

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 CLUB

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).
- 1.3. [DP] International Six Metre Class Rating Rule and Measurement Instructions.
- 1.4. RRS 90.3(e) is applicable, but '24 hours' is replaced by '60 minutes'.
- 1.5. In all rules governing this regatta, the notation [NP] means that a breach of that rule will not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.6. [NP] Boats in the Lymington River, while racing, proceeding to a race or returning from racing, shall not cause Wightlink ferries to take avoiding action.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the LTSC website by 1st September 2026 ([6-Metre British Championships | LTSC](#)).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at [6-Metre British Championships | LTSC](#) and the Race Office will be at Lymington Town Sailing Club.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal International VHF Channels. All VHF communication shall be on International VHF channels.
- 3.3. On the water the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] Except as permitted in Class Rule 37 or as required by NoR 3.2, the use of mobile/cell phones, or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited during racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.
- 3.5 A competitors' WhatsApp group will be available for the duration of the event.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Six Metre Class, with a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2. All boats shall have paid their 2026 membership dues directly to BISMA.
- 4.3. Boats may enter the event by registering online at [6-Metre British Championships | LTSC](#).
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the British Championships, a boat shall complete all registration requirements above and pay all fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is £360 (plus the cost of berthing from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September).
- 5.2. The closing date for entries will be 2359 hrs on 16th August 2026.
- 5.3. Late entries from 16th August 2026 will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority (OA) and there will be a late entry supplementary fee of £50.
- 5.4. Bookings for berthing on the Dan Bran pontoon in the Lymington River from Thursday 3rd to Monday 6th September inclusive (payment due to BISMA).
- 5.5 Social events included with the entry fee – crew meal tickets (x5 each boat) for Friday & Saturday evenings at LTSC.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Class Rule 25 applies. Each boat shall submit a crew list of maximum five people plus one alternative crew when registering. Each boat may use this extra crewmember by registering the change by 1900 at the Race Office on the day before the crew change is to take place. Any additional change(s) shall be subject to prior approval by the Race Committee.
- 6.2. A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available on [6-Metre British Championships | LTSC](#), shall be submitted for crew under 18 years of age.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Class Rule 30 applies.
- 7.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA and/or by BISMA.

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. The times shown in the table below are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time - BST). Indicative Tide Times are for Lymington.

Day	Time	First Warning Signal	Notes
Friday 4 th September	LW 08:34 HW 16:45	13:55	2 races
Saturday 5 th September	LW 10:40 HW 18:06	10:55	3 races – option for 4
Sunday 6 th September	LW 12:20 HW 19:34	10:55	2 races

- 9.2. The intention of the Race Committee is to run seven (7) races during the British Championships.
- 9.3. A maximum of four races may be sailed on Saturday in order to complete the programme because of the weather or other reasons, provided that the programme does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 9.4. On the last day of racing (Sunday 6th September), no warning signal will be made after 1400.
- 9.5. There will be a combined start for all boats in both Open and Classic divisions.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 10.1. Each boat shall arrive with a complete set of correctly placed measurement marks as required by the 6mR class rules.
- 10.2. [DP] Each boat may be checked for compliance with her rating certificate. This may include, but not be limited to, Weight, Freeboards, Overhangs, Equipment, Rig and Sail Area Measurements and Sail Dimensions.
- 10.3. Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 10.4. After registration until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without prior written permission given by the OA and posted on the ONB.
- 10.5. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

- 12.1. Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the Western Solent.
- 12.2. To indicate the general race area a local racing chart can be found here: [Solent Marks chart](#)

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the SIs.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. SCORING

15.1. For the British Championships the low point scoring system will be used as in RRS Appendix A with the following changes;

- (a) Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP], [NP]

16.1. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay at least 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

16.2. All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.

17. NOT USED

18. BERTHING [DP]

18.1. All boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the Dan Bran pontoon, in the Lymington River, while in harbour.

19. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP], [NP]

19.1. Boats shall not be launched, relaunched or hauled out after 1300 on Friday 4th September except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]

20.1. During the British Championships underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the Events (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2. Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

21.3. Lymington Town Sailing Club (LTSC) and Lymington Town Sailing Club Limited (LTSL) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. 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."

22.2. 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:

- (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, and other officials and volunteers by the event 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;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor or safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million (UK).

24. PRIZES

The following trophies shall be awarded: The Lion Bowl for the Open Division and the Dudley Head Salver for the Classic Division winners.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Further details of the social programme will be available in a separately.

Additional social tickets will be available for purchase from LTSC.