



# LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB



## Notice of Race

### National Solo – Lymington's 2024 Open Meeting

Predicted Tides - BST	High Water	Low Water
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	08:35hrs (2.6m)	14:20 (1.5m)

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#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Competitors are required to follow all Government and Club Covid guidelines – ref 17.2 below
- 1.4 Competitors are expected to sail and behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and to make use of the Rules Advisory Service.
- 1.5 RR40 (Personal Buoyancy - compulsory), RR 63.1 (Disqualification with no hearing – Sign on / off system) are changed as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising for National Solos shall comply with the National Solo Rules.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the National Solo Class, and the helm shall be a member of the National Solo Class Association
- 3.2 Helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations at the time of entry.

#### 4. ENTRY FEES, Entry Dates, Cancellation and Briefing

- 4.1 The fee per boat £20 + £4 (Discounted Harbour Dues),

Online entry is now open – [click here](#) to go to the booking form

Pre-entered boats must register on arrival to confirm their entry.

The Organising Authority may cancel the event, reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

Should the Organising Authority cancel or reject an entry they shall REFUND the entry fee in full.

## 5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Three Back to Back races are scheduled

5.2 Race 1 Warning signal 11:55 on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Warning signal</b>	<b>Event:</b>
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	09:00hrs	Registration Opens
	09:00hrs	Breakfast Available
	10:30hrs	Briefing
	11:00hrs	Launching
	11:55hrs	Race 1 Back to back races 2 and 3.

## 6. REGISTRATION

Registration will take place at the Lymington Town Sailing Club from 09:00hrs on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration and shall apply to this open meeting.
- 7.2 Draft SIs will be available on the LTSC website. Note that these are DRAFT and may be subject to change.
- 7.3 Particular attention is drawn to the need to wear buoyancy aids at all times when on the water, the changeable weather conditions & tides in the Solent and the need to avoid the Ferry.

## 8. MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1 All boats shall have a valid RYA measurement certificate

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1 Racing will take place in the Western Solent
- 9.2 Information to assist you plan your visit can be found at <https://www.ltsc.co.uk/open-events/> . This includes a link to a map which can also be obtained from the Club office.
- 9.3 Competitors will be granted 'Honorary Associate Membership' of Lymington Town Sailing Club for the duration of the event.

## 10. COURSES

- 10.1 The courses may be a mixture of Sausage Triangle, Windward/Leeward or Trapezoidal courses, full course details will be provided within the sailing instructions.

## **11. SCORING**

11.1 The Scoring System is as follows:

- (a) One race (with at least one lap) is required to be completed to constitute a series
- (b) if 3 races are sailed then competitors may discard their worst result

## **12. COACH & SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall register at the race office during the registration period & and shall be conspicuously identified and shall comply with LTSC Support Boat Regulations (available at the club on request).

## **13. BERTHING**

Boats shall be berthed on their launching trollies and road trailers in their assigned places in the designated area.

## **14. LAUNCHING AND LOCAL BYLAWS**

- 14.1 It is intended that launching and recovery will use slipway within the river. Boats must remain clear of the Wightlink Isle of Wight ferry which is restricted in its ability to manoeuvre within the river channel.
- 14.2 The rules and by-laws of Lymington Town Sailing Club will apply.
- 14.3 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. 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.

## **15. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **16. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for 1st – 3rd overall. Additional prizes may be awarded.

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

17.1 Rule 4 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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (iii) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (iv) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (v) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (vi) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (vii) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million or the equivalent per event against third party claims.

17.2 LTSC and its members and those assisting in the race organisation will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after any race.

#### 18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Sailing Secretary Lymington Town Sailing Club, on 01590 674514 or by e-mail on [sailing@ltsc.co.uk](mailto:sailing@ltsc.co.uk) .