



Lymington Town Sailing Club & Royal Lymington Yacht Club

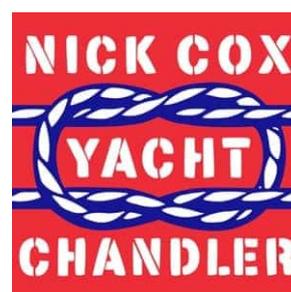
# Lymington Dinghy Regatta 2022

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July

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## Tide Times – Portsmouth - BST

2022	HW	Height	LW	Height	HW	Height
Saturday 9 July	0741	4.0	1310	1.5	2016	4.2
Sunday 10 July	0847	4.1	1415	1.4	2118	4.3

## 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 32.1 (shortening or abandoning after the start): '(e) for any reason considered appropriate by the race committee.'
- 1.4. RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices, shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 1.5. Competitors and support persons shall comply promptly and without argument with any reasonable request by a Regatta Race Official.
- 1.6. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the **two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty** (one tack and one gybe).

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- 1.7. In the RS800, RS700 and RS500 classes only, boats may touch a mark other than a starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS 31.

### 2. Communications with competitors and signals made Ashore

- 2.1. Communications with competitors may be by notices posted on the **Official Notice Board, located at LTSC** or by the WhatsApp messaging system to mobile numbers provided by competitors. Competitors are encouraged to join the competitor WhatsApp group to receive communications.
- 2.2. There will be a **briefing for competitors at 11:15 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July** in the LTSC upstairs bar.

### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes 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. Signals made ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the **LTSC flagstaff**.
- 4.2. Competitors may not launch until code flag D is flown on the flagstaff.
- 4.3. When AP is displayed ashore, launching will start approximately 10 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

### 5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. 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 9th July	13:00 (West Area) 13:15 (East Area)	None for LR Scows	2 for LR Scows 6 for RS700, RS800, 420, 29er, Feva
		3 for RS700, RS800, 420, 29er, Feva 2 for all other classes	
Sunday 10th July	10:30 (West Area) 10:45 (East Area)	3 for RS700, RS800, 420, 29er, Feva 2 for all other classes	4 for all other classes

\* Up to 1 additional race may be sailed each day in an endeavour to achieve the original total number of scheduled races in the series.

- 5.2. For the first starting sequence each day, classes will normally start in the order listed above or as posted on the official notice board. For subsequent starting sequences the class order will be as signalled by the race committee.
- 5.3. When more than one race is scheduled in a day, second and subsequent races will be started as soon as practical
- 5.4. After a long postponement, or to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound, at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5. There will be no warning signal after 15:00 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July

### 6. Classes, Class and Regatta Flags. Rating or Handicap Limits

- 6.1. Classes, class flags, event flags and course allocations with expected order of starts for the first race of the day will be published on the Official Notice Board at least 90 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal.

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- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. The Race Committee may at its sole discretion move boats between classes.
- 6.4. Boats racing in Portsmouth Yardstick Classes will be allocated Portsmouth Numbers as published on the RYA website: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/technical/handicap-systems/portsmouth-yardstick> or, where no Number is published, will be allocated Trial Numbers by the race committee. The race committee may adjust Numbers during the event.

### 7. Racing Areas

- 7.1. Two course areas will be used, designated "East Area" and "West Area", each with its own committee vessel. The committee vessel 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.

### 8. Courses

- 8.1. The courses and changes of course are described in Attachments E and W.

### 9. Marks

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

### 10. Areas that are Obstructions

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

### 11. The Start

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the **warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal** and the preparatory signal one minute later.
- 11.2. A boat starting **later than 2 minutes** after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall, if possible, **avoid the starting area** during the starting sequence for other boats. Boats breaking this Sailing Instruction may be penalised by the race committee with a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 11.4. The starting line is described in Attachments E and W.

### 12. Change of course

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

### 13. The Finish and Shortening the Course

- 13.1. The finishing line and alternatives for shortening the course are described in Attachments E and W.

### 14. [Spare]

### 15. Time Limits and Target Times

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. 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 and RRS A5

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### 16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies. The time and location of arbitration meetings shall be posted on the official notice board
- 16.2. Hearing request forms are available at the RLymYC office. Hearing requests shall be submitted to a member of the race committee.
- 16.3. For boats racing on each course area, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat allocated to that course area has come ashore after the last race of the day or 45 minutes after the race committee has signalled no more racing today, whichever is later. However, for protests alleging a breach of the IRPCAS based on a report from a source external to the event, the protest time limit is 7 days after the alleged breach.
- 16.4. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5. Penalties for breaches of rules, except RRS Part 1 and 2 are at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 16.6. Competitors are requested to advise the finishing boat if intending to lodge a hearing request.

### 17. Scoring

- 17.1. The number of races required to complete a series and the number of discards are specified in the Notice of Race.
- 17.2. Scores determined by the race committee without a hearing - this changes RRS A5;
  - 17.2.1. RRS A5.1 applies.
  - 17.2.2. A boat that is penalized under rule 30.2 or takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c).
  - 17.2.3. A boat that is racing when her time limit expires or a boat that retires before her time limit expires and promptly informs the race committee, provided her retirement is not caused by her breach of a rule, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish.
  - 17.2.4. A boat that retires as a consequence of breaking a rule and promptly notifies the race committee shall be scored points one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
  - 17.2.5. A boat that does not come to the starting area or comes to the starting area and retires before finishing but does not promptly inform the race committee, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- 17.3. Boats shall only be entered in the series results after they have paid the relevant entry and launching fees.

### 18. Safety Regulations and Risk Statement

- 18.1. A representative of each boat shall on each race day sign on before racing using the sign-on sheets located in the LTSC marquee. A representative of each boat shall also **sign off within 15 minutes** of returning ashore, at the same location. Failure to sign on and off in accordance with this instruction may result in the disqualification of the boat from one or more of the day's races without a hearing. This disqualification may be exonerated up to 60 minutes after returning ashore with a donation of £10 which shall be passed to the RNLI. This changes RRS 63.1
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3. 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.
- 18.4. All boats, whilst afloat, preparing to go afloat and on return to shore shall comply with instructions given by slipway marshals and any LTSC or RLymYC official committee vessel or patrol vessel.

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### **19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

- 19.1. No authorisation is required for the substitution of crew or equipment, except as required by Class rules.
- 19.2. 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.

### **20. Advertising**

- 20.1. Boats are not required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

### **21. Official Boats**

- 21.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race committee vessels – white flag marked “RC” or LTSC burgee.

Patrol vessels – coloured flag with a number or LTSC burgee.

Race signals may be made from these boats.

### **22. Support Vessels**

- 22.1. Support vessel personnel may apply to the race committee and be issued with a red and white vertical striped flag. Personnel on vessels displaying this flag may offer verbal assistance to boats racing in the Slow Handicap fleet only, but shall not interfere with boats racing or official vessels. RRS 41 is changed to permit this outside help.

### **23. Prizes**

- 23.1. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each Class and other boats at the discretion of the race committee. Where Classes have been combined, this applies to the combined Class.
- 23.2. Prizes will be presented at LTSC in the upstairs bar as soon as practical after racing on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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.

The incoming and outgoing ferries cross one another just south of the mouth of the Lymington River. Competitors need to be particularly wary in this area.