



# Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

## Noble Marine 2026 Albacore National Championship

28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> August

### Notice of Race

#### 1. Organising Authority (OA)

1.1. The OA will be Thorpe Bay Yacht Club (TBYC) in conjunction with the National Albacore Class Association (NAA)

#### 2. Rules

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028(RRS), the Prescriptions of the RYA, RYA Racing Charter, this notice of race, the event specific sailing instructions and the current rules of the NAA (Class Rules 2025)

2.2. In the event of a conflict between this NOR and the Event Sailing Instructions (ESI), the ESI will prevail.

#### 3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1. The regatta is open to boats of the National Albacore class that hold a current valid measurement certificate and meet with the obligations of the NAA Class Rules and their National Authority.

3.2. The helmsman of the boat shall be a member of the NAA

3.3. Competitors automatically grant TBYC & the NAA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make use and show any motion picture, still and live taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the regatta, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the regatta.

#### 4. Fees

4.1. The entry fees are £150 per boat.

4.1.1 There will be a publicised incentive draw for all early entries received by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026 after which the standard entry will be open until Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

4.2. The entry fee includes a BBQ for helm and crew on the Saturday after racing. There will be catering available for breakfasts and dinners as well as a full bar service. Additional BBQ tickets can be purchased as extra on the entry form.

4.3 Camping at TBYC for tents, campers and motorhomes may be available on request





## 5. Registration

5.1 Registration will be online via the TBYC website (and via links on the NAA Web page)

## 6. Event Sailing Instructions

6.1 Event Sailing Instructions will be available to each competitor on or before the 27th of Aug 2026.

## 7. Race Schedule

7.1. Details of the course and starting sequence will be in the event sailing instructions.

7.2. Registration will be open at the TBYC club house from 4:00 to 5:00pm on Thursday 27th and from 9:00 to 10:30 am on Friday 28th August.

7.3. The racing schedule is as follows:

|                               |   |   |
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| Friday 28th Aug<br>HW 13:38   | First Start no earlier than:<br>Second Start                | 11:30 hours:<br>ASAP after Race 1                     |
| Saturday 29th Aug<br>HW 14:12 | First Start no earlier than:<br>Second Start<br>Third Start | 11:30 hours<br>ASAP after Race 3<br>ASAP after Race 4 |
| Sunday 30th Aug<br>HW 14:45   | First Start no earlier than:<br>Second Start                | 12:00 Hours<br>ASAP after Race 6                      |

7.4. The event consists of 7 races scheduled over 3 days. Races are scheduled to be sailed back to back. However, races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.

NB Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August is a UK Bank Holiday.

7.5. There will be 0 discards if fewer than 4 races are sailed and 1 discard if 4 or more races are sailed. A minimum of 2 races will constitute a series.

7.6. There will be no warning signal after 15.00 on the last scheduled day.

7.7. All races will be held in the Thames Estuary, the racing area being defined between the



Mulberry Harbour (Phoenix Wreck) to the east and Southend Pier to the west and the north shore of the Thames estuary. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the committee boat starting the race.

7.8. The course to be sailed will be triangle or windward-leeward or a combination of these and described fully in the SI's.

7.8. A briefing will be held at 10:30 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026 in the TBYC Clubhouse.

## **8. Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk**

8.1. Each owner/competitor is entirely responsible for their boat's own safety and the safety of its crew, whether the boat is afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

8.2. It is for each owner/competitor to decide whether the boat and its crew are fit to sail in the conditions in which it might find itself. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms the boat is fit for those conditions and that the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

8.3. Each owner/competitor is responsible for ensuring the boat is equipped and seaworthy to be able to face extremes of weather and that the crew has sufficient experience and fitness to withstand such weather. Personal Buoyancy must be worn at all times while afloat.

## **9. Liability**

9.1. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of each owner/competitor 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' encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event and includes the Organising Authority, The Class Association, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, safety boats and beach masters.

9.2 The provision of support boats does not relieve each owner/competitor of their responsibilities.

## **10. Scoring**

10.1. The series will be scored as provided in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2024-28 , as amended by NOR 7.3' the low points scoring system will be used.

