



## CLUB DINGHY EVENTS FOR 2026

### Notice of Race (NoR)

Event	Eligibility	Day	Dates	First Start	Usual Start Area	Races in Series
<b>Weekend Racing Series</b>						
<b>Sunday Spring Points</b>	Club	Sun	March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26	10:30	West Solent	9
<b>Sunday Summer Series</b>	Club	Sun	May 3, 10, 17, 31, June 7, 28, July 5, 12	10:30 Race 2 B2B	West Solent	2 races per day 16
<b>Sunday Autumn A Series</b>	Club	Sun	July 26, Aug 2, 16, 23, 30, Sep 6, 27, Oct 4	10:30	West Solent	8
<b>Sunday Autumn B Series</b>	Club	Sun	July 26, Aug 2, 16, 23, 30, Sep 6, 27, Oct 4	B2B	West Solent	8
<b>Saturday Winter Series</b>	Club	Sat	Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	14:00	West Solent	8
<b>Solent Races</b> Long Distance Races Pursuit Race	Club	Sun	May 24, June 14, July 19, Sep 20 August 9	10:30	West Solent	5
<b>December Races</b>						
Average Lap Timed	Club	Sun	Dec 6	10:30	West Solent	1
Pursuit	Club	Sun	Dec 13	10:30	River Start	1
Hot Toddy	Club	Sun	Dec 20	10:30	River Start	1
Hunt Cup	Club	Sun	Dec 27	11:00	Solent Room	1
<b>Wednesday Racing</b>						
<b>Wednesday Spring Series</b>	Club	Wed	Apr 8, 15, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27, Jun 3	18:20	River	9
<b>Wednesday Summer Series</b>	Club	Wed	Jun 17, 24, Jul 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Aug 5, 12, 19, 26	18:20	River	11
<b>Wednesday Autumn Series</b>	Club	Wed	Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	18:00 (1&2) 17:30 (3,4,5)	River	5
<b>Ladies &amp; Crews</b>	Restricted	Wed	Jun 10	18:20	River	1
<b>Ad Hoc</b>	Club	Wed	Jun 10	18:30	River	1
<b>Other Events</b>						
<b>Barts Bash</b>	Club	Sat	August 8	13:30	West Solent	1

\* The start time and start area may be redefined in the Dinghy Supplementary Sailing Instructions (DSSI) for that Series or Event.

**The Notice of Race for the LTSC Regatta and other Open Meetings will be published on the LTSC website.**  
For Further information please see the LTSC website at [www.ltsc.co.uk](http://www.ltsc.co.uk) or contact the Club Office:

Lymington Town Sailing Club, Bath Road, Lymington, SO41 3SE.

Tel 01590 674514, Email [sailing@ltsc.co.uk](mailto:sailing@ltsc.co.uk)

## 1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in [\*The Racing Rules of Sailing\*](#), (RRS)

1.2 [DP] All participants (competitors, support persons and officials) are expected to follow current government guidelines and legislation. However, these are outside the jurisdiction of the Protest Committee. The event sailing instructions may include an Addendum with rules relating to these guidelines and legislation that will govern the event and be within the jurisdiction of the Protest Committee.

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Dinghy General Sailing Instructions 2026(DGSI) shall apply to all LTSC Club events and is available [online](#).

2.2 A Supplement to the DGSI 2026 will be available for each series or event and will be available [online](#).

The DGSI for each event or series will specify:

1. The Class groupings by PN and any restrictions
2. The start time(s) and normal starting location
3. The number of races per day
4. Other information specific to that event or series

## 3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is on the club website under [Dinghies](#).

Changes to the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the official notice board and may also be notified by club newsletters.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Each series or event is open to any dinghy class and keel boat with a Portsmouth Handicap Number (PN). The class groupings and any restrictions will be shown in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions of the DGSI for that event or series.

- a) The PN applicable will be that published by the RYA at the start of that series.
- b) If a dinghy does not have a published PN then you may apply to the Sailing Committee who will allocate a number. This may be reviewed and changed for each series or event.

4.2 Events or series are open to members of the LTSC and RLymYC and other clubs in the Western Solent with “Reciprocal membership”.

This may be varied in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions of the DGSI for that event or series.

4.3 Visitors may apply to the LTSC sailing committee to compete in a club series either on a race by race basis or for the series. If accepted, they will be made temporary members of LTSC for the day(s) of that race or series only. The cost will be £50 for the series or £10 per race payable in advance through the [Club](#)

[website.](#)

**4.4** Any visitor competing in club races should pay the appropriate launch fee to the Harbour Masters Office. This can be a daily or period rate. The rates are shown [here](#).

