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NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is The Royal Lymington Yacht Club and the Lymington Town Sailing Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS).
- 1.2 Dinghies shall comply with their class rules.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Official Notice Board (online) at least 24 hours before the first race of the series.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is online, located at [Lymington Dinghy Regatta Official Noticeboard](#)

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- 3.2. A physical notice board in the RLymYC forecourt may display copies of documents from the online Official Notice Board but in case of dispute the online notice board takes precedence.
- 3.3. In addition to the Official Notice Board, communications with competitors will be by the Event Messaging System.
- 3.4. The Event Messaging System will be via the Telegram messaging system to mobile numbers provided by competitors for communications specified in the Sailing Instructions. The telegram group can be joined here: <https://t.me/+1Gi9XOdz2dIIMDIk>
- 3.5. A boat that retires from a race shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee as soon as practical.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The following Classes are eligible to enter:

Class Name	PY Range	Proposed Course	Min No of Entries for class start	Max No of Entries, all fleets
Fast Handicap*	Up to 964	Windward-Leeward	8	120 total
Medium Handicap*	965-1130	Trapezoid	8	
Slow Handicap*	1131-1400	Trapezoid	8	
RS Aero 5/6/7/9 (Aero Masters Championships)		Trapezoid	8	
RS100 (Rooster National Tour)		Windward-Leeward	8	
RS800 (Rooster National Tour)		Windward-Leeward	8	
Lightning 368 (Sea Championships)		Trapezoid	8	

*The Sailing Instructions may amend the PY handicap range for each class.

- 4.2. The RS Aero class will be scored as a handicap class using Portsmouth Yardstick numbers to be allocated by the race committee based on the sail size specified on the entry form.
- 4.3. Boats that can race with different sail sizes (e.g. RS Aero 5/6/7/9, RS Tera Sport/Pro, ILCA 4/6/7) shall specify on their entry form the largest sail size to be used during the regatta and be scored with the Portsmouth Yardstick corresponding to that sail size for each race even if a smaller sail is used. Larger sails may not be used.
- 4.4. When the number of boats entered in a class is below the minimum, boats may be re-assigned to a handicap fleet.
- 4.5. The Race Committee may assign boats to a particular class and allocate handicap numbers to each boat at its complete discretion.
- 4.6. Classes may be started together to minimise delays between races, even if each class has reached the minimum number of entries to constitute a class. The intention is to start a maximum of 4 classes or combined classes on each of the 2 course areas, per race.
- 4.7. Entries shall be made on the official entry form online at [Lymington Town Sailing Club](#) by the date specified and accompanied by any fees due.

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- 4.8. Entries will be accepted up to 11:00 on Saturday 20th June. Entries for Sunday only will be accepted up to 09:30 on 21st June. Online entry may be closed at or before 16:00 on Friday 19th June; entries after this time if accepted may need to be made on a paper entry form available at registration.
- 4.9. Entry is not completed until the required fees have been paid and any registration requirements have been satisfied. If entry is over-subscribed, priority will be given to boats that have paid their fees.
- 4.10. Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form on the RLymYC website here:
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/RoyalLymingtonYachtClub/MedicalGuardianDeclarationForm2026>
- 4.11. The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76. Should the Organising Authority cancel the event before the weekend of the regatta or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee paid by the affected boat(s).

5. FEES

Entry for	Double-hander with Lymington Harbour Commission launching disc	Double-hander without Lymington Harbour Commission launching disc	Single-hander with Lymington Harbour Commission launching disc	Single-hander without Lymington Harbour Commission launching disc
Weekend entry, on or before 13 th May 2026	£32	£53	£26	£47
Weekend entry, after 13 th May 2026	£47	£69	£34	£60
One day entry, on or before 13 th May 2026	£20	£33	£16	£30
One day entry, after 13 th May 2026	£27	£42	£26	£38

6. [Not applicable]

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

8. [Not applicable]

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. The event is scheduled as follows:

Race Date	No. of Races Scheduled each day*	Total number of Scheduled Races	Scheduled Time of 1 st Warning Signal
Saturday 20 th June	3	5	13:00
Sunday 21 st June	2		10:30

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* Up to 4 races may be sailed on either day in an endeavour to achieve the original total number of scheduled races in the series.

- 9.2. Registration is from 09:00 to 11:00 on Saturday 20th June and 09:00 to 09:30 on Sunday 21st June at RLymYC.
- 9.3. There will be a competitor briefing at 11:15 on Saturday 20th June in the RLymYC bar or balcony.
- 9.4. On Sunday 21st June, no warning signal will be made after 15:00. The prizegiving will be as soon as possible after the last race in the RLymYC bar or balcony.

10. EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. Race Officials may inspect any boat at their discretion. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable instruction to facilitate equipment inspection.
- 10.2. The Race Committee may stop a boat launching, or require it to return to shore, if the race committee consider that the boat, its equipment and/or crew are not adequate for the likely conditions.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) that complies with ISO 12402-5 (Level 50), be manufactured after 2006 and be of the appropriate size range for the crew member as marked on the PFD.
- 11.2. The Race Committee may require every competitor, whilst afloat, to wear an adequate wet or dry suit covering the torso.

12. VENUE AND COURSE AREA

- 12.1. The venue is the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, Bath Road, Lymington, SO41 3SE and the Lymington Town Sailing Club, Bath Road, Lymington, SO41 3SE
- 12.2. The racing area will be in the Western Solent.

13. COURSES

- 13.1. Courses will be Windward/Leeward or Trapezoid, around buoys laid for the event.
- 13.2. The detailed courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2 or specified in the rule itself, the penalty may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification [DP].
- 14.2. For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).
- 14.3. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The minimum number of races to constitute a series is one.
- 15.2. The number of counted/excluded races to determine a boat's series score will be as follows:

No of Completed Races	No of Races to be excluded to determine a boat's score
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3 or fewer	0
4 or more	1

16. 16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. The Race Committee may issue a flag with vertical red and white stripes to support vessels. Personnel on vessels displaying this flag may offer verbal assistance to boats racing in the Slow Handicap class only. RRS 41 and 48 are changed to permit this outside help. A support vessel shall not interfere with boats racing or official vessels.

17. [Not applicable]

18. [Not applicable]

19. [Not applicable]

20. [Not applicable]

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The use of any personal data shall comply with current legislation. Further information can be found at [Club Data Policy](#).

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." 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 safety briefing held for the event;

22.2. The fact that Race Officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out the rules of the event.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. All boats shall hold adequate insurance and, in particular, hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £5.0 million per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes may be specified in the event sailing instructions.

25. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

25.1. This Notice of Race may be changed or supplemented by the entry form or by a notice posted on the Official Notice Board

FURTHER INFORMATION

All events will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.