



LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB

Cruiser Racing Series 2024 NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Lymington Town Sailing Club

Race Schedule

Race 1	Hamble Scramble (Lymington to Hamble)	Saturday 18th May
Race 2	Hamble Scramble (Hamble to Lymington)	Sunday 19th May
Race 3	Round the Cans	Sunday 9th June
Race 4	Christchurch Bay	Sunday 30th June
Race 5	Round the Cans	Sunday 21st July
Race 6&7	Cowes and Back	Saturday 10th August
Race 8	Bramble Bank Bart's Bash	Saturday 7th September
Race 9	Newtown Race	Saturday 21st September
Race 10	Round the Cans	Sunday 29th September
Race 11	Nut Roast Special	Sunday 6th October

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The LTSC Cruiser Racing Series 2024 will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Competitors shall undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict in the rules the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.4 All competing yachts shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations - [Appendix B](#) . (see link for details).
- 1.5 Results will be calculated using both the LAH/NHC system and the RYA YTC Handicap System.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Races are open to all mono and multihull yachts in excess of 18ft (5.5 metres) LOA, which comply with the above rules and regulations.
- 2.2 Entries may be made online, via www.ltsc.co.uk/yacht-racing
- 2.3 Entries should be received with full payment of the entry fee (if required) before midday on the Friday before the first race entered for the particular entrant / yacht.
- 2.4 Entries for individual races may be accepted by the Sailing Office up to midday on Friday before the race entered.
- 2.5 A yacht that changes ownership or charter during the series shall constitute a new entry for the series. Points awarded under the old ownership/charter shall not be carried forward to the new ownership or charter.

3. Double Handed Class

- 3.1 If three or more Double-Handed entries take part in one or more races during the series a separate overall prize will be awarded for a double handed class.
- 3.2 If six or more double handed entries are received for any particular race, then a separate start will be scheduled for the Double Handed Class.

4. Fees

- 4.1 There is no entry fee for members of LTSC or RLymYC.
- 4.2 Entry Fee for yachts from other clubs is £10 per race or £40 for the whole series.
- 4.3 Hamble Scramble shall constitute One Race for the purposes of entry fees. i.e. £10 for both races.

5. Start Times & Locations

- 5.1 For Race 1 the First Warning Signal will not be before 14:00
- 5.2 For Race 2 the First Warning Signal will not be before 09:30
- 5.3 For Races 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 & 11 the First Warning Signal will not be before 10:15
- 5.4 Unless otherwise stated in a Notice to Competitors, all races will be started at Baverstock, except for Race 2 (Hamble to Lymington) for which the start will be in the vicinity of Coronation Buoy to the south east of Hamble River entrance and Race 7 (return race from Cowes) for which the start will be in the vicinity of Gurnard to the west of Medina River entrance.

6. Measurements

- 6.1 All monohull yachts will need to have a YTC, LAH/NHC or MOCRA handicap for the series.
- 6.2 Yachts entering another series run by any other club may be assigned a different rating for that series.
- 6.3 Yachts may be subject to safety or measurement checks at any time during the series.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the LTSC website <https://www.ltsc.co.uk/yacht-racing> at least one week prior to the date of the first race.

8. Venue

- 8.1 Directions to venue on this link: [LTSC Location](#) Details of facilities at the venue can be found on the LTSC website: <https://www.ltsc.co.uk/>
- 8.2 The Lymington River is under the control of the Lymington Harbour Commissioners. The byelaws and other information about the river can be found on their website at www.lymingtonharbour.co.uk. Attention is drawn to the need to observe the Collision Regulations and speed limits in the River and that there is a ferry service from Lymington to Yarmouth operated by Wightlink.

9. Courses

9.1 Racing will take place in and around the Solent (Admiralty Chart 2035) Western Approaches to the Solent: (Admiralty Chart 2036) The Solent and Southampton Water (Admiralty Chart 2037) Eastern Approaches to The Solent (Admiralty Chart 2038) Southampton Water and Approaches using fixed and or moveable marks. 9.2 Courses will be notified to competitors by VHF Radio prior to the warning signal for each race.

10. Penalty System

10.1 The exoneration penalty for a boat realising that a rule has been broken after finishing but prior to the commencement of a protest hearing is 20% of the number of boats ranking as starters, to a minimum of 2 and a maximum 5 points. If on consulting a rules advisor it is realised that a rule has been broken but no party takes any further action, the penalty is zero. However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty is to retire.

11. Scoring & Discards

11.1 RRS A5.3 will apply.

11.2 If Eleven Races are completed, then 7 will count with 4 discards.

11.3 If Eight Races are completed, then 6 will count with 2 discards.

11.4 If Six Races are completed, then 5 will count with 1 discard.

11.5 If five or less races are completed, then all will count with no discards.

12. Berthing

12.1 Competitors seeking berthing during the series should contact Lymington Marina, Lymington Yacht Haven or the Lymington Harbour Master.

12.2 Competitors will need to make their own arrangements for berthing in Hamble and Cowes. The overnight in Hamble Scramble is timed to coincide with the LTSC Cruising Rally to Hamble.

13. Communication

13.1 Any radio communication with competitors will be made on VHF Channel 37a (M).

13.2 The Race Committee may, in addition to VHF, communicate courses for each class and other announcements by WhatsApp. See NoR Attachment A for details of how to join the LTSC Cruiser Racing WhatsApp Group.

14. Prizes

14.1 The presentation of Prizes will take place at an end of season prizegiving, to be held in the Lymington Town Sailing Club Solent Room on a date to be advised.

14.2 Prizes to be awarded will depend upon sponsors and number of entries.

15. Risk Statement

15.1 Rule 3 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

Notice of Race - Attachment A

Open this link or scan the QR Code to join the LTSC Cruiser Racing Series 2024 Competitor WhatsApp Group:

[LTSC Cruiser Racing 2024 WhatsApp Group](#)

