



Chichester Yacht Club Snowflake 2024

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.

Event Location: Chichester Yacht Club, West Sussex

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Chichester YC Snowflake Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 2024.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that Chichester YC implements the RYA Racing Charter and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with the charter. This can be found at the front of the RYA book- Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- 1.3 Chichester YC follows the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with this code.

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Eligibility

3.1.1 The CYC Snowflake Series is open to all monohull dinghies with a 2023 Portsmouth Number listed in the RYA Dinghy Portsmouth Number List 2023. Those wishing to enter the event with a boat not listed shall contact the event organisers in advance to agree an acceptable Portsmouth Number.

3.1.2 Boats entering races are expected to conform to their class rules; however, a boat not meeting its class rules may still race if an appropriate Portsmouth Number can be agreed in advance of the first day the boat races. Class replica sails are allowed, but must be declared at entry and are subject to verification and acceptance by a member of the CYC race committee. This will usually be the Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer or Beachmaster.

3.1.3 Boats needing to sail with sail numbers differing from those under which they have entered must seek approval from the CYC race committee prior to the first race in which they sail with the changed numbers. This will usually be from the Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer or Beachmaster. All competitors must ensure that the sail has a suitable sail number identification.

3.1.4 The event is not open to sailboards or multihull dinghies, except the Challenger trimaran.

3.1.5 Each boat shall be sailed by the same helm throughout the series. Substitution of helm must be treated as a separate entry and entered online accordingly except with prior approval of the race committee. Substitution of crew is permitted. Any substitution must be notified on the on-line entry and printed race sign-on sheet.

3.1.6 Any change in rig resulting in a Portsmouth Number change from one rating to another will be scored for the whole series using the faster rig's Portsmouth Number. If the Portsmouth Number change is significant enough to denote a change of fleet, the boat will have a separate entry in the new fleet and DNC in their original fleet for the races competed in the changed fleet.

3.2 Age Groups

3.2.1. Young competitors are those aged under 18, on the 14 January 2024.

3.2.2. During the event the parents or guardians of young competitors, shall either be in or around Chichester YC or afloat participating in the event, or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their behalf. (CYC members aged 16-17 whose parent or guardian has had a CYC Young Person Consent Form accepted by CYC Office are exempted).

3.2.3. Parents, guardians, or persons acting in loco parentis of young competitors shall by *submitting* the online entry form accept the *parents or guardians declaration*.

3.2.4. Adult competitors are those aged 18 or over on 14 January 2024.

3.2.5 Veteran competitors are those aged 60 or over on 14 January 2024.

3.3 Entry

3.3.1 Eligible competitors should enter on-line. A new entry will be required for each boat for each day of the series. On-line entry is available until the start of racing. In exceptional circumstances competitors may complete a paper entry form on the day.

3.3.2. On race day competitors must check and sign that their entry and intention to race appears correctly on the printed list displayed in the Sloop area. New entries made on-line on that day must be noted on the printed list by the competitor. Competitors racing must Sign On each day on the printed list (except as in 3.3.5)

3.3.3. The helm (or crew) of every boat must Sign Off for each race on the printed list displayed in The Sloop area after returning to the shore (except as in 3.3.5). By signing off the competitor is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that all of the boats crew have returned safely to the shore. A competitor shall indicate that they have retired from a race by signing off with the code RET, DNF or DNC. Where competitors use DNS this should be confirmed by the Race Officer. Competitors shall sign off within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

3.3.4 The race committee shall apply a penalty of one point without a hearing for a breach of 3.3.2, 3.3.3 or 3.3.5. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5

3.3.5 Competitors sailing to the start line from another shore (such as Dell Quay) must advise the CYC committee boat or patrol boat that they are racing, and when they leave the race area. This is in lieu of Sign On and Sign Off

3.3.6. There may be entry restrictions and entry limits which will be advertised on the CYC website and are at the discretion of the CYC Race Committee. Consequently competitors, both CYC members and non-members, may only be able to enter one weekend at a time.

3.4 Entry Fees

| 3.4.1 Adult competitors | Member | Non-member |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Adult Snowflake Daily Entry | Free | £15 |

| 3.4.2 Young competitors | Member | Non-member |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Young person Snowflake Daily Entry | Free | £10 |

3.4.3 Harbour dues: (if not already paid)

All boats must pay harbour dues. Daily harbour dues should be purchased at the time of booking. Plaques are no longer issued for daily harbour dues.

3.5 Dinghy Park Berth Fees

| 3.5.1 Competitors | Non-member | Tag deposit <i>refundable</i> | Non –member including deposit |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Snowflake Series | £60 | £20 | £80 |

3.5.2 Only those boats intending to enter the whole series may apply for a winter dinghy park berth. Applications for berths must be made to the CYC Office in advance.

3.5.3 There is a berth tag deposit of £20.

3.5.4 All visitors' boat trolleys should display the issued berth tag. The berth tag deposit will be refunded provided the boat has been removed and the tag returned by the relevant date (see 3.5.6 below).

3.5.5 All boats must be stored in the designated area. Any boat placed in a non-designated area, may be moved by a member of the CYC Dinghy Committee. Boats and road trailer combinations should be kept together.

