Raf Verhaeghe Challenge

22th and 23th AUGUST 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee
[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.
[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing"

1.GOVERNING RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the text in the English language will take precedence.
1.3 Every person on board who has his domicile in Belgium shall have the appropriate license.
1.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration applies.
1.5 [DP] All competitors and support persons must adhere to the COVID-19 rules of the Belgian government.
1.6 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
1.7 RRS 90.3(e) applies with a time limit of 48 hours. This changes RRS 90.3e
1.8 RRS 40.1 is applicable

2. NOTICES TO THE COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the Club House.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 20 minutes before code flag G is hoisted
- except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at a flag staff located near the Club House.

- Flag AP with a sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is removed".
  Boats are requested not to leave the beach until this signal is made. The rescue officers of the regatta are not active.
- When flag G is displayed, boats are requested to proceed to the racing area. The race committee intends to start the race in 30 minutes.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND FORMAT

Schedule		
Date	**Time**	**Event**
22th august Saturday	10:00-11:30	Registration
	11:30	Briefing
	12:55	Warning Signal 1st race of the day. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
23th august Sunday	10:00	Briefing: Race committee announces whether the short or the long version of the raid will be sailed. See also indication on the sailing instructions at the briefing.
	11:25	Warning Signal raid. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. No first warning signal will be made after 14:30.
	ASAP	Price giving.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- Class flag for the C1 fleet will be a red "SYCOD" flag.
- Class flag for the C3 fleet will be a "Koksijde" flag. (blue)

7. RACING AREA

- The Racing Area is the North Sea; starting line in front of the Sycod Oostduinkerke if possible.
- The Regatta site is the Sand Yacht Club Alfred Devoslaan 50 - B 8670 Oostduinkerke - Koksijde

8. THE COURSES

The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the courses for saterday race and 2 possible versions for Sunday raids (short or long)

9. MARKS

9.1 Saturday race: Marks 1 and 2 will be cylindrical YELLOW buoys. Sunday Raid: Marks 1 and 3 will be cylindrical YELLOW buoys and mark 2 will be spherical PINK/RED buoy.
Gate marks will be cylindrical YELLOW buoy

9.2 The starting mark will be spherical PINK/RED buoy.

9.3 The finishing mark will be a spherical PINK/RED buoy.

9.4 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

9.5 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1 will be the original marks.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Safety boats or jury boats are to be considered as obstructions.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. To inform boats that a start, or sequence of starts, will be given, an orange flag will be shown for at least 5 minutes.

11.2 The starting-line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the RC vessel at STARBOARD and a pink/red buoy at PORT

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4 and A5.

11.5 The RC Signal boats may use their engines to stay in position if needed; this cannot be used as ground for protest or redress by a boat.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

12.3 Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling, to maintain the course configuration.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff on the RC Signal vessel displaying a "BLUE" flag at the starboard-end and the port-end finishing mark (RED/PINK buoy).

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Spare

14.2 For all multihulls classes, rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the Two-turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.3 Appendix P will apply.

14.4 When jury on the water observes an infringement of a rule, they may protest the boat(s) concerned.

14.5 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.

15 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within the Finishing window(15min) will be scored TLE (time limit expired) = points for the finishing place, one more than the last boat that finished within the finishing window.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and request for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the Club Committee room

16.4 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted.

16.5 A request for correction of an error in the published results has to be delivered within the protest time limit of the last scheduled day of racing or within 60 minutes after posting of the results, if this is later. When the request is not granted, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the boat is informed that the request is not granted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16.6 A boat does not need to display a red flag. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

17 SCORING

17.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4, 5, 6 or 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 8, 9 or 10, races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

d) The raid races will score double

17.3 The race will be scored with the C1 and C3 class separated, using the SCHRS rating system.

17.4 Podium places will be foreseen for each different boat type when 3 or more boats are registered.

17.5 A separate sub ranking will be published for each class presenting at least 3 boats on the start.

18 [NP] [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 RRS 40.1 applies at all time while afloat,

Although when flag "Y" is displayed the helmet is mandatory for the Foiling Boats

Complementary to the standard equipment of their boat, all boats must be equipped with:

A towing rope of 15 meters long and 6 mm in diameter.

