

Morston Regatta 2026

Sailing Instructions

All references to boats include dinghies and catamarans

These instructions apply to all boats when racing.

- A All boats are required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000 arising from any one incident.
- B Personal buoyancy shall be worn. Wetsuits and dry suits are not deemed to be adequate buoyancy. Personal buoyancy to I.S.O Specification 12402-5 is advised.
- C Buoyancy chambers or other buoyancy equipment and their fastenings must be maintained in good and effective condition.
- D All races will be sailed under the rules of the World Sailing RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing) and the prescriptions of the R.Y.A.
- E The attention of competitors is drawn:
- to the RRS fundamental Rule 1.1 which states that a boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
 - to the RRS fundamental Rule 3 which states that it is for each boat under its sole responsibility to decide whether or not to start or remain in the race. Consequently, all competitors are personally responsible for any accident financial or physical whether to their boats or to themselves. They must appraise the capabilities of their boats and of themselves and only start or remain in a race giving due consideration to the winds, the state of the water and the meteorological forecast if they estimate that they are able to do so safely. Competitors are reminded that they must respect the International rules for the prevention of Collisions at Sea in all circumstances.
- F In the event of an emergency, the instructions issued by the patrol boat crew must be strictly adhered to without question.
- G (i) A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- (ii) It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- (iii) Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer and patrol boats.
- (iv) The provision of a patrol boat does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- H The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in in any race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- I Any boat retiring from a race and leaving the course area is required to report to the Committee boat or a patrol boat.

Parents and Guardians are required to sign the entry form on behalf on any Juniors aged 14 and under.