



LYMINGTON TOWN
SAILING CLUB

Cruiser Racing Series 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Lymington Town Sailing Club

Race Schedule

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| Race 1 | Lymington to Hamble | Saturday 2nd May |
| Race 2 | Christchurch Ledge | Sunday 24th May |
| Race 3 | Newtown/Yarmouth Race | Sunday 14th June |
| Race 4 & 5 | Cowes and Back | Saturday 4th July |
| Race 6 | Round the Cans | Sunday 19th July |
| Race 7 | Round the Cans | Sunday 9th August |
| Race 8 | Round the Cans | Sunday 30th August |
| Race 9 | Bramble Bank Race | Saturday 12th September |
| Race 10 | Nut Roast Special | Sunday 4th October |

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The LTSC Cruiser Racing Series 2026 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 Notice of Race Attachment A for details), with the exception of the rules relating to Personal Flotation Devices (para 5.01.1 and 5.01.4).
- 1.5 Cruiser Racers Personal Flotation Devices shall comply with Appendix B 5.01.1. Appendix B 5.01.4 is replaced with Attachment B.
- 1.6 Regarding the specification of Personal Flotation Devices, dayboats like the J70, J80, RS21, Yeoman & Folkboats shall comply with either World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations - Appendix B (in which case they shall comply in accordance with NOR 1.5), Appendix C (see Notice of Race Attachment C for details) **or** their Class regulations. Class rules are to be found on the relevant Class Association website.
- 1.7 Boats may apply to the race committee for exemption from specific safety regulations, but these shall be approved in writing and will only be granted in limited circumstances
- 1.8 All yachts, while racing, proceeding to a race or returning from racing, shall not cause Wightlink Ferries to take avoiding action.
- 1.9 Results will be calculated using the RYA YTC Rating System and dual scored under the Lymington Adjusted Handicap (LAH) system (using final handicaps from the 2025 series where yachts competed).

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 [Online entry cruiser racing 2026](#)
- 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.

4. Fees

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

5. Start Times & Locations

- 5.1 For Race 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9 &10 the Warning Signal will not be before 10:00
- 5.2 For Races 5 the Warning Signal will not be before 14:00
- 5.3 Unless otherwise stated in a Notice to Competitors, all races will be started at Baverstock, except for Race 5 (return race from Cowes) for which the start will be in the vicinity of Gurnard to the west of Medina River entrance at a time to be arranged by the Duty Race Officer.

6. Measurements

- 6.1 All monohull yachts must have a YTC or MOCRA handicap for the series. For application of rating see YTC website [AERA YTC - Royal Ocean Racing Club | Rating Office](#). Yachts will not be eligible for the overall prizes until a current rating certificate is submitted to the Sailing Secretary.
- 6.2 A yacht must advise the Race Committee before the start of their first race of the series if they will be racing without a spinnaker for the series. This rating will thereafter be applied to all races in the 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 [Contact Us | LTSC](#) Details of facilities at the venue can be found on the LTSC website: 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 (Admiralty Chart)using fixed and or moveable marks.

9.2 Charts of racing mark locations, and letter, number or symbol dedicated to each will be available on the LTSC website and may be posted on the Official Notice Board www.ltsc.co.uk/yacht-racing-official-noticeboard

9.3 The race schedule may be changed by the Race Committee to accommodate weather conditions or other circumstances. Changes to the advertised race schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board, and may be announced on WhatsApp.

10. Penalty System

10.1 The Sailing Instructions will specify any changes to Rule 44 and if Appendix P applies.

10.2 For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Part 1 and 2, the protest committee may decide the penalty.

11. Scoring & Discards

11.1 RRS A5.3 will apply.

11.2 If Ten Races are completed, then 6 will count with 4 discards.

11.3 If Eight Races are completed, then 5 will count with 3 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, the Lymington Harbour Master or the LTSC Sailing Secretary.

12.2 Competitors will need to make their own arrangements for berthing in Hamble, Cowes, and Yarmouth.

13. Communication

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

13.2 The Race Committee will communicate courses for each class and other announcements by VHF. Courses and other announcements may also be announced by WhatsApp. See NoR Attachment B 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.

16. Further Information

Competitors are welcome to use the LTSC Clubhouse facilities and bar on the day of the race.

Notice of Race - Attachment A

WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS 2026-27 - Appendix B

Special Regulations for Inshore Racing Special Regulations for inshore racing are intended for use in short races, close to shore in relatively warm and protected waters where adequate shelter and/or effective rescue is available all along the course, held in daylight only.

Part A Basic Regulation

1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 Under RRS 3 the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face all weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his responsibilities in the event of his incapacitation.

2.04.1 All equipment required by OSR shall:

- a) function properly,
- b) be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced,
- c) if it has an expiry date, it will not have exceeded its expiry date whilst racing,
- d) when not in use be stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised,
- e) be readily accessible, and
- f) be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the boat.

3.02 Watertight and Structural Integrity of a Boat

3.02.01 A boat shall be essentially watertight and all openings shall be capable of being immediately secured. Centreboard or daggerboard trunks and the like shall not open into the interior of a hull except via a watertight maintenance hatch with the opening entirely above the waterline.

Part B Portable Equipment

A boat shall have:

- 3.23 A strong bucket with a lanyard and of at least 9 L (2.4 US Gal) capacity.
- 3.24 A compass (a hand-held is acceptable).
- 4.05 A fire extinguisher required if electrical system, engine or stove on board.
- 4.06 An anchor.
- 4.22.3 A lifebuoy with a drogue.
- 4.22.4 A heaving line, no less than 6 mm (1/4") diameter, 15–25 m (50–75') long, readily accessible to cockpit.
- 4.25 A strong, sharp knife, in a securely restrained sheath shall be readily accessible from the deck or a cockpit.

Each Crewmember shall have:

5.01.1 A gas inflatable lifejacket which shall comply with ISO 12402-3 (Level 150) and have been manufactured after 2011. It shall be fitted with the following, each complying with ISO 12402-3 or ISO 12402-8:

- a) a manual or automatic gas inflation system,
- b) a ride up prevention system (crotch strap or thigh straps),

It shall also:

- g) be of the appropriate size range for the crewmember as marked on the PFD, and
- h) have been indelibly marked with the name of the owner or boat.

Notice of Race - Attachment B

A gas inflatable lifejacket shall have been inspected annually, checked for gas retention, and be fitted with in-date inflation trigger and in-date appropriate gas cylinder.

Notice of Race - Attachment C - Dayboats

Extract from **WSOR Appendix C**

“Each crewmember shall have buoyancy aid which shall comply with ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) and have been manufactured after 2006. It shall be of the appropriate size range for the crewmember as marked on the PFD”

The person in charge of similar boats not listed in NOR 1.6 may apply in writing to the Race Committee for approval to use similar PFDs.

Notice of Race - Attachment D

Open this link or scan the QR Code to join the LTSC Cruiser Racing Series 2026 Competitor WhatsApp Group:

[LTSC Cruiser Racing 2026 WhatsApp Group](#)

