



Royal Lymington Yacht Club

One-Design Keelboat Points Series



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ATTACHMENT A

RACE AREA, MARKS & COURSES

A1. The Race Area

The race area will be:

- The Western Solent and its approaches

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	Letter, Number or Symbol Where Displayed
Platform or Committee Boat	Staff with orange flag on Platform or Committee Boat	Orange mark	Blue buoy *	Platform or Committee Boat

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

- A2.2. When a committee vessel start is used the approximate position of the starting area may be displayed on a blackboard on the club forecourt before the start and announced on VHF.
- A2.3. The starting line will be between the course side of the inner and outer starting marks. The committee vessel, when used, 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 vessel or Platform.
- A2.5. Before a boat's first start of each day she shall pass the committee vessel or starting Platform so that her sail number is clearly visible to the race committee.

A3. Marks of the Course

- A3.1. The list of marks of the course is published on the Club website and available from the Club office as West Solent Racing Marks and Lymington Inshore Racing Marks. Courses may be set using either or both of these list.
- A3.2. Marks designated by the Solent Cruising and Racing Association (SCRA) may also be used. The list of SCRA marks is available at www.scra.org.uk or through the link on the Club website.

A4. Gates

- A4.1. The Gate will be the same as the finishing line (but see SI A10.2).
- A4.2. The River Gate will be between West Reach and East Reach

A5. Finishing Marks and Finishing Line

A5.1. The finishing line marks will be:

Finishing Line	Inner Mark	Inner Limit Mark (if laid)	Outer Mark	Letter, Number or Symbol Displayed with the Course
Committee Vessel Finish	Staff with blue flag on the Committee vessel	Pink or orange buoy	Blue buoy or nearby racing mark	The last mark displayed
Platform Finish	Staff with blue flag on Platform	Pink or orange buoy	Blue Buoy	P
River Gate Finish (the committee vessel may be at either end)	East or West Reach	Pass between East and West Reach	West or East Reach	®

A5.2. The finishing line will be between the course side of the inner and outer finishing marks. The committee vessel, when used, 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 vessel.

A6. Courses

A6.1. The marks and the order in which they are to be rounded or passed may be displayed on the Platform or committee vessel and/ or may 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 or displayed 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. Variable Courses

A7.1. The marks and the order in which they are to be rounded or passed will be displayed and announced as follows:

A7.2. All marks, except gate, starting and finishing line marks, are rounding marks unless its designator has a white or orange bar below. Non rounding marks may be notified by VHF using the phrase 'Mark X is a passing mark, but not a rounding mark'.

A7.3. Marks with designators on a red background shall be left to port. Marks with designators on a green background shall be left to starboard.

A7.4. When a number of marks are to be rounded in sequence more than one time, a diamond will be displayed for each round. When marks are displayed in different rows, only those marks on the same row as a diamond(s) are to be included.

A7.5. When one or more moveable marks are used, the approximate magnetic bearing from the previous mark (or starting line if the moveable mark is the first mark of the course) may be displayed near the course board at the start or announced on VHF 72. If more than one moveable mark is used the magnetic bearings of each will be displayed or announced in the order in which the marks are to be rounded or passed.

A8. Obstructions

A8.1. The following are obstructions and after starting and whilst racing, shall only be passed on the channel or seaward side

- A8.1.1. East Reach and West Reach Buoys, except when they are marks of the course on the leg being sailed.
- A8.1.2. Y (Black and Orange Mark) and Z (Black and White Mark) except when they are marks of the course on the leg being sailed.
- A8.1.3. Jack in the Basket, except on the first leg of the race after the start or a leg of the course to or from either Y or Z or to a River Gate Finish.
- A8.1.4. Cross Boom Post, except when sailing on a leg of the course to or from either Y or Z or to a River Gate Finish.
- A8.1.5. Platform and the inner limit mark which may be laid close to it, except when sailing on a leg of the course to or from either Y or Z or to a River Gate Finish
- A8.1.6. The barrier off Durns Point (pass to the south of the outer beacon).
- A8.1.7. A plain white spherical buoy approximately one metre in diameter, situated south east of the inner trot of harbour moorings to the west of Yarmouth Harbour entrance.

A9. Shortening the Course

- A10.1 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 before S over N has been displayed. The race committee may signal this by the display of S over N. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4.2 and RRS A9.
- A10.2. In addition to RRS 32. When a race committee vessel near a designated mark of the course is displaying flags S over H with repetitive sound signals, that mark and the committee vessel 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 A8.1.
- A10.3 When, at 16:00 hrs, the first boat's transom has not crossed the line through a mark of the course at 90° to the course to the next mark (having passed all previous marks correctly) boats shall round that mark on the designated side and sail directly to the Finish, complying with Sailing Instruction A8.