



# The Haven Combined Clubs Series

## 2024 Points Series Notice of Race

The Haven Combined Clubs Points Championship consists of 8 races sailed over 7 Weekends between May and September.

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is comprised of the following clubs: The Royal Harwich Yacht Club; The Haven Ports Yacht Club; The Walton and Frinton Yacht Club; The Stour Sailing Club; The Shotley Sailing Club; The Harwich and Dovercourt Sailing Club; The Waldringfield Sailing Club, Pin Mill Sailing Club and the Orwell Yacht Club. The Haven Combined Clubs Committee is comprised of representatives of each club and facilitates racing on behalf of the organising clubs. The organiser of each individual race is the “host club” who provides the Race Officer.

### 1. RULES

The following rules will apply:

- a) The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- b) World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B Special Regulations for inshore racing.
- c) The Prescriptions of the RYA .

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The series is open to single-hulled sailing yachts owned by members of sailing clubs situated between Lowestoft and Burnham with a minimum waterline length of 5.2m.

2.2 Yachts not meeting the requirements of 2.1 may be accepted in exceptional circumstances with dispensation from the Organising Authority.

2.3 The Organising Authority has the right to refuse any entry at its absolute discretion.

### 3. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Boats must meet the minimum standards laid out in the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B “Special Regulations for Inshore Racing”, which includes a functional engine with adequate fuel, and a marine VHF transceiver.

### 4. ENTRY FEES & CLOSING DATES

4.1 Competitors should enter the series by completing either the online entry process or by submitting the official entry form.

4.2 The entry fee for the “Experience fleet” is £45. For the “Relaxed fleet” it is £35

4.3 An entry must be received no later than 7pm on the day preceding the first race in which an entrant intends to compete.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Eight races are scheduled, of which three must be completed to constitute a series.

5.2 The following number of races shall count towards a competitors series score –

Races sailed - 8 7 6 5 4 3

Races counted - 5 5 4 4 3 3

5.3 The races comprising the series shall be sailed on the following dates, starting from the following locations: Races on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June will form part of Felixstowe Regatta and the first race each day will count for the HCCS points series.

Date	Organising Club	Earliest Start	Start Line	Finish Line
11/05/2023	HPYC	10:45	HPYC	HPYC
01/06/2023	Felixstowe	10:45	Beacon Hill	Beacon Hill
02/06/2023	Regatta	10:45	Beacon Hill	Beacon Hill
29/06/2023	TBA	10:45	HPYC	HPYC
20/07/2023	TBA	10:45	Beacon Hill	Beacon Hill
31/08/2023	Stour SC	10:45	Beacon Hill	Beacon Hill
14/09/2023	TBA	10:45	HPYC	HPYC
28/09/2023	TBA	10:45	Beacon Hill Line	Beacon Hill Line

## 6. START TIMES

6.1 Start times for the first race of the day will be as per above.

6.2 Ordinarily only one race will take place on any one day. In exceptional circumstances, a second race may take place in order to re-sail an abandoned series race.

## 7. CLASSES

7.1 Competitors may enter for either:

### (a) Relaxed Fleet:

Intended for those who may have less racing experience, be sailing shorthanded or either be using white sails only or a “cruising set up”. **Relaxed fleet entrants will, when checking in for each race, declare using a spinnaker or not and their result and series points will be calculated on the differing rigs used.**

### (b) Experienced Fleet

Intended for those who are experienced racers, sailing boats set up primarily for racing, and using new or high-tech sails. Competitors who have placed in the top 5 of a previous Combined Clubs Series would ordinarily be expected to enter this fleet.

7.2 The organising committee reserves the right to reallocate boats between classes at its absolute discretion if it considers an entry to be contrary to the spirit of the series.

## 8. SCORING

8.1 The series will be scored according to the Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A.

Ties will be broken in accordance with A7 and A8.

8.2 The Relaxed and Experienced fleets will both be scored under the “Haven Handicap” local system.

8.3 Competitors racing in the Experienced fleet who have a valid IRC Certificate for their boats shall also be scored under IRC.

8.2 Results will be published on the Haven Series website: [www.havenseries.co.uk](http://www.havenseries.co.uk), the websites of some of the organising clubs, and competitors will be notified by e-mail.

## 9. TROPHIES & PRIZES

9.1 Series Trophies shall be awarded as follows:

Trophy	Awarded For...
<b>Armada Trophy</b>	Winner of the Experienced Fleet
<b>Armada Plate</b>	Winner of the Experienced Fleet other class
<b>PMSC Gordon Goblet</b>	Winner of the Relaxed Fleet
<b>Landamore Trophy</b>	Best IRC rated boat in Experienced Fleet

9.2 Trophies for each race will be awarded as follows:

Race	Experienced Fleet	Relaxed Fleet
#1	East Coast Sails Trophy	Lockwood Shield
#2	Austin Farrar Trophy	WSC Clock and Barometer
#3	Cooley Cup	Howard Tankard
#4	Searles Trophy	Searles Tankard
#5	John Dickinson Trophy	Chairman's Shield
#6	WFYC Bert Evans Trophy	WFYC Naze Trophy
#7	Parker Plate	RHYC Painting
#8	Leggett Salver	Chimp Trophy

9.3 Special awards: The Rig Magic Trophy, Madge Wildfire Trophy, Starling Chart, Theadom Trophy, Dabtoe Trophy, and RHYC President's Trophy shall be awarded for performances of merit yet to be agreed by the Organising Authority.

9.4 Glassware: Winners of trophies shall receive Haven Combined Clubs Glassware. Further glassware will be issued to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

9.5 It is the winning competitor's responsibility to have each trophy engraved to secure the historical integrity of the series.

## 10. DISCLAIMER

Competitors compete in the Series entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injuries or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

## 11. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 12. THE INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

12.1 All entrants for the Points Series are Automatically entered for the inter-club championship for their class. There will be a separate club championship for the Relaxed and Experienced fleets.

12.3 In each fleet, clubs shall score points equal to the sum of their best 2 placing boats **in the last two points races that are sailed and a result produced**. In the event that a club has fewer than 2 boats competing in that class and race, that club shall score points equal to the number of race starters + 3 for each boat less than **two**.

12.4 In each class, the winning club shall be the club which accrues the fewest points over the **two weekends** with no races excluded.

12.5 The winning club in the Experienced fleet will win the Cutler Broadsword. The winning club in the Relaxed fleet will win the Evening Star Trophy.

12.6 The Rules are as stated at Section 1 above. The "Team Racing" rules of RRS Appendix D shall not apply.

12.7 Ties – RRS Appendix A8 shall not apply. If two or more clubs' scores are equal, the scores of individual boats in individual races shall be considered, and the tie broken in favour of the club having the most first places overall, or if the tie remains the most second places and so on for lower places if necessary. If a tie still remains it shall be broken in favour of the team having the best-placed boat in the final race, or if both teams' best boats were tied in that race, the best placed second boat and so on.



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