

LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB



DINGHY CRUISING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2008

Applies to:

LTSC CLUB DINGHY CRUISES

1. RULES

1.1 These sailing instructions (DCSI) apply to all dinghy cruises identified as a Club event and cover all dinghies participating in the cruise.

1.2 International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea apply when meeting any vessel. Particular attention is drawn to IRPCAS 9(b) "A vessel of less than 20 metres length or a Sailing Vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel, which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway".

1.3 Any boat should not enter the area of obstruction in front of the ferry. No boat participating in any cruise shall deliberately impede the passage of the Lympington/Yarmouth Wightlink Ferry.

1.4 All harbour bylaws apply at all times.

2. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

2.1 The owner/person in charge of a participating boat has sole responsibility for her safety and her entire management and must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during a cruise.

2.2 The LTSC, its members and those assisting in the cruise will not accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any cruise.

3 ENTRY

3.1 All participants must complete and sign the Dinghy Cruise Entry Form (See attached) and hand it to the Cruise Leader prior to launching.

4 INSURANCE

4.1 Every cruising boat shall have adequate cover (minimum of £2,000,000) against third party liability.

5 SAFETY

5.1 Personal buoyancy must be worn at all times while cruising.

5.2 Wind, tide, weather and sea state can quickly change in the Solent,

participants should be aware of times when tide changes and be prepared for changing conditions.

5.3 Participants are responsible for ensuring that their boat and crew are prepared for the conditions that they may face whilst afloat..

5.4 The Leader of the Dinghy Cruise will have overall responsibility for deciding whether to cancel the cruise or to shorten or to amend the cruise. The decision to set off on the cruise will take into account current and prevailing and/or forecast weather conditions, state of tide and the degree of visibility. The Leader of the Dinghy Cruise may change the destination of the cruise depending on weather conditions, number of participants, etc.

5.5 All boats must have (at least) one paddle, a suitable anchor and warp of not less than 10 metres and an efficient baler.

5.6 All boats must have adequate buoyancy with gear secured so that they can be righted and baled out after a capsize.

5.7 All boats should attempt to sail within ¼ mile of each other.

6 AREA OF OBSTRUCTION - FERRY

6.1 For the purposes of this document an area of obstruction shall extend 100 metres in front of a ferry underway in its direction of motion or intended motion with a width equal to the beam of the ferry.

7 COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 The Leader of the Dinghy Cruise will communicate with dinghies participating in the cruise by means of a colour-coded flag system. Four different coloured flags will be used and their meaning is as follows:

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| GREEN | all participating boats ready, please proceed to planned destination |
| RED | cruise abandoned, please make your way back to Lymington |
| YELLOW | you appear to be having problems, please lower your sails and the Safety Boat will take you in tow |
| BLUE | you are heading in the wrong direction, please follow the Safety Boat |

7.2 Each flag will be flown as required from the Safety Boat, preceded by one long blast (5 seconds) on an air horn.