

INTERNATIONAL SIX METRE BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS
4 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2026
ORGANISING AUTHORITY
LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB (LTSC)
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE BRITISH SIX METRE ASSOCIATION (BISMA)



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

See Notice of Race **1 RULES**.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted by 0900 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. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located online at [6-Metre British Championships | LTSC](#)

3.2 The Race Committee (RC) intends to broadcast race information and course information by VHF Ch77 and repeated on the competitors' WhatsApp group.

3.3 Competitors wishing to communicate with the RC should do so on VHF Ch77.

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 at the LTSC Flagstaff and advised on the competitors' WhatsApp group.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 60 minutes". This changes Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 See Notice of Race **9 SCHEDULE**.

6.2 To alert that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least 3 minutes before the warning signal.

7. CLASS FLAG – White flag with a 6m logo.

8. RACING AREA

See Notice of Race **12 VENUE**.

9. COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in Addendum B.

- 9.2 If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark of the course.
- 9.3 Soon after the orange flag attention signal is displayed, and before the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the approximate bearing and distance to Mark 1. The course signal, compass bearing and distance to Mark 1 will also be announced on VHF.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 4s & 4p will be Orange inflatable marks.
- 10.2 Mark 1a will be a Black inflatable mark.
- 10.3 The starting mark and the finishing mark will be a Blue inflatable mark.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 Any official boat in close attendance to a craft in difficulty is an obstruction.

12. THE START

- 12.1 All boats will start together.
- 12.2 The start line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel (CV) and the course side of the starting mark.
- 12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of the boat to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 When a change to the next leg of the course has been signalled, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 100 metres to windward or leeward without signalling. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the CV and the course side of the finishing mark.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 See Notice of Race: **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIME

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Finishing Window and the Target Time are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Race Time
120 mins	20 mins	60 mins

- 16.2 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, penalised or given redress, will be scored TLE without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. This time will be posted on the ONB.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms will be available from the Race Office.
- 17.3 Contact mobile phone numbers should be included on the protest form.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a protest room located at the LTSC, beginning at the time posted.

18. SCORING

See Notice of Race **15 SCORING**.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as the first reasonable opportunity on VHF Ch 77 or by hailing an official vessel.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written permission of the RC.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 22.1 Mark laying vessels will be LTSC ribs.
- 22.2 The CV will be Gemini Breeze – a 10m M/V with a dark blue hull and white topsides.

23. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

See Notice of Race **16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 Trash shall be kept on board or may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

25. BERTHING

See Notice of Race **18 BERTHING**.

26. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

See Notice of Race **19 LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**.

27. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

See Notice of Race **20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**.

28. PRIZES

See Notice of Race **24 PRIZES**.

29. RISK STATEMENT

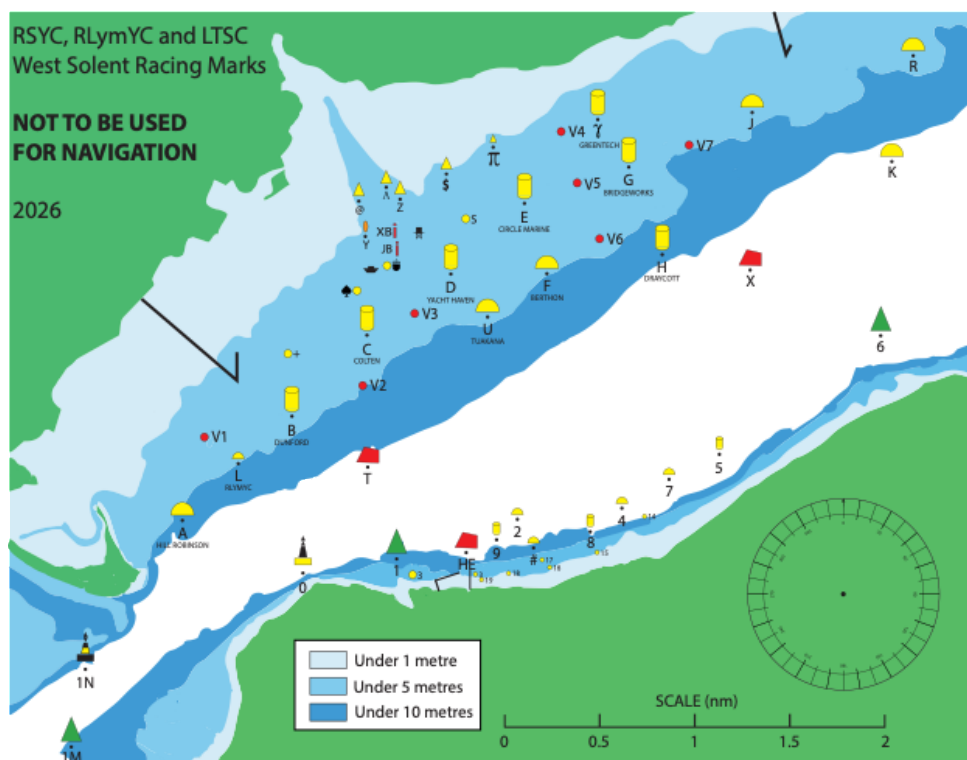
See Notice of Race **22 RISK STATEMENT**.

30. INSURANCE

See Notice of Race **23 INSURANCE**.

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ADDENDUM A – Western Solent Chart 2026.



- A Hill Robinson
- B Dunford
- + BHG
- ♣ Scott Bailey
- C Colton
- Oakhaven
- @ West Nixor Build
- D Yacht Haven
- XB Cross Boom
- △ East Nixor Build
- E Circle Marine
- π Pylewell Inner
- F Berthon
- γ Greentech
- G Bridgeworks
- H Draycott
- J Sowley
- K Cowes Radio
- L RLymYC
- R Powder Byrne
- S Sanders Sails
- T Lymington Bank
- U Tuakana
- X Solent Bank
- Y Black & Orange
- Z Black & White
- 1 Black Rock
- 2 Charles Stanley
- 3 Yarmouth Folkboats
- 4 Now Students
- 5 Royal Solent
- 6 Hampsted Ledge
- 7 Yarmouth OD Class
- 8 Harwoods
- 9 River Yar Boatyard

MARK 1	P/S	MARK 4	P/S	MARK 7	P/S
MARK 2	P/S	MARK 5	P/S	MARK 8	P/S
MARK 3	P/S	MARK 6	P/S	MARK 9	P/S

- # Towers
- LTSC Baverstock
- RLymYC Starting Platform

- HE East Fairway Bouy
- M Movable Mark - Orange
- N Movable Mark - Black
- P Movable Mark - Blue
- Q Movable Mark - Yellow

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward

L

Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L1	Start – 1 – Finish
L2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start -1- 4s/4p -1- 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1- Finish

W

Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W1	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish

LA / WA

Course: Windward/leeward with offset mark 1a

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a - Finish
WA1	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish

