



Lymington Town Sailing Club & Royal Lymington Yacht Club

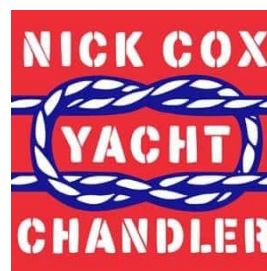
Lymington Dinghy Regatta 2019

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority is Lymington Town Sailing Club (LTSC) together with the Royal Lymington Yacht Club (RLymYC).

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 (shortening or abandoning after the start): '(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. Competitors and support persons shall comply promptly and without argument with any reasonable request by a Regatta Race Official.

2. Communications with competitors and signals made Ashore

- 2.1. The Official Notice Board, flagstaff and briefings are described in Attachment A

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3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 2 hours before the first 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. Schedule of Races

- 4.1. Schedule of races is described in Attachment A

5. Classes, Class and Regatta Flags. Rating or Handicap Limits

- 5.1. Classes, class flags and event flags will be displayed on the Official Notice Board at least 60 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal.
- 5.2. When a visual signal is displayed under a class/event flag, the signal applies to all boats in that class/event. When a visual signal is displayed on a committee boat, the signal only applies to Classes using that committee boat for their day's races. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 5.3. The Race Committee may adjust the definition, the numbers, and/or the handicap limits of Classes. Such decisions will be posted as a notice to competitors.
- 5.4. The Race Committee may at its sole discretion move boats between Classes.
- 5.5. Boats racing in Portsmouth Yardstick Classes will be allocated Portsmouth Numbers as published on the RYA website: <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/portsmouthyardstick.aspx> or, where no Number is published, will be allocated Trial Numbers by the Race Committee. The Race Committee may adjust Numbers during the event.

6. Racing Areas

- 6.1. Racing areas are described in Attachment A.

7. Courses

- 7.1. The courses and changes of course are described in Attachment A.

8. Marks

- 8.1. The marks are described in Attachments E and W.

9. Areas that are Obstructions

- 9.1. No areas are designated as obstructions whilst racing, however competitors' attention is drawn to the local byelaws and Notices to Mariners.

10. The Start

- 10.1. The starting procedure and starting line are described in Attachment A.

11. The Finish and Shortening the Course

- 11.1. The finishing line and alternatives for shortening the course are described in Attachment A.

12. Penalty System

- 12.1. The penalty system is described in Attachment A.

13. Time Limits and Target Times

- 13.1. Target times and time limits are described in Attachment A.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Office downstairs in the LTSC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

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- 14.2. For each Class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that Class has finished the last race of the day or 60 minutes after the race committee has signalled no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5. Penalties for breaches of rules, except RRS Part 1 and 2 are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 14.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2
- 14.7. A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the Protest Time Limit.
- 14.8. Competitors are requested to advise the finishing boat if intending to lodge a protest or seek redress.

15. Scoring

- 15.1. The number of races required to complete a series and the number of discards are specified in the Notice of Race.
- 15.2. A boat that is racing when her time limit expires, and is not scored in accordance with SI A10.2, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS A4.2 and RRS A9.
- 15.3. Boats shall only be entered in the series results after they have paid the relevant entry and launching fees.

16. Safety Regulations and Risk Statement

- 16.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 16.2. 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;
 - (g) The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Sailing Instructions.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. All boats, whilst afloat, preparing to go afloat and on return to shore shall comply with instructions given by slipway marshals and any RLymYC or LTSC official Committee Boat or patrol boat.

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17. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 17.1. No authorisation is required for the substitution of crew or equipment, except as required by Class rules.
- 17.2. Boats that can race with different sail sizes (e.g. RS Aero 5/7/9, RS Tera Sport/Pro, Laser 4.7/Radial/Standard) shall enter with the largest sail size to be used during the regatta, and be scored with the Portsmouth Yardstick corresponding to that sail size for each race even if a smaller sail is used.
- 17.3. A boat will be scored as a single boat in a series only if at least one person on board is the same in all races, otherwise it will be scored as separate boats.

18. Advertising

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

19. Official Boats

- 19.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:
 - Race Committee boats – white flag marked “RC” or LTSC burgee.
 - Patrol boats – pink flag or LTSC burgee.
 - Race signals may be made from these boats.

20. Support Boats

- 20.1. Support boat personnel may apply to the Race Committee, stating the sail numbers of the boats they are supporting, and be issued with a red and white vertical striped flag. Personnel on boats displaying this flag may offer verbal assistance to boats racing in the Slow Handicap fleet only, but shall not otherwise interfere with boats racing or official boats. RRS 41 is changed to permit this outside help.
- 20.2. A breach of this Sailing Instruction may result in a penalty being imposed on the boats associated with the support boat.

21. Prizes

- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded to at least three boats in each Class. Where Classes have been combined, this may be only the first boat from each original Class.
- 21.2. Prizes will be presented as soon as practical after racing on Sunday 14 July in the Solent Room, LTSC.

22. Insurance

- 22.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The ingoing and outgoing ferries can cross one another in the river off the entrance to Pylewell Lake or just south of the river mouth. Competitors should be particularly wary at these points. 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 have been erected near the point where the ferries cross in the river.

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 – ALL CLASSES

	Tide Times – Portsmouth – BST					
	HW	Height	LW	Height	HW	Height
Saturday 13 July	09:26	4.1m	14:51	1.5m	21:54	4.3m
Sunday 14 July	10:25	4.2m	15:44	1.4m		

Lymington Town Sailing Club and the Royal Lymington Yacht Club extend a warm welcome to helms and crews of competing boats and invite them to become temporary members for the duration of the Regatta. Please use and enjoy the Clubs during the Regatta.

