



LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB

RS Aero Open Meeting

Saturday 13th May 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority will be Lymington Town Sailing Club and 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 expected to sail and behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and to make use of the Rules Advisory Service.
- 1.4 RR40.1 (Personal Buoyancy - compulsory), RR 63.1 (Disqualification with no hearing – Tally on / off system) are changed as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall comply with RS Aero Class Rules and boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the RS Aero Class whose helm is a current member of the RS Aero Class Association at the time of the regatta.
- 3.2 Helms under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations at the time of entry.

4. ENTRY & ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 Entries can only be made online via the RS Aero Class website at:
<https://www.rsasailing.org/index.asp?p=event&eid=2530>
- 4.2 Entry will close at midnight on Wednesday 10th May. Late entries will only be accepted on the day at the discretion of the Organising Authority. A decision regarding the availability of late entries will be made after entries close and it will be displayed on the club website by 20:00hrs on Thursday 11th May.
- 4.3 The entry fee is £22. For late entries after Fri 5th May the late entry fee will be £27. Boats without a current Lymington Harbour Commissioners launch disc will need to pay the £4 launch fee with their entry.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Three races are scheduled. Subject to numbers, there will either be Class racing for each of the classes RS Aero 9, RS Aero 7, RS Aero 6 and RS Aero 5 or fleets may be combined, racing using the RYA PY numbers.
- 5.2 The time for the warning signal for the first race will be no earlier than 11:55hrs on Saturday 13th May 2023.

5.3

| Date: | Time: | Event: |
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| Sat 13th May | 09:30-10:30hrs | Registration |
| | 10:30hrs | Briefing |
| | 11:55hrs | Race 1 Warning Signal for first start. |
| | | Races 2 and 3 will follow back to back. The intended order of starts and any groupings may be specified in the Sailing Instructions or Briefing. |

5.4 No warning signal for the first class in a start sequence will be made after 16:00hrs.

6. (SPARE)

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) may be published by 7th May online on the LTSC website event page
- 7.2 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 comply with RS Aero Class Rules.

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 and support persons will be granted 'Honorary Associate Membership' of Lymington Town Sailing Club for the duration of the event.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Courses will be shown in the Sailing Instructions which will include the location and the description of the committee boat and marks.
- 10.2 Where races are scheduled back-to-back, preceding races will finish close to the starting area.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Scoring System is as follows:
 - (a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - (b) All races will count towards the series result (no discard).

12. COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are welcome but must pay any launch fee applicable to the [Lymington Harbour Master](#) and abide by the [LTSC Support Boat Regulations](#)

13. BERTHING

Visitors will be directed where to rig when they arrive at the club.

14. LAUNCHING

Launching and recovery will use the slipway within the river. Boats must remain clear of the Wightlink Isle of Wight ferry, which is restricted in its ability to maneuver within the river channel.

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 as appropriate, depending on numbers.

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Lymington Town Sailing Club, on 01590 674514 or by e-mail on sailing@ltsc.co.uk .