

LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB

RS TERA Open 2021

Sailing Instructions

9th October 2021

Competitors Briefing
10:30 in front of the Clubhouse

Predicted Tides - BST	High Water Lymington	Low Water Lymington
9 th Oct 2021	0039 3.30m 1306 3.38m	0646 0.41m 1909 0.48m

1.1 Competitors shall comply with the RYA Racing Charter.

www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

Competitors sailing under the charter are expected:

- a) to show courtesy and respect to other competitors, officials and to other users of the water; to compete in compliance with the rules and to take a penalty when required by the rules:
- b) Use the provided services to resolve disputes.

1.2 International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea apply when meeting a vessel not racing. Particular attention is drawn to IRPCAS 9(b) "A vessel of less than 20 metres length or a Sailing Vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel, which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway".

1.3 No boat whilst sailing out of the river or returning from a race shall deliberately impede the passage of the Lymington / Yarmouth Wightlink Ferry, any boat so doing may commit a gross breach of a rule and/or be held to bring the sport into disrepute for the purposes of RR 69.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board outside the entrance to the Clubhouse.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at 1.5 hours before the first start of the day that they take effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff.

4.2 when flag AP is displayed ashore the first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the flag is lowered.

4.3 Competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times when afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS40.

4.4 Boats shall not leave the slipway until the flag D is displayed.

5.0 CLASS RULES

5.1 Class certificates are not required but boats must conform to class rules.

6.0 FORMAT OF RACES

6.1 The event will consist of a maximum of 4 races.

6.2 The warning signal for the first race will be:
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6.3 Subsequent races will be sailed back to back.

6.4 No race will be started after 1600hrs

7.0 CLASS STARTS & FLAGS –

7.1 The flags used for the warning signal will be:

Pro Pro Flag or if not available Code Flag O, red and yellow flag

Sport Sport Flag or if not available code flag T, red white and Blue vertical stripes

7.2 When there is more than 1 class start then the warning signal of the second or subsequent start will normally be 1 minute after the start of the previous race.

7.3 The start sequence will be:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual Signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	P,U or Black Flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

This alters RRS 26.

7.4 In the event of a general recall, the recalled class will be restarted before the start sequence resumes. This is in accordance with RRS 29.2

8.0 RACING AREA

8.1 A chart showing the race area to be used will be posted on the Official notice board at least one hour before the first warning signal

9.0 THE COURSES

9.1 Appendix 1 describes the course and shows diagrams of the marks and the order in which they are to be rounded.

9.2 The marks may be rounded either all to port or all to starboard depending on the flag displayed on the committee boat. See the notes in Appendix 1.

9.3 Should an inner distance mark be used no boat may pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat

10.0 MARKS

10.1 The colour and description of marks to be used are indicated in Appendix 1.

11.0 THE START – The Start marks are described in Appendix 1.

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. (5, 4 1, go).

11.2 An orange flag will be displayed along with a sound signal at least 5 minutes before the warning signal of the first start of each day.

11.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.

11.4 An inner limit mark may be laid, but not necessarily on the starting line. If laid, boats shall pass on the starting mark side of this inner limit mark when starting.

11.5 Boats may not pass between the inner limit mark and the committee boat at any time.

11.6 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal may be scored DNS (Did not start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12.0 CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

12.2 The changes may be to either change the length of a leg or the bearing to a mark or both. The change will be made by moving the original mark.

13.0 SHORTENING COURSE

13.1 Courses will be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2

13.2 If the course is shortened at the completion of a lap, then the signals will be made on the committee boat.

14.0 THE FINISH

- 14.1** The Finishing line will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and the start/finish mark.

15.0 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1** The time limit for the first boat shall be 45 minutes.
- 15.2** Any boat that has not finished 5 minutes after the first boat in her fleet has finished, shall, if she is still racing, be treated as a finisher. This varies RR35. The race Officer may then:
- 15.2.1** Allow them further time to finish the current round if she is in sight of the finish and is likely to finish within a short time.
- 15.2.2** Use the previous round time and notify the boat or: (Except that a boat which has completed the course may not be beaten by a boat which has not completed the course.)
- 15.2.3** Estimate the finish position and notify the boat.
- 15.3** In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 15.4** If the first boat fails to reach the first mark of the course within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned
- 15.5** The target time for the first boat is 35 minutes.

16.0 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1** Protest forms are available from the sailing office at LTSC.
- 16.2** The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has returned ashore after the last race of the day or 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 16.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses.
- 16.4** Breaches of SIs 4.4, 5.1, 11.5, 18, 19, 20, 21 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches (and breaches of class rules) may be less than DSQ (Disqualification) if the jury so decides.

17.0 SCORING SYSTEM

- 17.1** The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2** 1 race shall be completed to constitute a series
- 17.3** All races sailed will count towards the boats total score.
- 17.4** Any boat completing 4 races may discard their worst result.

18.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** Competitors should be aware of times when tide changes and be prepared for changing conditions as the wind, tide, weather and sea state can quickly change in the Solent,
- 18.2** A sign on/off system will be in operation – competitors shall sign off before going afloat and sign on upon returning to shore at the earlier of 15 minutes of coming

ashore and the protest time limit. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a fine penalty of £5 to the RNLI.

18.3 Boats returning ashore before the end of the last race of the day should notify the race officer or a safety boat and if this is not practical shall contact the race office as quickly as possible on arrival ashore.

18.4 Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 1 “Helping those in danger” Boats (racing or otherwise should stand by a capsized or disabled boat unless it is clear that no assistance is required. Redress may be requested. (RR62.1(c))

19.0 TRASH DISPOSAL

RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Race Management Team and may be less than disqualification. As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and officials boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Race Management Team and may be less than disqualification.