3.5.6 Snowflake entrant's boats must be removed from the dinghy park at the end of the Series, no later than 17 March 2024.

3.5.7. Boats not removed the by due date will forfeit the tag deposit. Additional charges may apply for late removal.

4 Race Fleet Designations

Racing shall be held for the following fleets:

4.1 Fast handicap fleet: Boats with a Portsmouth Number of 1060 or lower.

4.2 Medium handicap fleet: Boats with a Portsmouth Number in the range 1061 to 1169 inclusive.

4.3 Slow handicap fleet: Boats with a Portsmouth Number of 1170 or higher.

4.4 Fleet boundaries may be adjusted at the briefing of the first race in the series.

5. Racing Schedule

| Date | HW/Ht | Races Scheduled | Briefing | First Signal |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| 14/01/2024 | 13.22 4.8 | 2 | 11.00 | 11.55 |
| 28/01/2024 | 13.04 4.6 | 2 | 11.00 | 11.55 |
| 11/02/2024 | 12.18 5.0 | 2 | 09.30 | 10.25 |
| 25/02/2024 | 12.13 4.6 | 2 | 10.00 | 10.55 |
| 10/03/2024 | 11.16 5.0 | 2 | 09.00 | 9.55 |

5.1 Stated warning signal times are for the first scheduled race of the day of the fast handicap fleet.

5.2. The Briefing will normally be held in the Sloop area at CYC. The Race Committee may, at its discretion, provide an online briefing, notified via the CYC website or winter series Whatsapp group.

6. Risk Statement

6.1 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."

6.2 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; and for boats sailed by young competitors the competitor's parents or guardians or those acting in loco parentis also accept this.
- (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 omission;
- (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 and event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

7. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

8. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Snowflake notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club and where possible on the CYC winter series WhatsApp group

9. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Snowflake notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club and may also be posted on CYC winter series WhatsApp group or online.

10. Signals Made Ashore

10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated between the two slipways.

10.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 20 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.

10.3 Launch Control: When before a race the fleet flag is displayed ashore, no boat of that fleet shall launch. All boats may prepare to launch. When the fleet flag is lowered with a sound signal that fleet should launch as quickly as possible.

11. Fleet flags are as follows:

11.1 Fast handicap fleet: Naval numeral 0.

11.2 Medium handicap fleet: International code flag G.

11.3 Slow handicap fleet: International code flag T.

12. Courses

12.1 Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters known as Chichester Lake.

12.2 To sail to the starting area once launched should take no more than 20 minutes

12.3 The race course for each fleet, including start and finish line details, will be displayed on the official Snowflake notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race. Where possible, it will also be communicated on the CYC winter series WhatsApp Group and shown on the committee vessel.

13. Marks

Racing marks shall be either large orange or grey, cylindrical buoys, bearing the initials CYC and an identification number, or small spherical buoys coloured green, orange, yellow, pink or red, or any of the fixed yellow Chichester Harbour racing marks. The approximate positions of the Chichester Harbour racing marks are shown on the charts in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

14 The Start

14.1 The starting line mark shall be the Chichester YC committee boat Cyclone and the large orange cylindrical buoy with the identification mark CYC 0. Cyclone shall be the starboard end starting mark and CYC 0 shall be the port end starting mark. There may be an Inner Distance Mark in the proximity of Cyclone. The starting line shall be between a staff on Cyclone displaying an orange flag and the course side of CYC 0.

14.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.

14.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

14.4 Starting sequence

This changes RRS 26. Races will be started in one of the sequences set out in 14.4.1 or 14.4.2 as indicated on the course board in the Sloop. Times will be taken from the visual signals. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. The warning signal for each succeeding fleet will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding fleet subject to general recalls.

14.4.1 Start Sequence as RRS 26 (known as 5,4,1,Go)

Races will be started using the following signals

| Minutes before starting signal | Visual signal | Sound signal | Means |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 5 | Fleet flag | one | Warning signal |
| 4 | P, I, Z, Z with I,U or Black flag | one | Preparatory signal |
| 1 | Preparatory flag removed | one long | One minute |
| 0 | Fleet flag removed | one | Starting signal |

14.4.2 Attenuated Start Sequence (known as 3,2,1 Go)

At 5 minutes before the first start an Orange flag will be displayed on the committee boat.

If an Answering Pennant (postponement) or a first substitute (General Recall) is displayed these will be removed at 4 minutes before the following restart.

| Minutes before starting signal | Visual signal | Sound signal | Means |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 3 | Fleet flag | One | Warning signal |
| 2 | P, I, Z, Z with I,U or Black flag | One | Preparatory signal |
| 1 | Preparatory flag removed | One Long | One minute |
| 0 | Fleet flag removed | One | Starting signal |

15 The Finish and Finishing

15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on CYC committee boat Cyclone at the starboard end and the course side of the port – end finishing mark which will be an orange cylindrical buoy marked CYC 0.

