

CLIPPER 2025-26 RACE



NOTICE OF RACE

TITLE OF RACE

The Race will be known as Clipper 2025-26 Round the World Yacht Race (Clipper 2025-26 Race).

START DATE OF RACE

The Race will start on 31 August 2025

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Race will be organised by Clipper Ventures Plc (the company). The company will appoint a Race Committee to control and run all the racing aspects of the race. The Race Committee will incorporate some independent members (i.e. not Clipper Race employees). The Race Committee is appointed as the official Protest Committee.

RULES

The Clipper 2025-26 Round the World Yacht Race will be governed by:

The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 (RRS). No amendments or changes to RRS by other National Authorities will apply;

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS);

This Notice of Race dated 16 June 2025

The Clipper 2025-26 Race Sailing Instructions (SIs) and subsequent amendments.

Where there is conflict, succeeding rules in the above shall take precedence.



CHANGES TO RRS

Any changes to RRS will be listed in the SIs, amendments to SIs and Individual Course Instructions (RRS86). The Race Committee reserves the right to change any rule contained within the RRS. Changes will be listed within the SI's and Course Instructions.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Yachts will be equipped to the standards required by the flag state of Malta and Category 0 Coding supported by all associated documentation.

Yachts will be operated in accordance with:

Crew Training Manual;

Clipper Race Standard Operating Procedures for On Water Operations;

Clipper 2025-26 Round the World Yacht Race Supplementary Standard Operating Procedures

Clipper 2025-26 Round the World Yacht Race Sailing Instructions;

The Skipper, First Mate and Crew contracts; and

Other special instructions that may be issued by the Clipper Race to control the running of the Clipper 2025-26 Race.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Clipper 2025-26 Round the World Yacht Race is NOT an open event and will have one class only, comprising of Clipper 70 yachts. The race will be run as a 'one design' class with no handicapping system. Entry to the Clipper 2025-26 Race will be controlled by the company.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Clipper 2025-26 Round the World Yacht Race Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be published by the end of July 2025. Course Instructions for each individual race will be issued at each port before the start of that race.



In addition to the Sailing Instructions, Skippers, First Mates and Crew will have a verbal briefing prior to each race by the Race Director or person delegated by the Race Director.

RACE PLAN

The Clipper 2025-26 Round the World Yacht Race will consist of a series of up to 16 individual races, known as stages, that will take the entrants on a route that will circumnavigate the world. The race route and individual race dates will be contained within the published Race Schedule.

Detailed start, finish and course arrangements will be specified and confirmed in the Course Instructions for each individual race. The starting port for Stage 1 of the Clipper 2025-26 Race is Portsmouth

It is estimated that the race will finish mid-July to early August 2026.

The company reserves the right to change the number of races, dates and race destinations as required for the race to achieve the overall planning objectives.

PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS

The penalties are in accordance with the RRS and the Clipper Race Sailing Instructions.

Protests shall be submitted on the appropriate form in accordance with the RRS or, where amended, the Sailing Instructions.

DECLARATIONS AND SCRUTINEERING

All race entries may be subject to scrutineering by the Race Committee or a nominated deputy to ensure adherence to the Race Rules.

All race entries must complete and sign a declaration (provided within the Sailing Instructions) at the end of each race which must be submitted to the Race Manager within one hour of arrival in the finish port.



SCORING SYSTEM

Each race will be scored on a first home basis, with ten points awarded to the first yacht across the line, nine points to the second, and so on, with the final yacht being awarded one point.

Scoring Gates will be used on some individual races and the first three boats through each scoring gate will be awarded three, two, and one scoring points respectively.

Ocean Sprints will be incorporated into certain individual races and the three fastest yachts during the Ocean Sprint will be awarded three, two and one scoring points respectively.

Each team will have the opportunity once only to play a 'Joker' whereby the finishing points of that particular race will be doubled. This must be submitted to Race Management in advance as per the Sailing Instructions (SI's)

The points accrued in each race, at Scoring Gates and Ocean Sprints and Joker points will be totaled to produce an overall leadership table for the Clipper 2025-26 Round the World Yacht Race.

PRIZES

Pennants will be awarded to the first three boats across each finish line for each race. The winning boat overall will be presented with the Clipper Race Trophy.