



Hoylake S. C. Regatta



Saturday 15th August 2026

Organising Authority: Hoylake Sailing Club

Commodore – Mr R N Stratton
Captain – Mr A Lloyd
Race Officer – Mr R N Stratton

Vice Commodore – Mrs N Melling
Hon. Sailing Sec – Mr S R Stratton

High Water Hoylake: 13:27

Height: 9.4m

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Conditions: All boats (except dinghy fleet) should maintain radio contact with Race Management on channel P4 / M2 which may be used to inform competitors.

1 RULES: The Regatta will be governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the appropriate class rules and the Organising Authority's Standard Sailing Instructions, **except as any are changed by these Sailing Instructions**, which take precedence in the event of any difference with the Notice of Race or other relevant documents

Infringements – IMPORTANT NOTE. A 360-degree penalty only applies, not per RRS

2 ENTRY: (a) Eligible boats must have adequate 3rd party insurance cover for racing of a minimum of £5 million cover. (b) Boats must use correctly numbered sails (unless prior permission is given by the Race Committee). (c) All competitors shall register race entry with the relevant HSC official and pay before the start of the race concerned (dispensation may be given for valid reasons). (d) Boats must have a current measurement certificate (if applicable to class), available for later inspection, if requested

Entry Fee: £5, Dovepoint slipway, regatta morning between 10:45 & 11:30 approx

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: All relevant notices will be posted on the official race Notice Board at Hoylake Sailing Club Clubhouse, North Parade, Hoylake, Wirral

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 22:00 on the day prior to the regatta. Should any changes be made on the day, they will be advised by HSC Race Control by radio channel P4 / M2, or verbally if possible

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: Signals made ashore will be indicated by displaying code flag "L" on the main mast of the organizing club and displayed on its official notice board

6 SCHEDULE OF RACING:

<u>Race No</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>	<u>Start Time (first race)</u>
1	Liverpool Bay Falcon	R	12:15
2	Hoylake Opera	D	12:20
3	Half-Raters	H	12:25
4	Cruisers / Fast dinghies	V	12:30

7 NUMBER OF RACES: Two races sailed back-to-back (weather & tide permitting)

8 CLASS FLAGS: See 6 above

9 SIGNAL STATION / RACING AREA:

Signal Station: HSC Flagship Grace IV, flying HSC burgee (unless radio announcement otherwise)

Race area: All N / NE of Dovepoint slipway, Meols, **using either**

- Outshore & Folly area (disregard inshore marks 1 – 4, & blue 'Y' mark), (DEFAULT AREA) **or**

- Inshore & Folly area (disregard outshore marks 1 – 4, and white 'Y' mark (Radio announcement if used)

Refer to Racing Chart attached

10 START: Race sequence per 6 above

Start between the Signal Station and first Start Mark indicated on the course-board

Race 1 – Start Mark anticipated as 'X', Perch 'F', or '7' unless Grace IV is in the close vicinity of another Mark (and the course board Indicates otherwise)

Race 2 will be adjacent the Signal Station and as indicated on the course board

5-minute: Class flag flown for first scheduled start

4-minute: Class flag, and flag 'P' both flown

1-minute: P removed and class flag only flown

Start: Relevant class flag lowered (and next class flag raised / their 5-minute, if relevant)

11 RECALLS: Individual recalls will be signalled by a second sound signal and dipped relevant class flag, flown for a maximum of two minutes. Recalled numbers will not be given' although hails / radio announcement may be attempted

Three sound signals indicates a general recall, and the start sequence will be restarted with a new 5 minute sequence promptly thereafter

12 COURSE: The course to be sailed will be displayed on a course-board displayed at the Signal station. Green boards, marks left to starboard, red boards left to port.

If necessary, the course may alternatively be displayed from a shore based signal station (if strong winds & announced by radio accordingly), or given by Radio if necessary

The first mark indicated will be the start mark only (does not form part of the course)

Continue rounding subsequent course marks in order, and repeat, until the race is shortened & subsequently finished.

HSC rib will endeavour to stand off / identify the buoys / marks to the leading boats of the first class during their initial circuit

RESTRICTIONS:

F (perch) and both other folly perches - to be always passed outshore

Outshore 'Y' buoy (white spherical nearly opposite lifeguard hut) - to be always passed inshore

13 FINISH / SHORTENING: Any rounding mark may be used to shorten / finish

'S' flag will be flown from the Signal Station used, positioned at the finishing mark (relevant class flags if only applicable to specific classes), and two sound signals, made approximately when the leading boat approaches or passes the penultimate mark (and repeated occasionally, if considered appropriate). Boats should continue their course and finish at the finish line, between the relevant course mark and adjacent Signal Station

Boats finish between the Signal Station and adjacent course mark through the line, in the direction from the last rounding mark (i.e. no 'hook' finish)

Second race – As above, unless and only if using outshore race area, if indicated by the HSC rib patrolling at any mark, flying code flag 'S', and intermittently sounding two signals, having rounded that course mark proceed directly to finish between perch 'F' and the HSC Signal Station Grace IV (remembering restrictions noted above)

14 TIME LIMIT: Each race will last approximately 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within ten minutes of the first boat in their class will be scored "did not finish". In the second race any boats not finished by 14:45 hrs will be scored "did not finish"

15 RETIREMENTS: Competitors retiring should endeavour to inform the Flagship either directly or by informing the crew of a safety boat able to relay the information to the Race Officer

16 PROTESTS: Competitors must inform the Race Officer of their intention to protest before leaving the Racing Area. Protest forms may be obtained from the Club and all protests must be lodged there within 60 minutes of the relevant crew coming ashore. Any protests will be heard Monday 17th August (provisional & TBC) @ 19:30 at Hoylake Sailing Club Clubhouse

17 SCORING & PRIZES: Both race results to count. In the event of any points tie, the highest placed boat in the second race separates the tie and is ordered ahead on points

A class average per race of 4 to start or no 2nd prize; 6 to start or no 3rd prize

1st prize £15; 2nd prize £10; 3rd prize £5

Results count to individual club regatta series trophies overall, if applicable, will be as prescribed in the relevant club's / class's instructions

18 SAFETY, LIABILITY & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY: Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times on the water

The decision to race & safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitors racing the boat, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever caused, to the owner/competitor, the skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race/s

19 PRIZEGIVING: 17:00 approximately (+/- 20mins), after racing, at Hoylake Sailing Club Clubhouse, North Parade, Hoylake, Wirral. Refreshments also available at clubhouse

HSC Racing Chart – Regatta 2026

