



**LYMINGTON TOWN**  
**SAILING CLUB**

## **Cruiser Racing Series 2025**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

The Organising Authority is Lymington Town Sailing Club

### **Race Schedule**

<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Lymington to Hamble</b>	<b>Saturday 17th May</b>
<b>Race 2 &amp;3</b>	<b>Cowes and Back</b>	<b>Sunday 1st June</b>
<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Christchurch Bay</b>	<b>Sunday 22nd June</b>
<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Newtown Race</b>	<b>Sunday 13th July</b>
<b>Race 6</b>	<b>Round the Cans</b>	<b>Saturday 26th July</b>
<b>Race 7</b>	<b>Round the Cans</b>	<b>Saturday 9th August</b>
<b>Race 8</b>	<b>Round the Cans</b>	<b>Saturday 30th August</b>
<b>Race 9</b>	<b>Bramble Bank Bart's Bash</b>	<b>Saturday 13th September</b>
<b>Race 10</b>	<b>Nut Roast Special</b>	<b>Sunday 5th October</b>

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## **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The LTSC Cruiser Racing Series 2025 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).
- 1.5 All yachts, while racing, proceeding to a race or returning from racing, shall not cause Wightlink Ferries to take avoiding action.
- 1.5 Results will be calculated using the RYA YTC Handicap System.

## **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 [Yacht Racing | LTSC](#)
- 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 the Warning Signal will not be before 10:00
- 5.2 For Races 2, 4, 5, 10 the Warning Signal will not be before 10:00
- 5.3 For Race 9 Barts Bash the Warning Signal will not be before 12:00
- 5.4 For Races 6, 7, 8 the Warning Signal will not be before 14:00
- 5.4 Unless otherwise stated in a Notice to Competitors, all races will be started at Baverstock, except for Race 3 (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 will need to have a YTC or MOCRA handicap for the series. For application of rating see YTC website [AERA YTC - Royal Ocean Racing Club | Rating Office](#)
- 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/](http://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](http://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 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](http://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 or the Lymington Harbour Master.

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 - 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.

All the items relevant to Special Regulations for inshore racing are shown in Appendix B.

### Part A Basic - The following regulations shall be observed:

#### 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 bad weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his/her responsibilities in the event of his/her incapacitation.

#### 2.03.1 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,
- c) when not in use stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised
- d) be readily accessible
- e) be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the boat.

#### 3.02 Watertight Integrity of a Boat:

A boat shall be essentially water tight and all openings shall be capable of being immediately secured. Centreboard, dagger board 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 – The following shall be provided:**

Regulation

- 3.23 One strong bucket with a lanyard and of at least 9 litres (2.4 US Gal) capacity
- 3.24 One compass (a hand-held is acceptable)
- 4.05 One fire extinguisher required if electrical system, engine or stove on board
- 4.06 One anchor
- 4.22 A lifebuoy with a drogue
- 4.22.5 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 sheathed and securely restrained shall be provided readily accessible from the deck or a cockpit.
- 5.1.1 Each crew member shall have a personal flotation device which shall:
  - (a) be equipped with a whistle
  - (b) clearly marked with yachts or wearers name
  - (c) if inflatable, regularly checked for air retention,Unless otherwise specified by a boat's applicable class rules or by sailing instructions, personal flotation devices shall have at least 150N buoyancy, arranged to securely suspend an unconscious person face upwards at approximately 45 degrees to the water surface

**Notice of Race - Attachment B**

Open this link or scan the QR Code to join the LTSC Cruiser Racing Series 2025 Competitor WhatsApp Group:

## LTSC Cruiser Racing 2025 WhatsApp Group

