



Royal Lymington Yacht Club

SCOW FIGURE OF EIGHT RACE

Incorporating

Lymington River Scow Class Association Travellers' Trophy

Sunday 23rd June 2019

Tide Times

Portsmouth-BST

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| 16:31 | 4.2 | 19:08 | 0.6 |

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority is the Royal Lymington Yacht Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, (RRS).
- 1.2. Boats intending to race, racing or that have been racing, may be found to break the IRPCAS if they impede the passage of a vessel (such as a Wightlink ferry) that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. A boat that breaks RRS 42 in order to comply with IRPCAS, or for other safety reason, shall report the incident to the Race Committee before the end of the protest time for that race. If no racing advantage was gained, there will be no penalty. In cases of doubt, the Race Committee shall protest the boat in order that the Protest Committee may hear the case and decide any appropriate penalty.
- 1.3. Add to RRS 28.1: 'If the Race Committee observes a boat failing to sail the correct course, then she may be disqualified without a hearing.' This also changes RRS A5.
- 1.4. Add to RRS 32.1: '(f) for any reason considered appropriate by the Race Committee.'
- 1.5. Competitors and support persons shall comply promptly with any reasonable request by a Race Official.
- 1.6. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices that comply with the standard specified in the Notice of Race at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4.

- 1.7. Boats shall notify their intention to race on the register available at the Race Office.
- 1.8. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).

2. Communications with Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the Royal Lymington Yacht Club.
- 2.2. There will be a briefing for competitors at 14:00 on 23rd June 2019 on the Club Forecourt under the balcony.
- 2.3. A list of entries may be published on the official notice board and on the Club website.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 or no later than 2 hours before the scheduled start time of the race on the day of the event, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before the event.

4. Signals made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagstaff on the upper balcony of the Club.
- 4.2. When AP is displayed ashore, launching will start immediately after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3. When flag T is displayed ashore, Scows shall be reefed while racing.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. The Races are scheduled to start as follows.

| Class | Time of Warning Signal, not before |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Scow - Double Handed | 14:57 |
| Scow - Single Handed | 15:00 |

- 5.2. Starting will be from a Committee Boat the location of which will be specified at the briefing. The warning signal may be made as soon as all boats that have signed in are seen to be in the start area.
- 5.3. After a long postponement, or to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound, at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6. Classes, Class and Event Flags. Rating or Handicap Limits

6.1. Class or event flags will be:

| Class / Event | Flag |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Scow Figure of Eight Race | D |
| Scow - Double Handed | Numeral Pennant 5 |
| Scow - Single Handed | Numeral Pennant 4 |

6.2. When entering, Scows shall nominate which fleet they will sail in (Travellers Trophy, Single or Double Handed)

7. Racing Areas

7.1. The racing area for this event will be: The Lymington River and the waters around Oxey and Pylewell Islands. [A chart of the race area can be found on the Royal Lymington Yacht Club website.](#)

8. Course

8.1. The course will take competitors from a start in Long Reach round Oxey and Pylewell Islands to a finish **on the opposite side** of Long Reach such that a “Figure of Eight” shape is described. The direction will depend on the wind on the day of the race and will be described at the briefing.

9. Areas that are Obstructions

9.1. **The area south of the two rock wave barriers and bounded by the green channel marker posts to the east, and the red channel marker posts to the west is designated a Prohibited Area. Competitors shall not enter the Prohibited Area from the time of their Warning Signal until they have finished racing except at the designated Crossing Zone, Any Competitor that fails to observe this provision shall be disqualified without a hearing.**

9.2. **The designated Crossing Zone is shown on the chart in Attachment A and will be further described at the briefing.**

10. The Start

10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made three minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal one minute later.

10.2. The starting line is described in Attachment A3.

10.3. A boat starting later than three minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.4. If a flag other than ‘P’ is to be used as the preparatory signal, that flag may be displayed before, and removed at, the first warning signal.

11. Marks

11.1 The Marks will be described at the briefing

12. Change of Course

- 12.1. Alternatives for shortening the course in exceptional circumstances will be described at the Briefing. (see 2.2 above)

13. The Finish

- 13.1. The finishing line is described in Attachment A5. **It will be on the opposite side of the river to the Start**

14. Penalty System

- 14.1. Exoneration Penalty.

