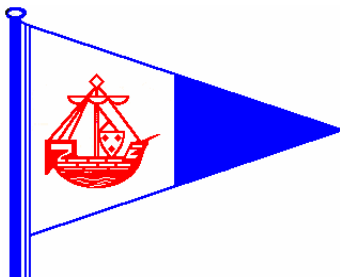


LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB



LYMINGTON RIVER SCOW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

18/19 July 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Registration will be from 0900hrs at LTSC
BRIEFING FOR COMPETITORS on 18 July 2009
LTSC – Clubhouse (Solent Room) – 1100hrs

Predicted Tides BST	High Water Lymington	Low Water Lymington
18 th July	0756 (2.66 m) 2027 (2.89 m)	1311 (1.36 m)
19 th July	0904 (2.77 m) 2121 (2.99 m)	1424 (1.23 m)

For further information about the event please visit www.ltsc.co.uk or
contact the LTSC Sailing Secretary barry@ltsc.co.uk

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Notice of Race dated 25th June 2009 and these Sailing Instructions (SI) form part of the rules that shall apply.
- 1.2 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RR) and RYA Prescriptions and these Sailing Instructions. In the case of conflict these SI will prevail.
 - 1.2a Competitors shall comply with the RYA Racing Charter. A copy can be found on the club notice board or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter or in the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.
 - 1.2b Competitors who sail under the charter are expected:
 - To show courtesy and respect to other competitors and officials, and to other users of the water to compete in compliance with the rules, and to take a penalty when required by the rules;
 - To use the provided services to resolve any disputes. (See SI 16.3)
 - 1.2c By entering this event, the competitor confirms that he/she and any other person on that boat or supporting that boat will comply with the charter.
- 1.3 International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea apply when meeting a vessel not racing. 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". Competitors are also reminded that when sailing in the river they should keep clear when overtaking other boats and if practical, keep to the starboard side of the Channel.
- 1.4 Any boat entering the area of obstruction in front of the ferry (see SI 10) may be disqualified. No boat whilst racing, preparing to race or returning from a race shall deliberately impede the passage of the Lymington/Yarmouth Wightlink Ferry. Any boat in so doing may commit a gross breach of a rule and/or be held to bring the sport into disrepute for the purposes of RR 69.
- 1.5 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1. RR 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) shall apply **at** all times while afloat without **the need for** Flag Y to be displayed.
 - 1.5.2. RR 42 (Propulsion) shall not apply to a boat trying to avoid an area of obstruction created by the Lymington/Yarmouth Wight Link ferry (see SI 10) so long as any advantage gained is surrendered as soon as possible after the ferry has been cleared.
 - 1.5.3 RR 35 (Time Limits) is varied as in SI 15
 - 1.5.4 RR44.1 is modified to permit a different penalty. Following a short form protest hearing or when after a race she realises she broke a rule, a boat may take a penalty equal to 20% of the boats ranking as starters to a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 points.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 There will be a briefing for competitors at 1100hrs on Saturday 18 July 2009 in the LTSC Clubhouse – upper floor (Solent Room)
- 2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Club Hallway.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Six races are scheduled with three races on Saturday 18th July and 3 races on Sunday 19th July
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signals will be

Saturday 18th July	1300
Sunday 19th July	1030

- 5.2. The second race and any subsequent race will be started as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding race.
- 5.3 No race shall be started after 1400hrs on Sunday 19th July 2009.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The Class flag will be the Lymington River Scow Class Flag

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The Racing Area will be in the Western Solent.
- 7.2 The location of the Racing area and approximate location of the Committee Boat will be announced at the Briefing and posted on the Notice Board.

8 COURSES

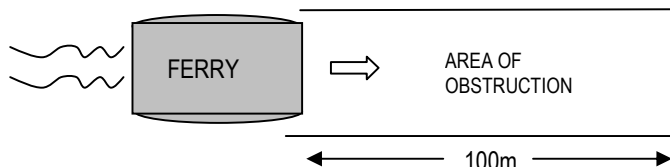
- 8.1 The Course to be sailed is defined in appendix A.
- 8.2 At the end of each round, boats must pass through a gate between the Committee Boat and the starting/finishing mark.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The marks that will be used during the races are described in Appendix A.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS – FERRY

- 10.1 For the purposes of RR 19 & RR 20 and SI 1.4 & 1.5.2 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. .



