

Notice of Race



22nd Colin Archer Memorial Race

Organized by the

Colin Archer Memorial Race Foundation

Start on Saturday, July 11, 2026 at 09:00 AM from Lauwersoog (NL).

The Colin Archer Memorial Race (CAM Race) will be held for the 22nd time and will start on July 11, 2026, for a race across the Wadden Sea, North Sea, and Skagerrak, from Lauwersoog (NL) to Larvik (N).

1. Rules

- 1.1 The race will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028. Where these rules refer to the national authority, this means the Royal Dutch Watersport Association (Watersportverbond) for the CAM Race.
- 1.2 The provisions of the Watersportverbond apply.
- 1.3 This Notice of Race.
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions of the 22nd CAM Race.
- 1.5 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS).
- 1.6 The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
- 1.7 Each participating boat must comply with the safety and equipment requirements as stated in the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Extract for Race Category 2 Monohulls (January 2024–December 2025). The rules subject to inspection are listed in the Equipment Checklist.
- 1.8 The class rules, insofar as they are applicable.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Rule RRS 76.2 applies, with the provision that boats may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the organizing authority.

3. Eligibility and Registration

- 3.1 The minimum length of participating boats is 7.50 meters.
- 3.2 The crew must consist of at least 3 persons.
This requirement does not apply to the Two-Handed class.
- 3.3 The CAM Race is open to the following classes:
 - Unmeasured boats sailing under SW handicap;
 - Boats in the Two-Handed class with a valid ORC certificate (*);
 - Boats with a valid ORC certificate;
 - Boats with a valid IRC certificate;
 - One-design classes may be formed if there are sufficient entries.

The organization may divide classes into groups in case of high participation, or merge classes or cancel classes in case of insufficient entries.

*) An additional condition applies to the Two-Handed class:

- The skipper and co-skipper must have demonstrably sailed an offshore passage of at least 100 nautical miles with the same boat and same crew within the past two years.

4. Registration

- 4.1 Registration for the 22nd CAM Race opens on November 8, 2025, via the website www.camr.nl.
- 4.2 The entry fee for the 22nd CAM Race is €350. If the fee is received in the bank account of the CAMR Foundation before June 1, 2026, a €50 discount applies, reducing the fee to €300. An additional €50 is charged for each crew member above the minimum of 3 persons. The entry fee includes the festive prize ceremony and barbecue/meal in Norway.
- 4.3 A registration is valid once the entry fee has been transferred and received.
- 4.4 In case the race is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the board reserves the right to issue no refund or a partial refund of the entry fee already paid.
- 4.5 If a boat cancels its registration more than 30 days before the start date, 50% of the paid entry fee will be refunded. Within 30 days of the start date, no refund will be given.
- 4.6 If the event cannot take place due to government measures, the entry fee already paid will be refunded.
- 4.7 The number of participants is limited to a maximum of 140 boats. Acceptance of entries is based on the order of receipt of valid registrations.
- 4.8 The entry fee can be transferred to the bank account of the Colin Archer Memorial Race Foundation, stating "CAM Race 2026" with the boat name and sail number. The account number is: NL80ABNA0605279993.
- 4.9 For information on the storage and retention of personal data, please refer to the privacy statement on the website www.camr.nl.

5. Race Office

Race Office in **Lauwersoog**

Noordergat 3,

9976 VR Lauwersoog, Netherlands

Phone: +31 6 310 421 81.

During opening hours also reachable via VHF channel 88, callsign "Colin Archer".

Opening Hours:

- Saturday, July 4: 13:00–20:00
- Sunday, July 5: 09:00–20:00
- Monday, July 6: 13:00–18:00
- Tuesday, July 7: 13:00–18:00
- Wednesday, July 8: 13:00–18:00
- Thursday, July 9: 09:00–20:00
- Friday, July 10: 09:00–18:00

Race Office in Stavern. Located in the marina of **Stavern**.

Open and reachable during the finish of participants until the prize ceremony.

Phone: +31 6 310 421 81 and VHF channel 88.

6. Check-In

- 6.1 Check-in is possible during the week prior to the race during the opening hours of the Race Office, for example to schedule an inspection of the boat.

7. Inspection

- 7.1 Inspection of boats for equipment and seaworthiness will take place in the Noordergat marina in Lauwersoog. Boats must be ready for inspection no later than Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 08:00 hrs. From that moment, the responsible person or someone authorized to act on their behalf must be on board.
- 7.2 Boats may be inspected in advance by at least two board members of the sailing club to which the skipper belongs, provided they are not participants in the CAM Race. These boats will also be randomly checked by the CAMR organization on five items from the equipment checklist. If the results are positive; the organization will consider the boat approved.
From Saturday, July 4, 2026, boats and equipment can be inspected in Lauwersoog.
- 7.3 If the outcome of the inspection is unsatisfactory, a re-inspection will take place no later than Friday, July 10, 2026, at 12:00 hrs.