## **11. Prizes**

11.1 Prizes will be awarded - Full list see attachment 1





## 12. Conditions of Entry

12.1. All boats shall have adequate Third Party Insurance cover to a minimum of £3,000,000.00 (three million pounds sterling). You may be required to show proof of insurance.

## 13. Boat and Car Parking

13.1 All competitors will be required to park their boats and road trailers in accordance with directions given by the TBYC Duty person. Any stickers issued at registration shall be displayed as directed at all times.

13.2 Further advice will be published as soon as possible and guidance will be available on arrival at the club.

## 14. Contacts

### 14.1 TBYC–

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## Appendix A

### Albacore Trophies Noble Marine Albacore National Championship 2026

- The Racecraft Trophy to the winner of Race 1
- The Albacore Founders Trophy to the winner of Race 2
- The Breitling Challenge Trophy to the winner of Race 3
- The Albacore Association Trophy to the winner of Race 4
- The City of Plymouth Trophy to the winner of Race 5
- The Lyme Bay Perpetual Trophy to the winner of Race 6
- The Ayrton Rose Bowl to the winner of Race 7
- The Locks Trophy to the winner of Race 8
- The Currey Plate to the highest placed helm in the series
- The Marlow Tray to the crew of the champion boat
- The Russell Wane Trophy to the second placed helm in the series
- The Cockram Memorial Shield to the crew of the second placed boat in the series

### Special Trophies: Nationals

- The Anton McNamara Memorial Trophy to the highest place finisher who has won no other major award
- The Ruislip Gold Cup to the highest placed Gold Fleet helm not winning a major prize
- The Prigmore Trophy to the highest placed Silver Fleet helm
- The Helensburgh Trophy to the most improved helm's performance as compared with best previous Nationals results
- The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth Trophy to the highest placed local helm who resides within 50 miles of the hosting Club
- Lady Helm Trophy to the highest placed lady helm
- Under 21 Shield to the highest placed helm aged under 21 on the last day of the Nationals
- The Thorpe Bay Trophy to the highest placed family parent & child team
- The Swansea Bay Trophy to the highest placed husband and wife team
- The Chairman's Goblet to the highest placed helm taking part in their first Nationals
- The Albacore Masters Trophy to the highest placed helm over 60 years
- The Geriatric Jug to the highest placed helm over 70 or the most Ancient Mariner
- The Scotsman Trophy to the highest placed Scottish helm
- The President's Open Handicap Trophy to the highest placed boat below 2000



- The Graham Ebben Trophy to the highest placed boat between numbers 2000-6000
- The Armed Forces Trophy to the highest placed boat between 6001-7989
- The Wolfe Memorial Trophy to the highest placed boat between numbers 7990-8126
- The Nita Tapp Trophy to the last placed helm completing all races
- The Little Ships Trophy to the leading team from an RYA recognised sailing club of the highest placed competitors subject to the following requirements:

Other Prizes will be awarded based on the overall Nationals series results to:- The top ten of the fleet from the overall results.

The top three in the Silver fleet from the overall results.

A Top Ten prize will be awarded to the top ten finishers (helm & crew) in each race. Only one of these prizes will be awarded per boat for the event.

## **Appendix B**

### **Conditions of Entry to the Little Ships Trophy:**

- a) Clubs can nominate one or more teams of three boats each, from among their members competing.
  - b) The appointed captain must submit details of his team in writing to the Race Office not later than the close of registration for the event. No team may be changed thereafter except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. In the absence of this information the organising sub-committee will select teams from the final results.
  - c) The total lowest nett aggregate points of the three nominated boats in the Nationals will decide the winning club.
  - d) To break a tie the final overall position of the leading boat of the teams concerned (as shown in the Championship results) will be the decider.
- Should there be fewer than three teams nominated the organising sub-committee reserve the right to revise the criteria in a) to teams of two.
- The Buddy Trophy (Buckle Cup) will be awarded pair of boats with the lowest aggregate net points. Pairings will be drawn from the results of the first race of the series; - first with last, second with second last etc. Boats nominated for the Little Ships Trophy will be excluded from pairing.