta 2026

Sunday 19TH - Friday 24TH JULY 2026

Including IRC 2026 East Coast Championship





Notice of Race

Royal Temple Yacht Club

The organising authority for each day of racing will be
The Royal Temple Yacht Club

Sunday 19TH - Friday 24TH July
Notice of Race for IRC Classes
YTC Cruiser and Classic Classes
Version 1.4f

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Royal Harbour Marina terms and conditions and the Port of Ramsgate bye-laws 2011
- 1.2 IRC Classes shall comply with current IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C, but excluding IRC rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4
- 1.3 All Classes will comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B: Special Regulations for Inshore Racing and with the Royal Temple Yacht Club's minimum safety equipment rules, attached as Appendix 1 to this Notice of Race
- 1.4 Mediation and Arbitration procedure to resolve an alleged infringement of a rule of Part 2 will be available. Details will be included in the Sailing Instructions
- 1.5 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

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Rights to use names and likenesses.

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

2.2 Sponsor's Logos

If competitors are issued with material by the Organising Authority bearing a sponsor's logo or advertising, they shall display such material as instructed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats over 6m in length able to satisfy the safety rules and shall be divided into the handicap classes outlined in 3.4 and below in Appendix 1
- 3.2 Eligible boats must enter by completing the official entry form available from the website www.ramsgateweek.com. You may also be required to sign a disclaimer at the time of registration in the RTYC Club house
- 3.3 **Regatta Entry Fees are detailed below: -**

Early, Early bird - enter and pay in full by end of January 2026

- £80 a day
- £195 Three days - Wednesday to Friday
- £305 Six days – Sunday to Friday
- RTYC full members £250 for Six days – Sunday to Friday

Early bird – enter and pay in full by end of May 2026

- £90 a day
- £225 Wednesday to Friday
- £315 Five days – Sunday to Friday
- RTYC full members £270 for Six days – Sunday to Friday

Entries and payment received after 1st June 2026

- £100 a day
- £245 Wednesday to Friday
- £345 Five days – Sunday to Friday
- RTYC full members £315 for Six days – Sunday to Friday

Payment for entries should be made via bank transfer using the following credentials:

Sort Code: 20-54-25

Account: 93438937

IBAN GB23BUK-B205425937

Account Name Royal Temple Yacht Club Limited

Please ensure that you identify the transaction using the “Name of the Yacht” being entered and “Surname” of the person named on the entry form.








3.3.1 Entry Cancellation and Refunds

If written cancellation of entry is received at the Regatta Office (info@rtyc.com) by 17:00 on Saturday 1st June 2026, the whole fee less a £75 administration charge will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances.

Cancellation by the Race Committee

In the event of one or more races being abandoned or cancelled, entry fees will not be refunded

3.4 Entries are eligible to enter any of the following classes:

IRC		IRC 1	Open to boats holding a current IRC Certificate. It is intended to have 2 IRC classes and the "Rating Bands" for IRC1 and IRC2 will be notified to competitors by an amendment to the Sailing Instructions displayed on the Club's website prior to the first race. One Design, ½ and ¼ Ton Classes with 3 or more entries will have results extracted from their relevant IRC class to form a one design class.
		IRC 2	
Performance Cruiser Class – With Asymmetric & Code 0		YTC Cruiser Performance Cruisers 4	Performance Cruisers with a hull length between 6m and 18m will be eligible. This class is for genuine cruiser/cruiser-racer boats restricted to Asymmetric / Code 0 only. Boats considered to be performance racing boats are likely to be refused entry in this class and they should enter under IRC. The decision of RWK is final and not subject to appeal. RWK reserves the sole right to accept entries outside the size limits
Cruiser Class – with Spinnakers.		YTC Cruiser 5	You may choose to enter in the more relaxed Cruiser division. Handicaps for classes 4, 5, & 6, must have a current YTC Certificate The "Rating Bands" for Classes 5&6 will be notified to competitors by an amendment to the Sailing Instructions and will be displayed on the Club's website prior to the first race.
		YTC Cruiser 6	
Cruiser Class - Non-Spinnaker.		Cruiser 7	This is intended for the less serious racer without hi-tech sails and the use of spinnakers is prohibited. Reference to Handicap Systems for Cruisers 7 & 8 and any other relevant information may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of the class. All that is required is to provide us with your entry the make and model of your boat, a copy of any other handicaps issued and, if necessary, measurement data.
Classic class		Classic 8	This is a class for all yachts over 24ft length on deck, built of wood or steel before 1975 or in GRP before 1965. A division for Spirit of Tradition yachts may be allocated for boats built after the above dates to designs that reflect the appearance and virtues of classic yachts. Reference to Handicap Systems for Cruisers 7 & 8 and any other relevant information may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of the class. All that is required is to provide us with your entry the make and model of your boat, a copy of any other handicaps issued and if necessary, measurement data. The Race Committee reserve the right to exclude any entry that does not, in their opinion, reflect the spirit of this class.