A1. Communications with Competitors

- A1.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the **Official Notice Board** located in the **LTSC forecourt**.
- A1.2. There will be a **briefing** for competitors at **11:15 on Saturday** 13 July in the LTSC Solent Room (upstairs bar).

A2. Signals made ashore

- A2.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the **LTSC flagstaff on the lawn**.
- A2.2. When AP is displayed ashore, with the relevant Class or Event flags, launching will start after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

A3. Schedule of Races

- A3.1. Races are scheduled each racing day as follows:

Date	Time of 1st Warning Signal	No. of Races Scheduled *	Total number of Scheduled Races in the Series
Saturday 13 July	13:00	3	6
Sunday 14 July	10:30	3	

* Extra races may be sailed on either day to maintain the original total number of scheduled races in the series.

- A3.2. The order of starting Classes for the first race each day will be as posted on the Official Notice Board.
- A3.3. Second and subsequent races each day will be started as soon as practical after the first race. The order in which Classes start may be varied.
- A3.4. The Classes may be combined for any start, but no Class will start earlier than as published.
- A3.5. After a long postponement, or to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag may be displayed with one sound, at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- A3.6. There will be **no warning signal after 14:30 on Sunday** 14 July.

A4. Racing Areas

- A4.1. Two course areas will be used, designated “East Area” and “West Area”, each with its own Committee Boat. The Committee Boat allocated to each area will be located on the respective side of the Lymington River entrance. Information for the East Area is in Attachment E. Information for the West Area is in Attachment W.
- A4.2. The course area for each Class will be displayed on the Official Notice Board at least 60 minutes before the warning signal for the first race of the day.

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A6.4. The course configuration (Alpha or Bravo) to be sailed by each class will be indicated on a board on the Committee Boat at that Class' warning signal.

A6.5. Marks of the course are described in Attachments E & W.

A7. Starting Line, Gate and Finishing Line

A7.1. 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.

A7.2. The inner limit mark is a starting mark, and shall have the same required side as the Committee Boat.

A7.3. 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.

A7.4. 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.

A7.5. The Gate will be the same as the finishing line.

A7.6. Starting and finishing marks are described in Attachments E & W.

A8. Change of Course

A8.1. The course may be changed, without signals, to maintain the configuration consistent with changes of the wind direction and strength. This changes RRS 33.

A9. Shortening the Course

A9.1. If a race is shortened at the Committee Boat by the display of **flag S**, with or without individual Class flags, boats in the relevant Classes shall be finished as they **next pass through the gate**. Boats' finishing positions and elapsed times shall be adjusted according to the number of rounds they have sailed. This changes RRS 32.

A9.2. 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.

A10. Time Limits and Target Times

A10.1. The target finish time for the first boat in each race will be approximately **40 minutes**, which may be varied at the sole discretion of the race officer.

A10.2. The **time limit shall be 75 minutes** for the first boat to finish in each Class. If one boat finishes within that limit then the time limit for that Class will be amended to 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. Boats failing to finish within the amended time limit may be scored according to their recorded times at the last mark rounding / gate. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a patrol boat and should stop racing thereafter. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.

A11. Penalty System

A11.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the **One-Turn Penalty** (one tack and one gybe).

A11.2. 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 three places and she shall not be scored worse than the

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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.

A11.3. 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.

A12. Sign-on and Sign-off

A12.1. A representative of each boat shall on each race day sign on before racing using the **sign-on sheets located in front of LTSC**. A representative of each boat shall also **sign off within 15 minutes** of returning ashore. Failure to sign on and off in accordance with this instruction may result in the disqualification of the boat from the day's races. This disqualification may be exonerated up to 60 minutes after returning ashore with a donation of £5 which shall be passed to the RNLI.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
ATTACHMENT E – EAST AREA
RACE AREA & MARKS

A13. The Race Area

The race area will be the Solent, to the east of the Lymington River

A14. Starting Marks

A14.1. The starting line marks will be:

Inner Mark	Inner Limit Mark (if laid)	Outer Mark
Staff with orange flag on Committee Boat	Small pink buoy	Orange dumpy buoy OR Staff with orange flag on RIB

A15. Marks of the Course

A15.1. Description of Marks

Name / Number	Description of Mark:
Mark 1	Harken buoy
Mark S	Red spherical buoy
Mark 4	Orange dumpy buoy
Marks 2, 3 (if used)	Orange dumpy buoy

A15.2. Marks that are not needed for the course configurations being used may not be laid.

A16. Finishing Marks

A16.1. The finishing line marks will be:

Inner Mark	Outer Mark
Staff with orange flag on the Committee Boat	Orange buoy with chequered waist.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
ATTACHMENT W – WEST AREA
RACE AREA & MARKS

A17. The Race Area

The race area will be the Solent, to the west of the Lymington River

A18. Starting Marks

A18.1. The starting line marks will be:

Inner Mark	Inner Limit Mark (if laid)	Outer Mark
Staff with orange flag on Committee Boat	Small pink buoy	Blue buoy OR Staff with orange flag on RIB

A19. Marks of the Course

A19.1. Description of Marks

Name / Number	Description of Mark:
Mark 1	Blue Harken buoy
Mark S	Pink buoy
Marks 2, 3, 4	Orange dumpy buoy

A19.2. Marks that are not needed for the course configurations being used may not be laid.

A20. Finishing Marks

A20.1. The finishing line marks will be:

Inner Mark	Outer Mark
Staff with orange flag on the Committee Boat	Orange buoy with chequered waist.