A righting rope of 4 meters long and 10 mm in diameter.

1 personal flotation device in accordance with EC specifications for every crew member.

A wetsuit or dry suit for every crew member at all times while afloat.

Note: lengths and diameters specified in this article have to be read as minimum.

Boats shall have a mobile telephone on board to be used when help from an outside source is needed.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the protest committee. Replacement of the person in charge is not allowed.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the protest committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.3 All competitors shall use only two hulls, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 Spare

21 [NP] [DP] EVENT ADVERTISING

Boat shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority if requested.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

22.1 Spare

23 [NP] [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall remain at least 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23.2 Spare

24 [NP] [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 Spare

26 Spare

27 [NP] [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

28 PRIZES (ONLY THE TEAMS PRESENT AT THE PRIZE GIVING AND REPRESENTED BY THEMSELVES)

Prices will be awarded at the discretion of the organizing Authority.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

29.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor, each parent present or not, each coach agrees and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, crew and their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;

c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

g) Their boat is adequately insured.

29.2 Any competitor under the age of 18 years will be required to obtain parental/guardian consent prior to commencement of the race.

30 IMAGE AND MEDIA RIGHTS

In sailing the Championship a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion or still pictures, and live, taped or film television and any other reproductions of him/her during the period of the Championship in which the competitor competes and in all material related to the Championship without any compensation.

31 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 1.500.000 € per event.

Officials:

Race Committee:

Boudewijn Tanghe NRO

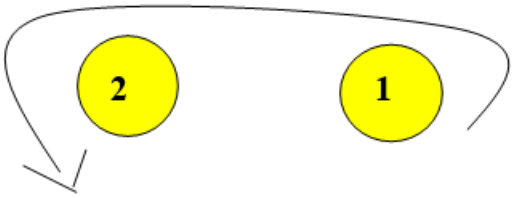
Safety: The following numbers can be reached:

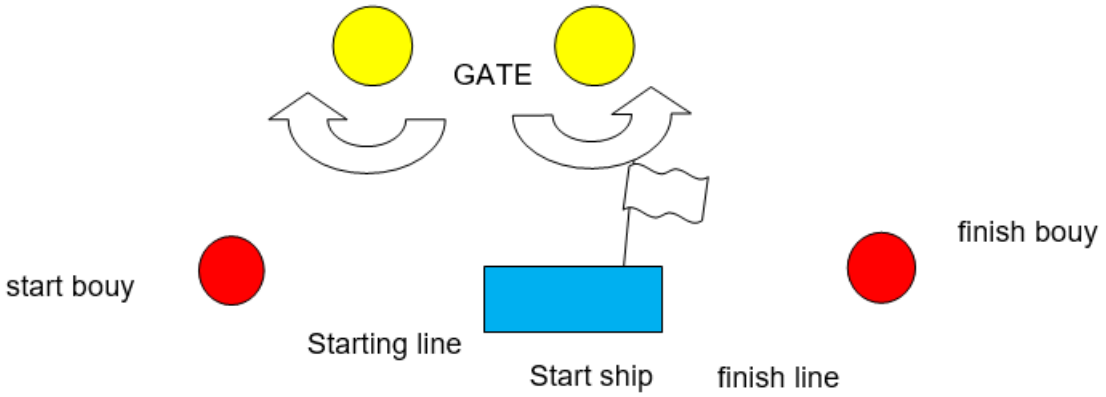
Kim Beachmaster SYCOD 0468 31 93 07
Clubhouse SYCOD 058 51 58 18

