



The Haven Combined Clubs Series

2024 Offshore Series Notice of Race

The Haven Combined Clubs Passage Series is a series of 4 Offshore races covering the East Anglian Coast and Belgium.

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.
- c) Prescriptions of the RYA.

The supplementary sailing instructions for each race shall apply to that specific race.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The series is open to single-hulled sailing yachts owned by members of sailing clubs situated between Lowestoft and Burnham 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

3.1 Boats must meet the minimum standards laid out in the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations that are stated in the supplementary sailing instructions. These are:

Mercator Trophy: OSR Category 3 Monohull + Category 2 Life raft.

Other Races: OSR Category 4 Monohull

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 is £15 for the Cork Sand Race and £55 for the Mercator, Britannia and Stroombank Races.

4.3 An entry and payment must be received no later than 7pm on the day preceding the race.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Four races are scheduled, of which **two** must be completed to constitute a series.

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

Races sailed - 4 3 2

Races counted - 3 3 2

5.3 The races comprising the series shall be sailed on the following dates, starting from the following locations and finishing as indicated.

Date	Race	Start Time	Start Line	Host Club
24/05/2024	Mercator to Oostende	0700	Beacon Hill	HPYC
22/06/2024	Cork Sand to Shotley	0900	Beacon Hill	TBA
13/07/2024	Stroombank to Burnham	0900	Beacon Hill	TBA
17/08/2024	Brittania to Lowestoft	0900	Wadgate Ledge	RHYC

6. CLASSES

7.1 The fleet shall be split into two classes based on the rating of the boat under Haven Handicap.

(a) Class 1 (Fast Fleet): Haven Handicap 880 and below.

(b) Class 2 (Slow Fleet): Handicap 881 and above.

7. SCORING

7.1 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.

7.2 Both fleets will be scored under the “Haven Handicap” system, and an aggregated “overall” result shall be scored under the same.

7.3 Competitors competing in either class that have a valid IRC Certificate for their boat shall also be scored under IRC.

7.4 Results will be published on the Haven Series website: www.havenseries.co.uk, the websites of some of the organising clubs, and competitors will be notified by e-mail.

8. TROPHIES & PRIZES

8.1 Series Trophies shall be awarded as follows:

Trophy	Awarded For...
Tsunami Trophy	Overall Winner
Demijon Traveller Trophy	Winner of the class not winning overall
Highlander Picture	Highest placed boat overall with an IRC Certificate

8.2 Trophies for each race will be awarded as follows:

Race	Overall Winner	Winner of class, not winning overall	Best Overall Boat on IRC
Mercator Race	Mercator Chart	Mercator Winch	Glassware
Stroombank Race	Stroombank Trophy	Strutt & Parker Trophy	Glassware
Britannia Race	Britannia Plate	Ptarmigan Trophy	Glassware
Cork Sand Race	Fresh Herring Trophy	Eclipse Trophy	Glassware

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

9. 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.

10. 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.

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