



Conway Yacht Club

Sailing Programme 2026

Issue date: February 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Sailing Programme will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.
- 1.2. The following Racing Rules of Sailing will be changed;
 - 44.1 for **COD and Dayboats only**, that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required for breaking one or more rules of Part 2.

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The Conway Yacht Club (CYC) Sailing Programme is open to all Sailing Cruiser and Dayboats.
- 2.2. Competitors shall declare their IRC and/or RYA NHC prior to racing.
- 2.3. Boat Owners/Helm's will declare their intent to race via email or using the declaration at the end of this notice, to the CYC Sailing Captain or delegate, confirming:
 - Boat Owner/Helm Name
 - Boat Name
 - Boat Design and model
 - IRC and or NHC
 - Contact Information (to include email and telephone/mobile)
 - Boat is insured as per this declaration to race
 - Boat is compliant with Class specification if sailing as One Design
 - Entrant has read Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

3. SAILING PROGRAMME

- 3.1. The Sailing Programme is available on the Conway Yacht Club website.
- 3.2. Notification of changes to the Sailing Programme will be communicated via email to the sailing fleets.
- 3.3. Notice to race will be provided through email to the sailing fleets by the Sailing Captain or member of the Sailing Committee.

4. EXCLUSIONS

- 4.1. None

5. SAFETY

- 5.1. Cruisers must comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special regulations, Appendix B, Special Regulations for Inshore Racing.

- 5.2. CODs and Dayboats must comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special regulations, Appendix C, Special Regulations for Dinghy Racing. All CODs and Dayboats must in addition carry safety equipment as stipulated in the Conway One Design Class Rules.
- 5.3. All boats shall have a working VHF radio with access to all necessary channels.
- 5.4. All boats are liable to safety equipment checks at any time during the racing season.
- 5.5. All boats which may require a tow from the Club launch shall carry a tow line of floating line of at least 1 ½ times the length of their boat.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Sailing Instructions are available on the Conway Yacht Club website.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. The venue will be Conway Yacht Club, 43 Station Rd, Deganwy, LL31 9DF
- 7.2. The Race Area will be Conwy River & Conwy Bay.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Course information can be found on the Conway Yacht Club website
- 8.2. The course will be declared on the day of race/s.

9. SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. Racing may be scored under the NHC and IRC Handicap Systems
- 9.2. Where boats are unable to provide an IRC and/or NHC number, the Sailing Committee will assign a base handicap number with no redress.
- 9.3. A minimum of one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.4. When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.5. When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1. Race courses will be declared via VHF Ch M2(P4) for starts off the club line, or combined COD and Cruiser starts, and Ch 77 for Cruiser starts in Conwy Bay. An alternative channel may be selected by the Race Officer (RO) or nominated helm prior to the race starting.
- 10.2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications except to transmit finish times to the RO or nominated helm.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each series.
- 11.2. Prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

12. RISK 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." Sailing is by

its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Conway Yacht Club Sailing Programme, 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 any racing.
- 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 a race and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a Sailing Committee, guard boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) If available, the provision of guard boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances. A guard boat is not provided for cruiser racing.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

14. DECLARATION

All racing boat owners must;

- a) be current members of Conway Yacht Club or,
- b) be invited by Conway Yacht Club
- c) comply to the Conway Yacht Club Sailing Instructions and declaration
- d) agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Conway Yacht Club Sailing Instructions and the liability disclaimer therein and all other rules that govern racing as organised by Conway Yacht Club.
- e) Comply with clause 5, Safety, above.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Sailing Captain at Conway Yacht Club

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I certify that:-

- **I have read and accept the terms of the CYC Notice of Race 2025 and CYC Sailing Instructions 2025**
- **The boat specified below is insured for a minimum of £3,000,000 Third Party Liability Cover**
- **The boat complies with her Class specification (if sailing as One Design)**

Boat Owner/Helm Name:

Boat Name:

Boat Design/Model:

Contact Number – Tel or Mob:

Contact email address:

Signed:

Date:
