



Lymington Town Sailing Club & Royal Lymington Yacht Club

## Lymington Dinghy Regatta 2026

20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June

Tide Times – Portsmouth, BST				
Date	LW	Height	HW	Height
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	09:18	1.0m	17:01	4.6m
21 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	10:13	1.3m	17:47	4.5m

The west-going ebb tide in the Western Solent starts inshore approximately 1 hour before HW Portsmouth.

**The Lymington Town Sailing Club (LTSC) and the Royal Lymington Yacht Club (RLymYC) extend a warm welcome to owners and crews of competing dinghies and invite them to become temporary members for the duration of the event. Please use and enjoy both Clubs during the Regatta.**

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 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. Boats observed directly by the Race Committee or when the Club receive a report within 7 days of the incident that satisfies the Race Committee the boat broke the IRPCAS, the boat may be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. Add to RRS 32.1: '(e) for any reason considered appropriate by the race committee.'
- 1.5. RRS40.1 Personal Flotation Devices, shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 1.6. Boats shall notify their intention to race on arrival on the register available at the RLymYC race office.
- 1.7. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).

#### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online Official Notice Board no later than

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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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is online at <https://www.ltsc.co.uk/lymington-dinghy-regatta>
- 3.2. The Event Messaging System for this event will be transmitted by Telegram. The telegram group can be joined here: <https://t.me/+1Gi9XOdz2dlIMDIk>
- 3.3. The race office is located at the ground floor of the RLymYC. Unofficial printed copies of documents on the online Official Notice Board *may* be displayed on a board near the race office.
- 3.4. Competitors may communicate with the race committee as follows:
  - By telephone to the RLymYC on 01590 672677
  - By the Event Messaging System
  - In person at the race office
- 3.5. The following communications to competitors *may* be repeated on the Event Messaging System:
  - Any changes to the race schedule or race areas for each class
  - Sailing Instruction changes (confirmation of changes posted)
  - Protest time limits for each course area
  - Messages regarding protest or arbitration hearings
- 3.6. There will be a briefing for competitors at 11:15 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June in the RLymYC upstairs bar.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagstaff on the LTSC lawn.
- 5.2. When AP is displayed ashore, launching will start approximately 10 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 5.3. [DP] Boats shall not launch until code flag D is flown on the flagstaff. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The event is scheduled as follows:

Race Date	No. of Races Scheduled each day*	Total number of Scheduled Races	Scheduled Time of 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	3	5	East Area: 13:00 West Area: 13:15
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	2		East Area: 10:30 West Area: 10:45

\* Up to 4 races may be sailed on either day in an endeavour to achieve the original total number of scheduled races in the series.

## **7. CLASS AND EVENT FLAGS**

7.1. Classes, class flags, event flags, course area allocations (East or West) and the course length (Alpha or Bravo) 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.

## **8. RACING AREA**

8.1. 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.

8.2. Information specific to the East Area is in Addendum E. Information specific to the West Area is in Addendum W.

## **9. COURSES**

9.1. The courses are described in Addendum E & W.

## **10. MARKS**

10.1. The marks are described in Addendum E & W.

## **11. OBSTRUCTIONS**

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

## **12. THE START**

12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal one minute later.

12.2. 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.

12.3. A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

## **13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

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

## **14. THE FINISH AND SHORTENING COURSE**

14.1. The finishing line is described in Addendum E & W.

14.2. If **flag S** is flown at the finish, boats that have not completed all their laps will be finished when they next cross the finishing line. Average lap time scoring will apply. However, no boat shall be scored better than any boat with the same or slower handicap that completed more laps. This changes RRS

A3.

- 14.3. In addition to RRS 32, when the race committee believe that boats are unlikely to finish within the time limit or boats do not finish with the time limit, the race committee may score boats in the order, corrected on handicap if appropriate, that they passed through the last gate or mark at which the race committee are able to establish a finishing order. Such a line becomes the finishing line for those boats. The race committee may signal this by the display of **flag S over N**. However, no boat shall be scored better than any boat in the same class that completed the course before S over N was displayed. This changes RRS 35, RRS A3, RRS A4.2 and RRS A9.

## 15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. See Event NOR 14

## 16. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 16.1. The time limits and target times are as follows (changing RRS 35 and RRS A5):

<b>Time Limit (1) For 1<sup>st</sup> boat to finish as RRS 35.</b>	<b>Time limit (2) Latest time to finish after 1<sup>st</sup> boat sails the course and finishes (the “Finishing Window”</b>	<b>Target Finish Time</b>
75 minutes	20 minutes	40 minutes

Boats that do not finish within time limit (2) will be scored in accordance with Sailing Instruction 18.1 or 18.2 at the discretion of the race committee.

- 16.2. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

## 17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. For 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 Club, the protest time limit is 7 days after the alleged breach.
- 17.2. Hearing requests and acknowledgement of penalties shall be submitted online through the Official Notice Board: <https://www.ltsc.co.uk/lymington-dinghy-regatta>
- 17.3. Messages regarding hearings may be sent via the Event Messaging System.
- 17.4. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies. The time and location of arbitration meetings shall be posted on the official notice board and may be repeated on the Event Messaging System.
- 17.5. 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.
- 17.6. Penalties for breaches of rules, except RRS Part 1 and 2, are at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 17.7. Competitors are requested to advise the intention to lodge a hearing request to the race committee by the Event Messaging System.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, may be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, RRS A5.1, RRS A5.2 and RRS A10.
- 18.2. When a race committee vessel displays flag W with two sounds, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place anywhere on the race course, at a nearby mark or not.

## **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1. See Event NOR 11 Clothing and Equipment.
- 19.2. A representative of each boat shall on each race day sign on before racing using the sign-on sheets located at RLymYC. 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
- 19.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.4. 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.
- 19.5. All boats, whilst afloat, preparing to go afloat and on return to shore shall comply with instructions given by slipway marshals and any RLymYC or LTSC official committee vessel or patrol vessel.
- 19.6. Trolley labels may be issued to all competitors with their sail number on. If issued, these are to be fixed to their launching trolley. If labels are issued, boats that do not have a label fixed to their trolley may not be allowed to launch.

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1. No authorisation is required for the substitution of crew or equipment, except as required by class/handicap rules.

## **21. [Not applicable]**

## **22. [Not applicable]**

## **23. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 23.1. 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.

## **24. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 24.1. See Event NOR 16

**25. TRASH DISPOSAL**

25.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

**26. [Not applicable]**

**27. [Not applicable]**

**28. [Not applicable]**

**29. PRIZES**

29.1. 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.

29.2. Prizes will be presented at RLymYC in the bar or balcony as soon as practical after racing on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**30. RISK STATEMENT**

30.1. See Event NOR 22

**31. INSURANCE**

31.1. See Event NOR 23

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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