



Royal Lympington Yacht Club

Scow Trophy Races 2019

Event	Date	Tide Times Portsmouth BST			
		HW	Ht	HW	Ht
Hinxman Trophy	28 th May	07:18	3.6	20:20	3.9
Alexina Trophy	11 th June	06:46	4.1	19:31	4.4
Captain's Trophy	9 th July	05:19	4.4	18:03	4.5

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority is the Royal Lympington 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 limit 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 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.
- 1.6 Boats shall notify their intention to race on the register available at the Race Office.

- 1.7 Competitors and support persons shall comply promptly with any reasonable request by a Club Race Official.
- 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 Lyminster Yacht Club
- 2.2 There will be a briefing for competitors at 17:00, on the day of the event under the balcony at the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club.
- 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 no later than one hour before the scheduled race on the day it will take effect, 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

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagstaff on the upper balcony of the Royal Lyminster Yacht 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 Races are scheduled as follows:

Event	Date	Time of 1 st Warning Signal, not before	Number of Races Scheduled
Hinxman Trophy	28th May	17:40	3
Alexina Trophy	11th June	17:40	3
Captain's Trophy	9 th July	17:40	3

- 5.2 Starting will be from a Committee Boat located close to the river entrance. The warning signal may be made as soon as all boats that have signed in are seen to be in the start area, or 15 minutes after the times in SI 5.1, whichever is earlier.
- 5.3 When more than one race is scheduled in a day, second and subsequent races will be started as soon as practical.
- 5.4 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
All Scow Trophy Races	Numeral Pennant 3

7 Racing Areas

7.1 The locations of the racing areas are shown in Attachment A.

8 Courses

8.1 The courses are described in Attachment A.

9 Marks

9.1 The marks are described in Attachment A.

10 Areas that are Obstructions

10.1 Areas designated as obstructions are shown in Attachment A.

11 The Start

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal one minute later.

11.2 The starting line is described in Attachment A.

11.3 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.4 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.

12 Change of Course

12.1 There will be no change of course after the warning signal, except as described in Sailing Instructions A6.

13 The Finish and Shortening the Course

13.1 The finishing line is described in Attachment A.

13.2 Alternatives for shortening the course are described in Attachment A.

14 Penalty System

14.1 Exoneration Penalty.

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 a 20% scoring penalty as stated in RRS 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under RRS 30.3 or a penalty under RRS Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of RRS 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under RRS 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.

14.2 When a Exoneration 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

- 15.1 The time limit for each race will be 5 minutes after the first boat to finish. Boats still racing after the expiration of the time limit will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish.
- 15.2 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 Club Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. 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 protest time limit 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 and other rules 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 The number of races required to complete a series and the number of discards are specified in the Notice of Race.
- 17.2 RRS A4 Low Point System Scoring shall apply.
- 17.3 A boat that is racing when her time limit expires shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS A4.2 and RRS A9
- 17.4 Boats shall only be entered in the series results after they have started a race. A boat that enters any race in a series will be scored as having entered the series.

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 boats, whilst afloat, preparing to go afloat and on return to shore shall comply with instructions given by slipway marshals and any race team member onshore or on the RLymYC official Committee Boat or a patrol boat.
- 18.5 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 – may display 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

The Scow Event Trophy will be awarded to the helmsman of the boat with the lowest aggregate score. In the event of a tie the boat with the best place in the final race will be adjudged the winner.

Other prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd double handed helm and crew;

1st, 2nd and 3rd single hander.

Prizes will be presented at the RLymYC 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. Competitors should be particularly wary at this point.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
ATTACHMENT A
RACE AREA, MARKS & COURSES

A1. The Race Area

The race area will be:

- The Lymington River
- The Western Solent

A2. Starting Marks and Starting Line

A2.1. 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	Orange buoy with blue stripe(s)

A2.2. The approximate position of the starting line may be displayed on the blackboard adjacent to the Race Office before the start.

A2.3. 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.

A2.4. The inner limit mark is a starting mark, and shall have the same required side as the Committee Boat.

A2.5. Before a boat's first start of each day she shall pass the Committee Boat so that her sail number is clearly visible to the Race Committee.

A2.6. Courses will be trapezoidal (see diagrams below) and will normally consist of two laps in each race.

A3. Marks of the Course

A3.1. Any marks which are laid to form part of the Course will be described at the Briefing (see 2.2 above).

A4. Gates

A4.1. The Gate will be the same as the finishing line.

A4.2. The Gate must be passed through on every windward leg.

A5. Finishing Marks and Finishing Line

A5.1. 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	Orange buoy with black and white chequered waist.	Pink buoy (if laid)

A5.2. 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.

A5.3. The inner limit mark is a finishing mark, and shall have the same required side as the Committee Boat.

A6. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

A6.1. When a course change is limited to changing the length of a leg, no signal may be given. This changes RRS 33.

A6.2. The course may be changed, without signals, to maintain the configuration consistent with changes of wind direction and strength. This changes RRS 33.

A7. Obstructions (not applicable)

A8. Shortening the Course

A8.1. In addition to RRS 32, if a race is shortened by the display of S over N after at least one round of a multi-round course has been completed by all boats of the class, the order in which the boats passed through the gate at the end of the last completed round shall be used as the finishing order.

RED COURSE

START

1 port, 2 port, 3 port, 4 port, GATE

1 port, 2 port, 3 port, 4 port, FINISH

GREEN COURSE

START

1 stbd, 2 stbd, 3 stbd, 4 stbd, GATE

1 stbd, 2 stbd, 3 stbd, 4 stbd, FINISH