11 THE START

- 11.1 The Starting line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an orange Flag and a starting mark as described in Appendix A.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 If there is a significant change in direction or strength of the wind the course may be changed in accordance with RR 33 after all boats have rounded mark 1 by moving mark 1 to a new position – this will be signaled from the Committee Boat at the start/finish line gate at the end of lap 1. Mark 3 and the finish mark may then be repositioned.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The Finishing line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat flying an Orange Flag and a finishing mark as described in Appendix A.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The exoneration penalty for a boat realising that a rule has been broken after finishing but prior to the commencement of a protest hearing is 20% of the number of boats ranking as starters, to a minimum of 2 and a maximum 5 points. If on consulting a rules advisor it is realised that a rule has been broken but no party takes any further action, the penalty is zero. However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her exoneration penalty is to retire.
- 14.2 Boats that infringe any of the safety rules will be subject to a penalty.
- 14.3 A fine penalty will be a contribution to the RNLI made before the protest time limit of £10 for the first offence, £20 for the second offence, £40 for the third offence and so on, provided for in RR64.1(a)

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The target time for the first boat is 40 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress.
- 15.2 If no boat reaches the windward mark on the first lap within 20 minutes the race may be abandoned and re-sailed.
- 15.3 Boats continuing to race 20 minutes after the first boat to finish shall be treated as a finisher and at the race officer's discretion may be recorded as finished in the position observed at that time. Such boats may be towed back to the start area so that the next race can be started without delay. This varies RR 15.2.

16 RETIREMENTS AND DECLARATIONS

- 16.1 Any boat that starts but does not finish a race should endeavor to notify the Race Officer (in person or via RIB crew) before leaving the race area.
- 16.2 A representative of each boat shall Tally off within 15 minutes of returning ashore.
- 16.3 When signing off boats that have taken a penalty under RR31.2 (touching a mark) or RR41.1 (Taking a Penalty) shall declare the penalty and/or indicate that they have retired from the race and/or wish to consult with a Rules Advisor or Mediator (See SI 16.3)

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protests forms are available from the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered there within one hour of finishing in the last race of the day.
- 16.2 Notification of parties to a protest, as required by RR 63.2 will be by posting the time and place of the hearing on the Notice Board in the Club foyer no later than 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the race.

- 16.3 The RYA Rules Dispute Advisory Hearing and/or Pre-Protest hearing with a mediator are available to Competitors who, within the protest time limit, discuss an incident with a Rules Advisor and/or mark the sign off sheet to say "Hearing requested".
- 16.4 A Copy of the RYA Racing Charter: Rules Dispute Best Practices is available on the Official Club Notice Board and the RYA website and will be used by the Advisor/Mediator to provide guidance on the procedures for the hearing.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.2 When from 5 or 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 In addition to the overall results, separate results will be produced for:
- (a) single handed boats
 - (b) junior teams (the helm is a minimum of 8 years old and a maximum of 18 years old on the first day of racing.)
 - (c) double handed boats.

18 SAFETY REGULATION

- 18.1 Personal Flotation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat.
- 18.2 Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boat and crew are prepared for the conditions that they may face whilst afloat and that they comply with their class rules.
- 18.3 Competitors should be aware of times when tide changes and be prepared for changing conditions as the wind, tide, weather and sea state can quickly change in the Solent,
- 18.4 A Tally on/off system will be in operation – competitors shall take their tally before going afloat and return it to the tally board at the earlier of 15 minutes of coming ashore and the protest time limit. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a penalty.
- 18.5 Boats returning ashore before the end of the last race of the day should notify the race officer or a safety boat and if this is not practical shall contact the race office as quickly as possible on arrival ashore.
- 18.6 Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 1 "Helping those in danger" Boats (racing or otherwise should stand by a capsized or disabled boat unless it is clear that no assistance is required. Redress may be requested. (RR62.1(c))

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Class Association Measurer.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions
- 20.2 A valid measurement and buoyancy certificate shall be produced for inspection at registration.

21 ADVERTISING

- 21.1 ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code applies and permits each individual Competitor, with the agreement of the person in charge, to display Advertising on clothing and personal equipment without restriction and permits the person in charge to display advertising on hulls, spars and sails without restriction except on the spaces reserved by Appendix G of the Racing Rules and under ISAF Regulations 20.5 & 20.9.
- 21.2 LTSC does not require any competitor to display advertising.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1 Official boats will fly the LTSC Burgee.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 A list of Trophies and prizes for each event will be published as a Notice to Competitors.
- 23.2 Prizes will be awarded on Sunday 19th June as soon as possible following racing.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RR 4 (Decision to Race).
- 24.2 The LTSC, 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.

25 INSURANCE

- 25.1 Every entrant shall have adequate cover (minimum of £2,000,000) against third party liability.

Course

Note

This diagram is NOT to scale. The relative position of the marks will be influenced by wind and tidal considerations.

The course shown is for use if a RED Flag is flying on the Committee Boat. If a GREEN flag is flying – Mark 2 will be to starboard of mark 1 on the first leg of the course.

The angle at Mark 2 between Mark 3 and Mark 1 will be determined by the race officer and may be varied after each race.

The distance between Mark No 1 and Mark No 3 will be varied so that the leading boat takes approx 40 minutes



Mark No 1 (orange)

Mark No 2 (orange)



Start/ Finish
Mark (pink)



Start/Finish Line



Committee
Boat

Mark No 3 (orange)



Course – RED Flag flying on CB - all marks to port

Start - 1p, 2p, 3p, Start/Finish gate, 1p, 3p - Finish

Course – GREEN Flag flying on CB - all marks to starboard

Start – 1s, 2s, 3s, Start/Finish gate, 1s, 3s - Finish

NB The marks on the Course area are not numbered.