



# LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB

## **Merlin Rocket Craftinsure Silver Tiller 2021**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### Tides

4<sup>th</sup> September High water 10:12 – 22:18

5<sup>th</sup> September High Water 10:54 – 22:57

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the RYA Racing Charter, the Merlin Rocket Class Rules.
  - 1.1.1 Competitors are NOT required to have sail numbers displayed on their spinnakers.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Competitors are expected to sail and behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and to make use of the Rules Advisory Service.
- 1.4 RR40.1 (Personal Buoyancy - compulsory), RR 63.1 (Disqualification with no hearing – Tally on / off system) are changed as set out in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 Government and RYA recommendations concerning social distancing and control of Covid-19 that are in force at the time of the event.

### **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Advertising on the boat chosen by the person in charge is prohibited. However the event may be sponsored and this clause permits the display of advertising material on competing boats that may be supplied by an event sponsor. Display is optional but if adopted stickers (which will be available free of charge) should be displayed on the aft part of the starboard side of the boom, and shall comply with the Merlin Rocket Class Rules.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Merlin Rocket class with a valid measurement certificate, and whose helm is a current member of the Merlin Rocket Owners' Association at the time of the regatta.
- 3.2 Helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations at the time of entry.
- 3.3 All entry will be On-line and will be available on the LTSC website.

- 3.4 Entries will close at 4pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, there will be no entries accepted on the day.
- 3.5 Competitors are requested not to attend the event if they are showing any symptoms of the corona virus, in the event that the helm or crew of an entered boat show symptoms after completing their entry a refund of the entry fee will be paid in full.

#### **4. ENTRY FEES**

- 4.1 The fee per boat: £35 for the 2 day meeting. Pre-entered boats must register on arrival to confirm their entry.

#### **5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 The intention is to run a minimum of six races of varying format with the intention to have 3 races per day, in the event of a bad forecast at the discretion of the race officer a number of races may be brought forward to Saturday. There will be no starts after 15:00 on Sunday
- 5.2 The time for the warning signal for the first race will be no earlier than 13:00hrs on Saturday 4th September.

Date:	Time	Event:
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> September	09:00hrs	Registration opens, Clubhouse
	09:00hrs	Breakfast available, Clubhouse (Solent Room)
	13:00hrs	1st race warning signal of the day
		Back to back races.
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> September	09:00hrs	Breakfast Available
	10:30hrs	1st race warning signal of the day
		Back to back races.
	15:00hrs	No further starts

#### **6. REGISTRATION**

- 6.1 Registration will take place at the Lymington Town Sailing Club from 09:00hrs on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **7. BRIEFING and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1 The briefing will be online video which will be posted by 21:00 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, a facebook event page will be used for questions and answers arising from the video briefing.

- 7.2 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available online by 21:00 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Paper copies will not be available at the event.
- 7.3 Particular attention is drawn to the need to wear buoyancy aids at all times when on the water, the changeable weather conditions & tides in the Solent and the need to avoid the Ferry.

## **8. MEASUREMENTS**

- 8.1 All boats shall hold valid RYA measurement certificate.

## **9. VENUE**

- 9.1 Racing will take place in the Western Solent.
- 9.2 Information to assist you plan your visit can be found at <http://www.ltsc.co.uk/open-events> . This includes a link to a map which can also be obtained from the Club office.
- 9.3 Competitors and their support teams will be granted 'Honorary Associate Membership' of Lympington Town Sailing Club for the duration of the event.

## **10. COURSES**

- 10.1 Courses will be varied and may use laid inflatable marks or fixed racing marks, charts showing the location of fixed racing marks may be found at [Notices & Information | LTSC](#) , it is suggested that competitors print off and keep a copy of both charts in there boat for the duration of the event. Paper copies will be issued at registration, laminated copies available for a small donation to the club charity.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1 The Scoring System is as follows:
  - (a) One race (with at least one lap) is required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - (b) Any boat completing five races may discard their worst result.

## **12. COACH & SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall register at the race office during the registration period & and shall be conspicuously identified and shall not enter the racing area.

## **13. BERTHING**

Boats shall be berthed on their launching trollies and road trailers in their assigned places in the designated area, which will be advised on arrival.

## **14. LAUNCHING AND LOCAL BYLAWS**

- 14.1 It is intended that launching and recovery will use slipway within the river. Boats must remain clear of the Wightlink Isle of Wight ferry which is restricted in its ability to manoeuvre within the river channel.

- 14.2 The rules and by-laws of Lymington Town Sailing Club will apply.
- 14.3 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.

## **15. 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 telephones.

## **16. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Additional prizes may be awarded.

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

- 17.1 Rule 4 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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (i) 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;
  - (ii) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - (iii) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - (iv) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - (v) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - (vi) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
  - (vii) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million or the equivalent per event against third party claims.
- 17.2 LTSC and its members and those assisting in the race organisation will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after any race.

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Sailing Secretary Lymington Town Sailing Club, on 01590 674514 or by e-mail on [sailing@ltsc.co.uk](mailto:sailing@ltsc.co.uk) .