20.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

21.0 INSURANCE

Boats must be adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million, or the equivalent, against third party claims.

22.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

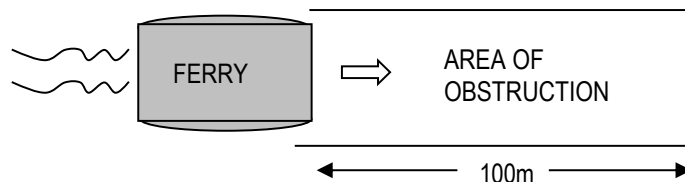
RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: ‘The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone’.

Sailing is by 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 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 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 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 event organiser does not relieve them of their responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.

23.0 AREA OF OBSTRUCTION – FERRY

For the purposes and SI 1.3 an area of obstruction shall extend 100 metres in front of a ferry underway in its direction of motion or intended motion with a width equal to the beam of the ferry.

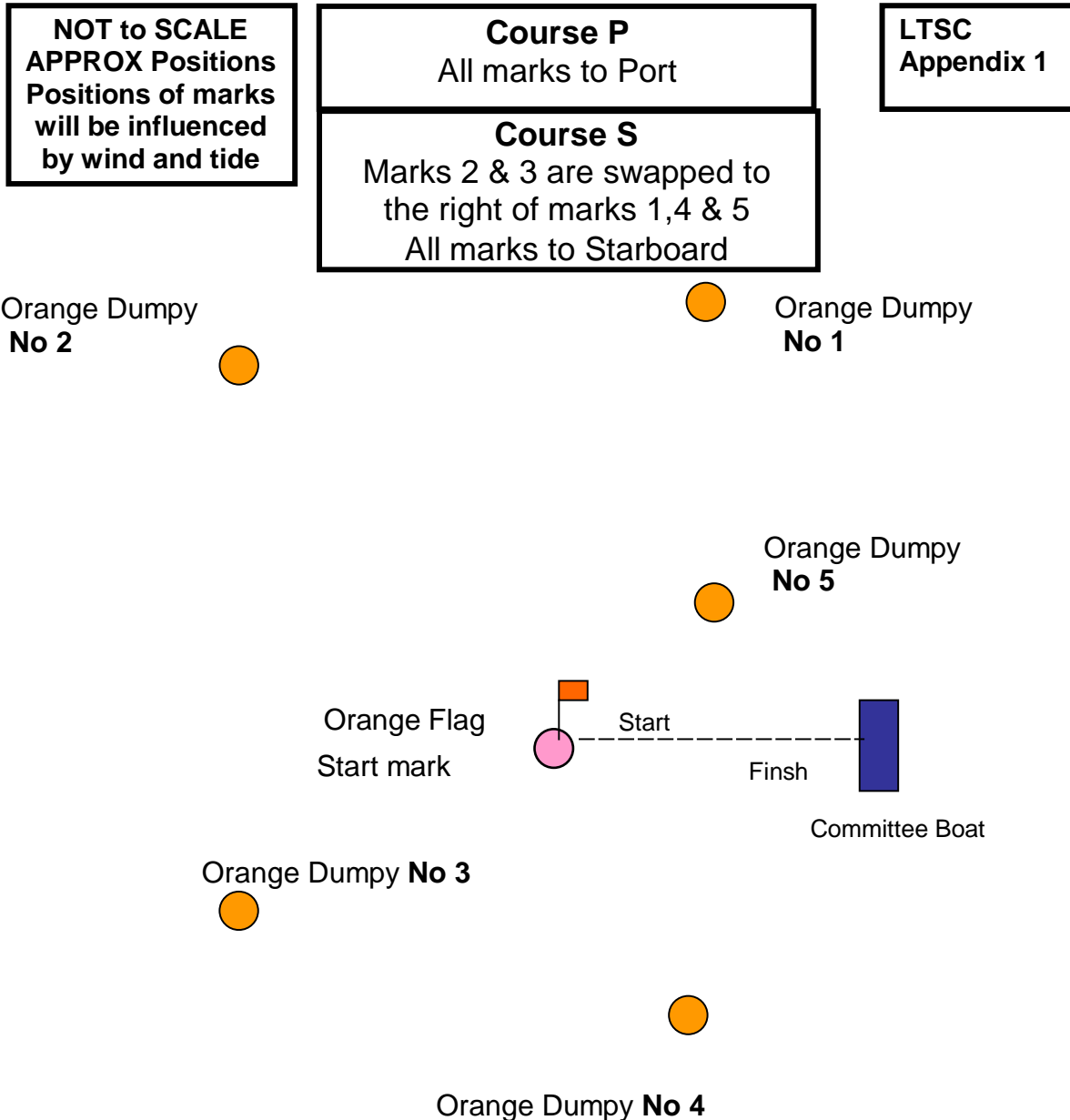


24.0 ROCK WAVE BARRIERS

There are two rock wave barriers in the river protecting the marshes. When leaving and returning into the river boats must pass to the east of the barrier and its yellow marks on the western side and to the west of the barrier and its yellow marks on the eastern side.

APPENDIX 1

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Courses (see also notes below)

Course Port, Red flag,
Pro - Start, 1(p), 2(p), 3(p), 4(p), 3(p), 4(p) finish
Sport - Start, 1(p), 5(p), 1(p), 2(p), 3(p), 4(p) finish

Course S, Green flag
Pro - Start, 1(S), 2(S), 3(S), 4(S), 3(S), 4(S) finish
Sport - Start, 1(S), 5(S), 1(S), 2(S), 3(S), 4(S) finish

Note: the committee boat will be on the starboard end of the starting line for both course P & course S

Committee boat will display
Either a red flag or a green flag
before the warning signal