



Thurrock and Erith Yacht Clubs



Armada Challenge

Notice of Event v1.1

Date: 24 August 2019

Organisation: Thurrock Yacht Club and Erith Yacht Club

Eligibility: The race is open to boats that meet the following criteria:

- Skipped by a registered member of one of the following clubs:
 - Thurrock Yacht Club
 - Erith Yacht Club
 - Gravesend Sailing Club
 - Greenwich Yacht Club
- Has a current Byron handicap, validated by the respective clubs racing or sailing secretary.

Unrated boats may enter the challenge, but will not be eligible for any of the racing awards. Such boats must fly a red ensign for the duration of the event, and give way to racing boats.

Course: The race will start on the Erith Yacht club start line and proceed downstream to East Blyth buoy. Boats then proceed back up stream and the race finishes on the Thurrock Yacht Club start line.

Non racing boats will start after the racing fleet.

Start: 0900

Briefing: 0800 – Erith Yacht Club (trot boat and breakfast available)

Rules: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20, and Port of London Authority by laws apply. Additional regulations may be documented in the sailing instructions which will be made available to all participating clubs and boats.

Deadline: 1700. If boats do not believe they will finish by this time they are encouraged to turn their engines on and get back for the barbecue.

Scoring: For the competitive racers, overall results will be calculated using RYA Portsmouth Yardstick calculations applied to the Byron handicaps, through the SailWave system.

Honours to be awarded for:

- First boat across the line
- First boat overall on corrected time
- First Thurrock boat on corrected time
- First Erith boat on corrected time
- Highest handicap boat to finish
- Boat with highest value of charity donations committed by race deadline



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- Catas-trophy – hairiest story that a skipper/crew are willing to confess to.

- Entry:** Entry forms are available on the club website – these are to be completed and returned to the sailing secretary at Thurrock Yacht Club by 6pm 15th Aug 2019.
- The challenge will be free to enter, but there will be a charge for the barbecue and prize giving (see below)
- Charity:** Whilst this event has a race element, it is also an endurance event in its own right and a great opportunity to raise money for charity. Boats and crews are encouraged to use the occasion to collect money for a charity of their choice, with an award going to the boat who has raised the highest amount on a charity collection website (e.g. justgiving.com) by the time the race deadline expires.
- Prize Giving** There will be a barbecue and prize giving at Thurrock Yacht Club starting at 1700 following the race. A charge of £5.00 per head will apply. Participants and guests are welcome.