**4.5** Competitors must enter for each race on the signing on sheets outside the club changing rooms.

## **5 FEES**

**5.1** There is no entry fee for members of LTSC and the following Yacht Clubs in the Western Solent: RLymYC, KYC and RSYC.

**5.2** Visitors refer to 4.3 above.

## **6 SAFETY**

**6.1** All crew members are required to complete an [LTSC Emergency Contact form](#) before competing in their first race each year. Update the date field to confirm that the data is current.

**6.2** Parents must complete an [LTSC Parental/Guardian Disclaimer form](#) for each child under the age of 18 before that child competes each year.

**6.3** RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation) applies

## **7 ADVERTISING**

**7.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by LTSC.

## **8 MEASUREMENT**

**8.1** [DP] There is no requirement for Class Measurement Certificates but all competitors should abide by class measurement rules subject to any changes approved by Sailing Committee.

**8.2** [DP] A boat is out of class if it uses any equipment that is significantly different from that specified in the class rule or is designed to give it a performance advantage

**8.3** [DP] Any helm, boat or crew finishing in a top 3 position may be subjected to random measurement checks at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

## **9 VENUE**

**9.1** The venue is the Lymington Town Sailing Club, Bath Road, Lymington, SO41 3SE

**9.2** The course areas will be specified in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions for that Series or Event and will be in either the Lymington River and / or the Western Solent.

## **10 COURSES**

**10.1** Charts of racing mark locations and the letter, number or symbol designated to each is available online on the Club website and are listed in Appendix A of the DGSI.

**10.2** The course, using these marks, will be set at the discretion of the race officer taking into account the wind and tide conditions and will be shown as described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**11.1** RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, does not apply.

## **12 SCORING**

**12.1** The Scoring System is as defined in RRS Appendix A.

RRS A5.3 will apply.

**12.2** 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

If more than 2 races are sailed then the number of discards allowed will be half of (the number of races sailed-2) rounded up to the next whole number if a fraction as shown in the following table.

Races	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Discards	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	8

**12.3** A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores after discards.

**12.4** A competitor must compete in at least 2 races to be eligible for a series prize

## **13 BERTHING**

**13.1** Boats may only use their assigned places in the Dinghy Park.

**13.2** Club members on the Dinghy Park waiting list may request permission from the Club office to park overnight on the lawn in front of the club house.

**13.3** Visitors and Reciprocal Members participating in LTSC events may use the front lawn to rig and derig their boats but must seek permission to leave their boat overnight on the club premises.

## **14 DUTY ROSTER**

**14.1** All competitors entering 2 or more races on an LTSC event listed in the Notice of Race, shall by doing so agree to complete duties to facilitate the management of these events.

**14.2** Members may volunteer for duties that suit their calendar through the Volunteer Roster page on the Club website. Members who compete regularly should

volunteer for 4 duties.

**14.3** Competitors who do not volunteer will be assigned duties by the Rear Commodore Sailing which will be appropriate to the competitors experience and, or qualifications.

**14.4** Any competitor failing to make themselves available for duties or failing to complete allocated duties may, at the discretion of the sailing committee, be disqualified from that series or subsequent events.

## **15 SUPPORT BOATS**

**15.1** [DP] RIBs and other support boats may be used to assist competitors. If so the support boat skipper must adhere to the [LTSC Support Boat Regulations](#).

[DP] If a visiting support boat is launched at the ramp then it is the users' responsibility to ensure that they abide by the Harbour Master's regulations and pay the appropriate [slipway charges](#).

## **16 USE OF PERSONAL DATA**

**16.1** By participating in the event each participant, member of crew or support team consents to the use of their personal data by LTSC for all purposes necessary to comply with the rules and enable LTSC to organise and run the event, including where LTSC deems necessary sharing personal data with emergency and harbour authorities.

## **17 RISK STATEMENT**

**17.1** 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) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

**18 INSURANCE**

**18.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

**19 PRIZES**

**19.1** Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of Sailing Committee. If any perpetual Trophies are to be awarded then they will be identified in the supplementary sailing instructions for that race or series.

**20 AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**

**20.1** This notice of race may be changed or supplemented by the entry form or supplementary notice of race for each event or by a notice posted on the official notice board .

**21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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