



LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB

Cruiser Racing Series 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Lymington Town Sailing Club

Race Schedule

Race 1	Solent (Round the cans)	Sunday	18 April
	Race 1 Cancelled		
Race 2	Lymington / Hamble (Hamble Scramble)	Saturday	22 May
Race 3	Hamble / Lymington	Sunday	23 May
Race 4	Solent (Round the cans)	Sunday	18 July
Race 5	Solent (Round the cans)	Sunday	22 August
Race 6	Solent (Round the cans / Christchurch Ledge Race?)	Sunday	19 September

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1. **Rules**

- 1.1 The LTSC Cruiser Racing Series 2021 will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Competitors shall undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict in the rules the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.4 All competing yachts shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations - Appendix B. (See NoR Attachment A for details).
- 1.5 Results will be calculated using the Lymington Adjusted Handicap system.

2. **Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1 Races are open to all mono and multi-hull yachts in excess of 18ft (5.5 metres) LOA, which comply with the above rules and regulations.
- 2.2 Entries may be made On Line, via www.ltsc.co.uk/yacht-racing
- 2.3 Entries should be received with full payment of the entry fee (if required) before midday on the Friday before the first race entered for the particular entrant / yacht.
- 2.4 Entries for individual races may be accepted by the Sailing Office up to midday on Friday before the race entered.
- 2.5 A yacht that changes ownership or charter during the series shall constitute a new entry for the series. Points awarded under the old ownership/charter shall not be carried forward to the new ownership or charter.

3. **Double Handed Class**

- 3.1 If three or more Doubled Handed entries take part in one or more races during the series a separate overall prize will be awarded for a double handed class.
- 3.2 If six or more double handed entries are received for any particular race, then a separate start will be scheduled for the Double Handed Class.

4. **Fees**

- 4.1 There is no entry fee for members of LTSC or RLymYC.
- 4.2 Entry Fee for yachts from other clubs is £10 per race or £30 for the whole series.
- 4.3 Hamble Scramble shall constitute One Race for the purposes of entry fees. i.e. £10 for both races.

5. **Start Times & Locations**

- 5.1 For Races 1,4,5,6 the First Warning Signals will not be before 10:40.
- 5.2 For Race 2, Lymington to Hamble, the time of the warning signal will not be before 12:55
- 5.3 For Race 3, Hamble to Lymington, the time of the warning signal will not be before 09:55
- 5.4 Unless otherwise stated in a Notice to Competitors, all races will be started at Baverstock, except for Race 3 (Hamble to Lymington) for which the start will be in the vicinity of Coronation Buoy, to the south east of Hamble River entrance.

6. **Measurements**

- 6.1 All yachts will be allocated a Lymington Adjusted Handicap. For further details on LAH please see the Yacht Racing pages of the LTSC Web Site
- 6.2 Yachts entering another series run by any other club may be assigned a different rating for that series.
- 6.3 Yachts may be subject to safety or measurement checks at any time during the series.

7. **Sailing Instructions**

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the LTSC web site at least one week prior to the date of the first race.

8. **Venue**

- 8.1 A map showing the location and facilities at Lymington Town Sailing Club can be obtained from the Sailing Secretary or found on LTSC website.
- 8.2 The Lymington River is under the control of the Lymington Harbour Commissioners. The byelaws and other information about the river can be found on their website at www.lymingtonharbour.co.uk. Attention is drawn to the need to observe the Collision Regulations and speed limits in the River and that there is a ferry service from Lymington to Yarmouth operated by Wightlink.

9. **Courses**
- 9.1 Racing will take place in and around the Solent (Admiralty Chart 2035) Western Approaches to the Solent: (Admiralty Chart 2036) The Solent and Southampton Water (Admiralty Chart 2037) Eastern Approaches to The Solent (Admiralty Chart 2038) Southampton Water and Approaches using fixed and or moveable marks.
- 9.2 Courses will be notified to competitors by VHF Radio prior to the warning signal for each race.
10. **Penalty System**
- 10.1 The exoneration penalty for a boat realising that a rule has been broken after finishing but prior to the commencement of a protest hearing is 20% of the number of boats ranking as starters, to a minimum of 2 and a maximum 5 points. If on consulting a rules advisor it is realised that a rule has been broken but no party takes any further action, the penalty is zero. However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty is to retire.
11. **Scoring & Discards**
- 11.1 RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 11.2 If Six Races are completed, then 4 will count with 2 discards.
- 11.3 If Five Races are completed, then 4 will count with 1 discard.
- 11.4 If four or less races are completed, then all will count with no discards.
12. **Berthing**
- 12.1 Competitors seeking berthing during the series should contact Lymington Marina, Lymington Yacht Haven or the Lymington Harbour Master.
- 12.2 Berths will be available in Port Hamble for the Hamble Scramble via the booking form.
13. **Communication**
- 13.1 Any radio communication with competitors will be made on VHF Channel 37a (M).
14. **Prizes**
- 14.1 The presentation of Prizes will take place at the Annual Prize giving, to be held in the Lymington Town Sailing Club Solent Room on a date to be advised.
- 14.2 Prizes to be awarded will depend upon sponsors and number of entries.
15. **Risk Statement**
- 15.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third party claims.
16. **COVID Statement**
- By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

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NoR Attachment A

WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS - Appendix B

SPECIAL REGULATIONS for Inshore Racing Special Regulations for inshore racing are intended for use in short races, close to shore in relatively warm and protected waters where adequate shelter and/or effective rescue is available all along the course, held in daylight only.

All the items relevant to Special Regulations for inshore racing are shown in Appendix B.

Part A Basic - The following regulations shall be observed:

Regulation

1.02. Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 Under RRS 4 the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his/her responsibilities in the event of his/her incapacitation.

2.03.1 All equipment required by OSR shall:

- a) function properly
- b) be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced
- c) when not in use bestowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised
- d) be readily accessible
- e) be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the boat.

3.02 Watertight Integrity of a Boat:

A boat shall be essentially water tight and all openings shall be capable of being immediately secured. Centreboard, dagger board trunks and the like shall not open into the interior of a hull except via a watertight maintenance hatch with the opening entirely above the Waterline

Part B Portable Equipment – The following shall be provided:-

Regulation

3.23 One strong bucket with a lanyard and of at least 9 litres (2.4 US Gal) capacity

3.24 One compass (a hand-held is acceptable)

4.05 One fire extinguisher required if electrical system, engine or stove on board

4.06 One anchor

4.22 A lifebuoy with a drogue

4.22.5 A heaving line, no less than 6 mm (1/4") diameter, 15 - 25 m (50 - 75') long, readily accessible to the cockpit

4.25 A strong, sharp knife, sheathed and securely restrained shall be provided readily accessible from the deck or a cockpit.

5.01.1 Each crew member shall have a personal flotation device which shall:

- (a) be equipped with a whistle
- (b) clearly marked with yacht's or wearers name
- (c) if inflatable, regularly checked for air retention,

Unless otherwise specified by a boat's applicable class rules or by sailing instructions, personal flotation devices shall have at least 150N buoyancy, arranged to securely suspend an unconscious person face upwards at approximately 45 degrees to the water surface.