

Royal Lymington Yacht Club



Lymington XOD Division Racing Series scheduled in 2020 Various dates between Wednesday 2nd September and Saturday 14th November 2020

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHMENT A

RACE AREA, MARKS & COURSES

1. The Race Area

The race area will be:

• The Western Solent and its approaches

2. Starting Marks and Starting Line

2.1. 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	Orange mark	Blue buoy *

^{*} A racing mark may be used instead of a blue buoy and will be communicated on VHF by the Race Committee.

- 2.2. The approximate location of the Committee Boat will be announced on VHF 72.
- 2.3. Spare
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. The inner limit mark is a starting mark, and shall have the same required side as the Committee Boat.
- 2.6. 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.

3. Marks of the Course

- 3.1. The list of marks of the course is published on the Club website and available from the Club Office as West Solent Racing Marks & Lymington Inshore Racing Marks. Courses set may use marks from either or both lists.
- 3.2. Marks designated by the Solent Cruising and Racing Association (SCRA) may be used. The list of SCRA marks is available at www.scra.org.uk or through the link on the Club website.

4. Gates

- 4.1. The Gate will be the same as the finishing line.
- 4.2. Spare
- 4.3. The River Gate will be between West Reach and East Reach.

5. Finishing Marks and Finishing Line

5.1. The finishing line marks will be:

Finishing Line	Inner Mark	Inner Limit Mark	Outer Mark
Committee Boat Finish	Staff with orange flag on the Committee Boat	Orange mark (if laid)	Blue buoy*.
River Gate Finish	Staff with orange flag on Finish Boat adjacent to either West or East Reach buoy	West or East Reach buoy depending on position of Finish Boat	West or East Reach buoy depending on position of Finish Boat

^{*} A racing mark may be used instead of a blue buoy and will be communicated on VHF by the Race Committee.

- 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 Platform or Committee Boat.

A6. Courses

- A6.1 The marks and the order in which they are to be rounded or passed will be broadcast on VHF 72 between the display of the orange flag and the Warning Signal and will be repeated if necessary.
- A6.2 For courses with a River Gate finish, all boats shall, after the last mark broadcast in accordance with A6.1, pass between Y (Black and Orange Mark) and Z (Black and White Mark), then pass through the River Gate.

A7. Obstructions

The following are obstructions and after starting and while *racing*, shall be passed on the channel or seaward side

- A7.1 East Reach and West Reach Buoys, except when they are marks of the course on the leg being sailed.
- A7.2 Y (Black and Orange Mark) and Z (Black and White Mark), which shall both be passed to seaward, except when they are marks of the course on the leg being sailed.

A8. Shortening the Course

- A8.1 In addition to RRS 32, when the race committee believe that boats are unlikely to finish within the time limit or boats do not finish with the time limit, the race committee may score boats in the order, corrected on handicap if appropriate, that they passed through the last gate or mark at which the race committee are able to establish a finishing order. Such a line becomes the finishing line for those boats. However, no boat shall be scored better than any boat that completed the course. The race committee may signal this by the display of S over N. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4.2 and RRS A9
- A8.2 In addition to RRS 32. When a Race Committee boat near a designated mark of the course is displaying flag S over H with repetitive sound signals, that mark and the committee boat shall become a gate. This may change the required side of the mark. Boats shall pass through the gate in accordance with RRS 28.2(c) and sail directly to the Finish, complying with Sailing Instruction A7.