15.2 The race committee may shorten the course for a specific fleet by flying international code flag S with the appropriate fleet flag. If flag S is flown over the relevant fleet flag then that fleet's race shall be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. If the relevant fleet flag is flown over flag S boats shall finish the race when they next cross the finishing line and average lap times shall be used to calculate the race results. This changes RRS 32 and the Race Signals.

16 Time Limits

The advisory time for the lead boat in each race is 45 minutes. Subject to the Race Officer's discretion, boats likely to finish 10 minutes or more behind the lead boat, may be given their position on the course at that time. The Race Officer will advise those competitors accordingly. The Race Officer may shorten the course when necessary in order to accommodate the Advisory time. The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17 Scoring

17.1 The Low point System will be used, and calculated in accordance with the number or races to count specified in 17.2. below. This changes RRS A2.1. Average points will be awarded for duties.

17.2 Race Series

Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the sum of a boat's best scores from the number of races to count. The number of races to count is shown below:

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|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Races Sailed | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Races to Count | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 |

17.3 Series scoring. Rule A5.3 will apply to the scores for this series.

17.4 Boat's Score - duties

Applies to both CYC members and non-members. To compensate boats whose crew give up their time and sailing to help out as part of the race committee, the boat's helm may claim average points for races not sailed due to CYC duties subject to the following:

- The average points awarded shall be the average of the boat's scores in the races in which the boat started.
- The number of races that may be awarded average points under this instruction shall be no more than 50% of the number of races started by that boat.

18. Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

18.1 The Post Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. (Full information on www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

18.2 The Post Race penalty will be 20% of the score for DNF and rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward).

18.3 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, but preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned and preferably before leaving the race area and coming ashore.

18.4 Protest forms are available in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

18.5 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 62.2

18.6 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

18.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

18.8 Breaches of instructions 2, 10.3, 14.3, 19, 20.1, 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

18.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

18.10 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18.11 Competitors are reminded of RRS 61.1 (a) "The protesting boat shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area she shall hail "protest".

19 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also

applies to any mobile electronic device including mobile telephones.

20 Safety Regulations

20.1 RRS Rule 40 .1 (requirement to wear a personal flotation device) applies at all times while afloat - International code flag Y will not be displayed.

20.1.1. Competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices when on the pontoons.

20.1.2 Competitors must wear clothing suitable for the conditions.

20.1.3 Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

20.2.1 Competitors are reminded of 3.3.2, 3.3.3 ,3.3.4 and 3.3.5-sign-on and sign off.

21 Local Variations

21.1 Competitors are warned that vessels in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily manoeuvre freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels. They cannot be expected to give right of way to boats racing. Competitors are requested to keep clear of all boats in these channels and are reminded that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply between vessels that are racing and those that are not racing.

21.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or from moored boats.

21.3 Competitors are warned that the mud bank known as Monkey Island, situated between the CYC Clubhouse and the Monkey racing mark, has shallow patches and dries out well before low water.

22. Duties

All competitors are requested to undertake an *on the water duty* to support this series. All Chichester YC members who compete are expected to undertake at least one duty.

23. Supporting Information

23.1 Results will be posted on CYC's web site - www.cyc.co.uk This may include names, home club, boat type, sail number & results. These are kept as long term records by Chichester YC.

23.2 Support boats attending this event shall register in writing with the Beachmaster, Race Officer or Assistant Race Officer.

23.3 Competitors shall accept that photographs and motion pictures of their boat and its crew could be taken whilst attending this event.

23.3.1 In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising 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 any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

23.4. Competitors are asked not to leave road trailers in the car park at CYC, but to move them to the dinghy park or other area designated for the purpose.

23.5. Trash disposal. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats

24. Snowflake Series Prizes

24.1 All trophies shall remain the property of Chichester Yacht Club. The trophy must be returned prior to the same event the following year.

24.2 The following trophies may be awarded to competitors in the Snowflake Fast Handicap Fleet:

The Chichester Snowflake Challenge Trophy (Fast) for first place on handicap.

The Fast Handicap Fleet Veterans Trophy for the first boat on handicap with a veteran helm.

The CYC Finn Class Trophy for the leading Finn in the Fast Fleet on handicap.

24.3 The following trophies may be awarded to competitors in the Snowflake Medium Handicap Fleet:

The Chichester Snowflake Challenge Trophy (Medium) for first place on handicap.

The Medium Handicap Fleet Veterans Trophy for the first boat on handicap with a veteran helm.

The Laser Snowflake Trophy for the first ILCA 7 6 or 4 on handicap.

The Solo Snowflake Trophy for the first Solo.

24.4 The following trophies may be awarded to competitors in the Snowflake Slow Handicap Fleet:

The Chichester Snowflake Challenge Trophy (Slow) for first place on handicap.

The Sailing Smiths Optimist Trophy to the leading Optimist.

24.5 The following trophies will be awarded at the Race Committee's discretion:

The Jack Holt Trophy for the best placed boat built to a Jack Holt hull design, excluding modern Merlin Rockets.

The Icicle Trophy for exceptional sportsmanship.

24.5 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

25 Prize Giving

25.1 The Prize giving for The Snowflake series is scheduled to be held ASAP after racing on 10 March 2024

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