- 3.5 The Race Committee may, at their discretion, allocate divisions of any class according to the handicap rating.
- 3.6 Additional classes may be added by the Race Committee at their discretion.
- 3.7 Starts may have to be shared with other classes.
- 3.8 Each entrant (owner/skipper) is expected to hold a hard copy document containing emergency contact details for all crew members for the duration of the regatta.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration will be open & take place in the RTYC from 1200 hours on Saturday 18th July. All boats must register prior to competing in their first race. The Registration office will open daily from Sunday to Friday at 08.00 for registration and competitor information purposes.
- 4.2 Racing is scheduled as follows: - **Warning Signals & Classes to be confirmed in the Sailing Instructions before the start of the event.**

Date	Classes	First Warning Signal	Races
Sunday 19 July	IRC 1 & 2	0955	Round the Goodwins
	YTC Cruisers 4,5,6	0945	
	Cruisers 7 & 8	0935	Mini Goodwins
Monday 20 July	IRC 1 & 2	1105	IRC Regatta Series R1
	YTC Cruisers 4,5, & 6	1100	Cruiser Regatta Series R1
	Cruisers 7 & 8	1055	Cruiser Regatta Series R1
Tuesday 21 July	IRC 1, 2	1105	IRC Regatta Series R2
	YTC Cruisers 4, 5, & 6	1100	Cruiser Regatta Series R2
	Cruisers 7 & 8	1055	Cruiser Regatta Series R2
Wednesday 22 July	IRC 1, 2	1105	IRC Regatta Series R3 IRC Champs Series R1
	YTC Cruisers 4, 5, & 6	1100	Cruiser Regatta Series R3 Cruiser MidWeek Series R1
	Cruisers 7 & 8	1055	Cruiser Regatta Series R3
Thursday 23 July QE2 Cup Day	IRC 1 & 2	1105 Race 2 asap	IRC Regatta Series R4 & R5 IRC Champs Series R2 & R3
	YTC Cruisers 4, 5, & 6	1100 Race 2 asap	Cruiser Regatta Series R4 & R5 Cruiser MidWeek Series R2 & R3
	Cruisers 7 & 8	1055	Cruiser Regatta Series 4
Friday 24 July Gold Cup Day	IRC 1 & 2	1035	IRC Regatta Series 6 IRC Champs Series 4
	YTC Cruisers 4, 5&6	1030	Cruiser Regatta Series 6 Cruiser Mid Week Series 4
	Cruisers 7 & 8	1025	Cruiser Regatta Series 5

Committee Boat Start & Finish

RTYC Club Line Start & Finish

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 The Race Committee may inspect any boat or her equipment, sails and rating certificate before, during or after the races.
- 5.2 One design classes shall comply with their own class rules, except for crew/weight limitations
- 5.3 No rating changes will be accepted following registration, except because of a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.
- 5.4 Class identification flags must be flown on the backstay of each boat whilst racing.
- 5.5 Bow numbers will be provided for the boats.
- 5.6 Event Flags may also be provided to be flown in the harbour.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the official web site www.ramsgateweek.com.
A list of current entries may also be available on the web site

7. COURSES

Each race will start from the RTYC Club starting line or Committee Boat and will be sailed around buoys in the English Channel waters between East Margate and South Foreland. It is the intention, of the Race Committee that all courses will be given via VHF 68 or 77 and via **WhatsApp Groups**.

8. SCORING

8.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply

8.2 Series will be scored as follows:

IRC Regatta Series – 6 races Monday to Friday

IRC East Coast Regional Championship – 4 races Wednesday to Friday

YTC Cruiser Series – 6 Races Monday to Friday

Cruiser series 7 & 8 – 5 Races Monday to Friday

YTC Cruiser Mid Week series 4 Races Wednesday to Friday

Classes will be scored separately for each series.

a. **Discards will be as follows: -**

When fewer than 4 races have been completed in a series a boat's score will be the total of her races scored

When 4 to 6 races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score

8.4 All Times will be corrected to the nearest second to determine finishing place and with .5 seconds rounded up

8.5 Results will be displayed via the website.

9. BERTHING

9.1 It is intended that all competitor's yachts will berth on pontoons in the all-tide marina adjacent to the Harbour Western Arm as directed by the Dockmaster. If the Berthing Master is not present, please call on VHF Channel 80. Berths for yachts racing only part of the week may be available in the inner Harbour Marina

9.2 Lifting of boats will be organised through the Harbour Authority. Berthing charges must be paid directly to the Harbour Authority on arrival in Ramsgate. Competitors who have entered for the full week will be entitled to a discount in berthing charges. Berthing charges are payable directly to the Harbour not RTYC

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mail: portoframsgate@thanet.gov.uk

www.portoframsgate.co.uk/welcome_to_the_marina.aspx

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

10.2 The following VHF channels will be used by the regatta: -

Port Control Channel 14

Dock Office Channel 14

Berthing Officer Channel 80

Temple Race Hut Channel 68 (Club Start Line)

Offshore One Channel 77 (Committee Boat if applicable)

11. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

11.1 Class Prizes will be awarded for all races

11.2 Trophies will be awarded as follows: -

Round the Goodwins Race overall & class winners – Noot Cup.

Wednesday 22nd Ivor Thomas Race overall and class winners

Thursday 23rd July will be QE11 Cup Day for all classes.

Friday 24th July will be Gold Cup Day for all classes

There will be Trophy races on various days throughout the week.

'IRC Champion Salver' for IRC Classes will be awarded to the boat that achieves the best result by taking all scores from completed regatta series races, Monday to Friday. If a tie is not eliminated by Application of Appendix A8 the tie will be broken by taking into consideration the number of boats competing in each class or division

YTC Cruiser Class Cup "The Zemar Plate" will be awarded to the boat that achieves the best result by taking all scores from completed regatta series races, Monday to Friday. If a tie is not eliminated by Application of Appendix A8 the tie will be broken by taking into consideration the number of boats competing in each class or division.

11.3 Prize Giving will provisionally take place as follows,

Area and Times will be advised during the event.

Daily Prize Giving Race winners for all classes from Monday to Thursday

Wednesday 22nd July Ivor Thomas Day Race winners for all classes

Thursday 23rd July: QE 11 day Race winners for all classes.

Friday 24th July: The Ramsgate Week trophies

12. Risk and Responsibility Statement

12.1 Rule 4 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"

12.2 Royal Temple Yacht Club accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to skipper or crew or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

12.3 The skipper and crew shall be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the person in charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.

12.4 The race committee shall make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for responsibility under Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

12.5 No boat shall be accepted as an entry unless the skipper of the boat has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in the entry form.

12.6 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:

12.6.1 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

12.6.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore

12.6.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

12.6.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

12.6.5 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.

12.6.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

- 12.6.7 Vessels setting to sea for offshore and coastal races are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew
- 12.7 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race

13. **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with sufficient insurance cover to meet all or any claims and with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (GBP) in respect of third party claims.

14. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

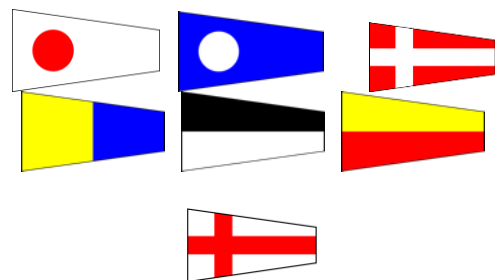
- 14.1 Admiralty Charts – 1828, 1607 or 1183 (South Thames Estuary or Thames Estuary). 1827 may also be useful (Approaches to Ramsgate), but it is not essential.
- 14.2 The approach to Ramsgate for commercial traffic is from the east via a well-marked deep-water channel. This is used by large ferries and fast craft, and small craft are advised to keep well clear of such vessels and to proceed via the recommended yacht track to the South of the buoyed channel when approaching or leaving Ramsgate. All yachts should maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14
- 14.3 A small craft holding area is in operation to the north of No. 3 buoy and to the south of the southern breakwater. Outer Harbour – Yachts must motor directly through the turning circle area when entering and leaving the Harbour
- 14.4 The gate to the inner marina is open for approximately two hours either side of high water. By day a red and yellow flag and by night a single green light is displayed above the Dock Office to indicate that the dock gate is open

15. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information contact:
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Website: www.ramsgateweek.com

Class racing for the following classes:





APPENDIX 1

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB - Minimum Safety Equipment Rules for all Classes

1. Buoyancy

Boats shall either be self-righting from 120 degrees or have enough reserve buoyancy to support the boat and crew for at least 30 minutes following a capsize. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping

2. Flares

Boats shall carry, in a waterproof pack, at least two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares. Electronic flares are acceptable

3. Fire Extinguisher

Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard

4. Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard

4.1 Boats **without** lifelines or with lifelines which do not meet current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (Section3), shall have personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40. Personal buoyancy shall be always worn by all crew members whilst racing

4.2 Boats **with** lifelines will comply with the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (Section3), shall carry personal buoyancy or lifejackets for each crew member. Boats shall also carry a rescue quito or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line and at least one lifebuoy or life sling

5. First Aid

Boats shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions

6. Anchor

Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions

7. Compass

Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld is acceptable

8. Equipment

All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened

9. Propulsion

A means of propulsion, other than the boat's sails, is to be provided

10. Communication

Fixed or handheld VHF must be always carried capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16, 14, 68 & 77

11. Tracking

For safety and race management purposes, boats while racing shall register, carry and use a RTYC approved tracking device, which shall be one of the following:

- a. An AIS transponder. Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that the device is switched on and transmitting at least once every 5 minutes; or
- b. A compatible mobile device running the 'Boat Watch' App.

Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their boat has one or more such devices onboard and operating.

Multiple devices are encouraged to ensure compliance.