



LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB

Merlin Rocket Open Meeting SW Series Saturday 12 September 2026 Silver Tiller Sunday 13 September 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority:

Lymington Town Sailing Club (LTSC) in association with Merlin Rocket Owners Association (MROA)

TIDES - LYMINGTON

12 September:		13 September	
Time (BST)	Height (m)	Time (BST)	Height (m)
0538	0.29	0017	3.23
1211	3.38	0615	0.34
1801	0.48	1247	3.33
		1839	0.53

RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028, RYA prescriptions and the relevant Class rules. In the case of conflict between the rules and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2 All references to the Race Committee will be taken to refer to the Lymington Town Sailing Club Race Office.
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) always applies whilst afloat
- 1.4 Spinnaker numbers are not required. This changes Rule 77 and Appendix G1.3(c).
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Merlin Rocket Class that have a current measurement certificate.
- 2.2 Boats competing for the Silver Tiller Series prizes must be entered by members or associate members of the MROA
- 2.3 Entries will be accepted from non-members of the MROA provided they are members of LTSC but they will not be eligible for Silver Tiller prizes.
- 2.4 A boat wishing to substitute a helm or a crew after registration shall make prior written request to the race committee to do so. The decision to permit or deny such request shall be entirely at the discretion of the race committee.

3 ENTRIES AND FEES

- 3.1 Merlin Rocket entries shall be made on the official Entry Form available at reception or online <https://www.ltsc.co.uk/merlin-open>
- 3.2 Online entry must be made 24 hours before the event.

- 3.3 Entry fees
1 day: £16.00 per boat
2 days: £30.00 per boat
Plus Harbour Commissioners' launching fees: £10 per day if no valid Harbour Commissioners' disc is displayed

- 3.4 Entries will be accepted up to 0930 on Saturday 12 September for the SW Series and 0900 on Sunday 13 September for the Silver Tiller.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online <https://www.ltsc.co.uk/merlin-open>
4.2 The Class Association may post notices on their website.
4.3 While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration will take place in the club house on Saturday 12 September between 0900 and 1030 and Sunday 13 September between 0900 and 1000.
5.2 Each event comprises a 3 races series.
5.3 At its discretion, the race committee may change the number of races.
5.4 The scheduled time for a race briefing will be Saturday 12 September at 1000.
5.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the races will be not before 1125 on Saturday 12 September and 1025 on Sunday 13 September.
5.6 No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Sunday 13 September.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing instructions will be published on the event website on or before 5 September 2026 (<https://www.ltsc.co.uk/merlin-open>).

7 VENUE

- 7.1 Lymington Town Sailing Club, Bath House, Bath Road, Lymington SO41 3SE.
7.2 Racing will normally take place in the West Solent. The specific race area will be posted on a board at the entrance to the clubhouse and confirmed at the competitor briefing.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 RRS Rule 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) will apply.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
9.2 When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
9.3 When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 The MROA will provide ST prizes for the Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleet;
10.2 LTSC will provide prizes: The following prizes will be awarded:
1st Open overall
2nd Open overallpen overall

1st Silver Tiller overall
2nd Silver Tiller overall
3rd Silver Tiller overall

11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 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'.
- 11.2 By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 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;
 - the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;
 - their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 or the equivalent per event against third party claims.

12 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

- 12.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

13 DATA PROTECTION

- 13.1 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 RRS and the other rules that govern the event (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.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 Please contact Sailing Office sailing@ltsc.co.uk

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