



LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB

RS Aero UK Womens Championship

Lymington Town SC, Bath Road, Lymington

6/7th July 2024

Saturday 6th - Womens Coaching Warm Up Day

Sunday 7th - Championship Racing Series

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority will be Lymington Town Sailing Club and the regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the RYA Racing Charter.
- 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 RRS and Race Signals AP, 28.1, A2, A3 and A5 may be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 (Personal Buoyancy - compulsory), RRS 63.1 (Disqualification with no hearing – Tally on / off system) are changed as set out in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall comply with RS Aero Class Rules and boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the RS Aero 5 and RS Aero 6 Classes whose helm is a current member of the RS Aero Class Association at the time of the regatta.
- 3.2 Helms under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations at the time of entry.

4. ENTRY & ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 Entries can only be made online via the RS Aero Class website at;
<https://www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=event&eid=2903>
- 4.2 Entry will close at midnight on Wednesday 3rd July. Late entries will only be accepted on the day at the discretion of the Organising Authority. A live decision regarding the availability of late entries will be made after entries close and it will be displayed on the Class website Event Page (link above) by 10:00hrs on Thursday 4th July.
- 4.3 The Entry Fee is £36 for the whole weekend. One day entry is possible at £22 for either the Saturday 6th Womens Coaching Day and or the Sunday 7th Championship Racing.
- 4.4 For late entries after Monday 24th June the Late Entry Fee will be £46 for the whole weekend. One day Late Entry is possible at £27 for either the Saturday 6th Womens Coaching Day or for Sunday 7th Championship Racing.
- 4.5 Boats without a current Lymington Harbour Commissioners launch disc will need to pay the £4 per day launch fee with their entry.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Saturday 6th July - Womens Coaching Day

Meet on the LTSC front lawn at 10:00hrs. Boats ready to go, sails down and not changed.

5.2 Sunday 7th July – Championship Racing Series

Five short races are scheduled. There will be Class racing for the RS Aero 5 and RS Aero 6 classes.

5.2 The time for the warning signal for the first Championship race will be no earlier than 10:55hrs on Sunday 7th July 2024.

5.3

Date:	Time:	Event:
Sun 7 th July	09:00-09:45hrs	Registration
	09:45hrs	Briefing
	10:55hrs	Race 1 Warning Signal for first start.
		Races 2 to 5 will follow back to back. The intended order of starts may be specified in the Sailing Instructions or Briefing.

5.4 No warning signal for the first class in a start sequence will be made after 15:00hrs.

6. (SPARE)

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) may be published by Thurs 4th July online on the LTSC website at: <https://www.ltsc.co.uk/rs-aero-womens-weekend>

7.2 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 comply with RS Aero Class Rules.

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 <https://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 support persons will be granted 'Honorary Associate Membership' of Lymington Town Sailing Club for the duration of the event.

10. COURSES

10.1 Courses will be shown in the Sailing Instructions which will include the location and the description of the committee boat and marks.

10.2 Where races are scheduled back-to-back, preceding races will finish close to the starting area.

11. SCORING

11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

11.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

12. COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are welcome but must pay any launch fee applicable to the [Lymington Harbour Master](#) and abide by the [LTSC Support Boat Regulations](#)

13. BERTHING

Visitors will be directed where to rig when they arrive at the club.

14. LAUNCHING

Launching and recovery will use the slipway within the river. Boats must remain clear of the Wightlink Isle of Wight ferry, which is restricted in its ability to maneuver within the river channel.

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 as appropriate, depending on numbers.

The RS Aero UK Womens Champion trophies and titles shall be awarded to the first competitor who is British or has their main residence in the UK.

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact;

Lymington Town Sailing Club: sailing@ltsc.co.uk , 01590 674514,

RS Aero UK Class Association: Peter Barton, manager@rsaerosailing.org

Saturday Evening Social

Dinner at Lymington Town SC alongside the RS200, 400 and 800 women who have a Womens coaching weekend at Lymington.

Places can be booked with your entry. It is £14.50 for 1 course and there will be an option to buy desert on the evening.