ATTACHMENT 1

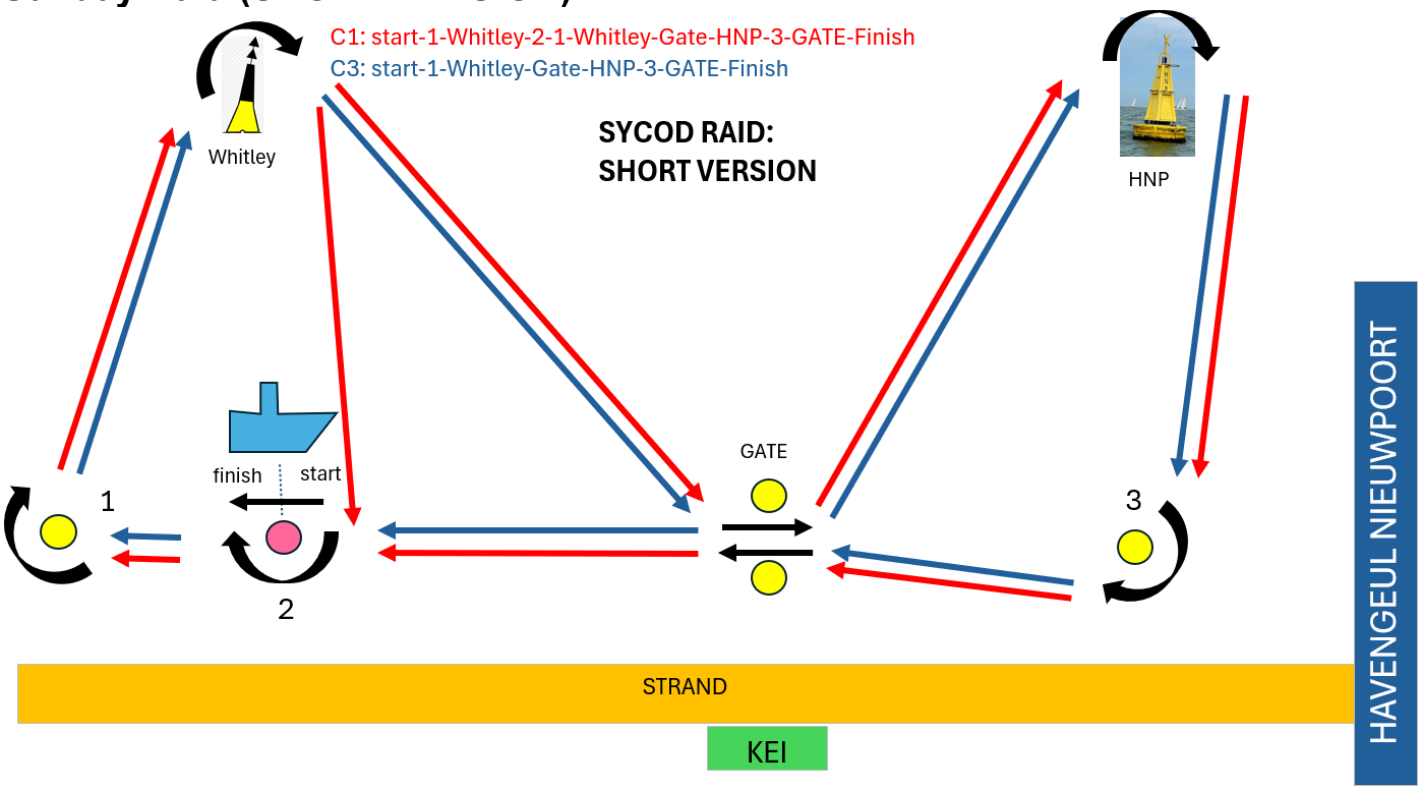
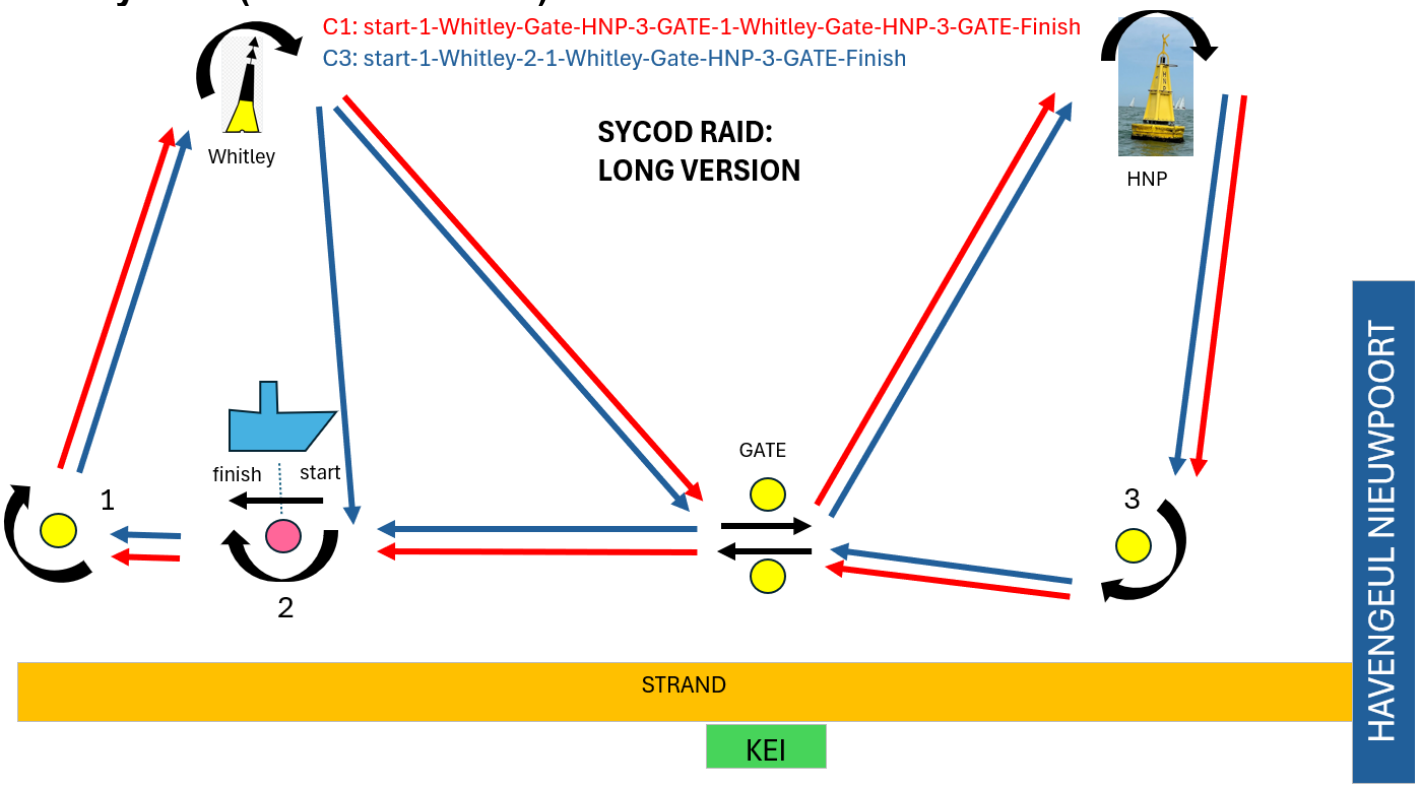
Saturday Races

COURSE C1 BOATS: START – 1 -2 - GATE- 1- 2 - GATE – 1- 2 – GATE – FINISH
COURSE C3 BOATS: START – 1 -2 - GATE- 1- 2 - GATE – FINISH





Sunday Raid (SHORT VERSION)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