8. The Start

- 8.1 The start of the 22nd CAM Race will take place on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 09:00 AM in front of the harbor entrance of Lauwersoog. To be eligible to start, boats must have a start flag. This flag can be obtained at the Race Office once the following conditions are met:
- The entry fee has been paid;
 - All mooring fees have been paid;
 - The liability declaration has been signed;
 - The boat and equipment have been approved by inspectors from the CAM organization.
- 8.2 Low tide Lauwersoog: July 11, 2026 at 01:26 AM
- 8.3 High tide Lauwersoog: July 11, 2026 at 07:51 AM

9. Measurement Certificate / Rating

9.1 Measured Boats.

Skippers of boats with a valid ORC and/or IRC certificate must be able to present the certificate upon request during registration in Lauwersoog.

9.2 Unmeasured Boats

The ratings of measured boats form the basis of the SW system, as most boat types have been measured. A boat without an SW number must request one from www.SailSupport.nl If this is not possible for any reason, the race organization will assign an SW number based on comparison with a boat that has a known handicap rating. This base SW number may be adjusted based on the sail configuration and characteristics of the boat as submitted through the registration system.

10. Identification

- 10.1 Boats with a measurement certificate must display the sail number and nationality letters assigned by the national authority on the mainsail.
- 10.2 Boats without a measurement certificate and without a sail number will be assigned a number. The digits of this number must be at least 20 x 30 cm in size and in black or white. This number must be applied with a contrasting background on both sides of the guardrail before the boat inspection, in such a way that it is clearly visible from the start vessel. Participants are responsible for creating or arranging these numbers themselves.
- 10.3 If the identification details provided during registration are changed afterward, the participant must inform the CAMR organization. Incorrect boat name, sail number, MMSI number, or assigned number may result in exclusion from participation.

11. Sailing Instructions

- 11.1 The sailing instructions will be published as soon as possible after this Notice of Race on the organization's website: www.camr.nl. They will also be distributed during registration along with other relevant information.

12. The Course

- 12.1 Depending on the expected weather conditions, the organization will announce a course for each starting group. Courses A and B are approximately 390 and 450 nautical miles long, respectively. The designated course for each starting group will be displayed on the start vessel and announced via VHF channel 88.

13. Location

- 13.1 Appendix B shows the location of the marina, the outer harbor, and the starting area.
13.2 Boats must follow the instructions of the organization/harbormaster at all times.
13.3 Boats must be moored at their assigned location in the harbor.

14. Radio Communication / Electronic Aids

- 14.1 Assistance in the form of information from sources available to all participants is permitted. Access to other information, such as shore-based navigators or phone coaches, is considered a violation of Rule 41.c (RRS).
- 14.2 **VHF Radio**
A so-called combined VHF radio is recommended.
- 14.3 **EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Beacon)**
The battery expiration date must not be exceeded during the race.
- 14.4 **AIS (Automatic Identification System)**
The AIS transponder must be switched on throughout the entire race.
- 14.5 **Registration and Operating Certificates**
Regarding the Dutch participants, the VHF radio, AIS responder, AIS MOB, PLB, and EPIRB must be registered with the Dutch Authority for Digital Infrastructure (RDI), formerly known as the Telecom Agency. Each year, the RDI provides a 'Registration Overview'. This overview must be presented during the inspection in Lauwersoog.
For the combined VHF radio, EPIRB, and PLB, a Marcom-B certificate is required. For the AIS and AIS-MOB, the Basic Certificate in Maritime Radio Communication is sufficient. For other participants, the required registration and mandatory operating certificate from their own country are accepted.
Further information about maritime transmitting/receiving equipment and a test form can be found on the CAM Race website under: "**Frequently Asked Questions and Answers – Race Documentation.**"
- 14.6 A receiver for maritime safety messages is mandatory. An SSB receiver, Navtex, and/or a PC with satellite receiver is recommended.

15. Autopilot

- 15.1 The use of an autopilot is permitted, provided that proper lookout is maintained.

16. Crew Changes

- 16.1 Crew members may leave, return to, or be replaced on the boat at any time during the race. All such changes must be recorded on the race form.
- 16.2 However, if the number of crew members falls below the minimum required as a result, the boat will be excluded from further participation.

17. Prizes

- 17.1 The prize ceremony will take place in Stavern prior to the barbecue/meal on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

18. Liability Declaration

- 18.1 The person in charge on board or the skipper of the boat must sign a form during registration declaring agreement with all conditions and requirements.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

- 19.1 Participants take part in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, "Decision to Race." The organizing authority accepts no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death in connection with, before, during, or after the race.
- 19.2 If any participant initiates legal proceedings against the organizers, the organizing foundation, the supporting sailing club, or the race committee and its assistants, jurisdiction will be in the Netherlands, at the district court in Groningen. Rights and obligations will be governed by Dutch law.

20. Insurance

- 20.1 Each participating boat must be insured for legal liability with a minimum coverage of €1,500,000 per incident or the equivalent thereof.
- 20.2 A copy of the insurance policy must be available for inspection upon request.