- 14.2. A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2, or RRS 31 or RRS 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts an Post Race Penalty - a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty is to retire

- 14.3. When a Post Race Penalty is accepted:

- (a) Neither the boat nor a Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
- (b) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

15. Time Limits and Target Times

- 15.1. The time limit shall be 2 hours.
- 15.2. Boats that do not finish within the time will be scored DNF without a hearing.
- 15.3. This Sailing Instruction 15 changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Office or from the shelf outside the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the event. However, for protests alleging a breach of the IRPCAS based on a report from a source external to the Club, the protest time limit is 7 days after the alleged breach.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the final protest time limit of the day to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5. Penalties for breaches of rules, except RRS Part 1 and 2 are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 16.6. RYA Rules Dispute Advisory and Mediation Hearings are available.

- 16.7. If possible, full protest hearings will be heard on the evening of the Event but if this is not possible they will take place as soon as reasonably possible subsequently and, in any event, no later than the end of the following Monday.

17. Scoring

- 17.1. RRS A4 Low Point System will apply.

18. Safety Regulations and Risk Statement

- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2. Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 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, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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 race 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;
- 18.3. The Race Committee may stop a boat launching, or require it to return ashore, if they consider the boat, its equipment, helm or crew are not adequate for the likely conditions.
- 18.4. All Competitors, whilst afloat, preparing to go afloat and on return to shore shall comply with instructions given by slipway marshals and any RLymYC official Committee Boat or patrol boat.
- 18.5. **All Competitors shall only cross the river at the designated Crossing Zone as described at the briefing. Whilst crossing the river all boats will comply with any instructions given by any RLymYC Official Committee boat or Patrol boat(s). The penalty for a breach of this Sailing Instruction will be disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.**

- 18.6. Boats shall sign on before racing and sign off after racing, but before the protest time limit, on the sheet at the Race Office. The penalty for a breach of this Sailing Instruction may be 5 points applied without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 19.1. No authorisation is required for the substitution of crew or equipment, except as required by Class rules.

20. Advertising

- 20.1. Boats are not required to display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority.

21. Official Boats

- 21.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee boats - a white flag with a blue Lymington Ship and RC
Patrol boats – flags with identifying numerals.
Race signals may be made from these boats.

22. Prizes

- 22.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 1st Double handed helm and crew:
- 2nd Double handed helm and crew
- 3rd Double handed helm and crew
- 1st Single hander
- 2nd Single hander
- 3rd Single hander

- 22.2. Prizes will be presented at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club in the Bar/River Room as soon as possible after the end of racing or, if one or more protests makes this impossible, on the Monday evening following the date of the Event.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The incoming and outgoing ferries cross one another just south of the mouth of the Lymington River or in the river off the entrance to Pylewell Lake. Competitors should be particularly wary at this point. As navigation aids to ferry skippers, two black and white posts on the east side and two red and white posts on the west side of the river have been erected near the point where the ferries cross.

Competitors must be aware that the Wightlink ferries are operating a commercial service in restricted waters and have little room for manoeuvre to avoid obstructions. As a rule of thumb, whilst sailing within the river channel, boats are advised to maintain a distance of not less than two ferry lengths ahead of a ferry. Every effort must be made to avoid interference with their navigation in the river.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**ATTACHMENT A****RACE AREA, MARKS & COURSES****1. The Race Area****2. Racing Areas**

- 2.1. The racing area for this event will be: The Lymington River and the waters around Oxey and Pylewell Islands.

3. Starting Marks and Starting Line

- 3.1. The starting line marks will be:

| Starting Line | Inner Mark | Inner Limit Mark (if laid) | Outer Mark |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Committee Boat | Staff with orange flag on Committee Boat | Pink buoy | Blue buoy |

- 3.2. The approximate position of the starting line will be displayed on the Scow race information board adjacent to the Race Office before the start.
- 3.3. The starting line will be between the course side of inner and outer starting marks. The Committee Boat may be at either end of the line.
- 3.4. The inner limit mark is a starting mark and shall have the same required side as the Committee Boat.
- 3.5. All boats shall pass the Committee Boat so that her sail number is clearly visible to the Race Committee.

4. Marks of the Course

- 4.1. Any marks which are laid to further identify the designated Crossing Point will be described at the Briefing.

5. Finishing Marks and Finishing Line

- 5.1. The finishing line marks will be:

| Finishing Line | Inner Mark | Outer Mark | Inner Limit Mark |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Committee Boat Finish | Staff with orange flag on the Committee Boat | Blue buoy. | Pink buoy (if laid) |

- 5.2. The finishing line will be between the course side of the inner and outer finishing marks. The Committee Boat may be at either end of the line.
- 5.3. The inner limit mark is a finishing mark, and shall have the same required side as the Committee Boat.

