

Royal Lymington Yacht Club - Thursday Evening 2008 Racing Notes

These notes are intended to provide a quick on-the water reference, they do not replace the SI and they have no standing in a Protest Room.

1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required. If a general recall is given, the subsequent start for that Class will be as signalled.
2. When IC flag Y is flown at the start, life jackets shall be worn so as to be clearly visible to other competitors.

3. Start Times, Class Flags and Course Information

Class	Class Flags	First Warning	When platform start, Course displayed:	Note
1 IRC	IC Flag NP 1	18:10	West end of South face of platform	Course(s) will be displayed by 1805
2 Club H'Cap	IC Flag NP 2	18:15	West face of platform	
Folkboats	IC Flag F	18:20	East end of South face	
XOD + small Db	IC Flag NN 5	18:25	East end of South face	Small Dayboats
3 Club H'Cap	IC Flag NP 3	18:30	East end of South face	
4 Club H'Cap + Classics	IC Flag NP 4	18:35	East face of platform	If not on East face, then as class 3

The Race Committee may use IC flag Z as the preparatory signal. (20% penalty for boat on course side in the last minute before her start)

4. Courses

See SI Part 1 Appendix A and Club Chartlets. When Moveable marks are used, their bearing and distance from the Start may be displayed or announced on VHF. Their co-ordinates may also be announced on VHF (usually on Ch 72, see SI's).

Should any fixed mark of the course be missing, it may be replaced by an inflatable mark, or a race committee boat displaying IC Flag M.

Movable marks (when used)	MOVABLE MARK #	6' inflatable buoy coloured:	Note
M	No 1	Orange	
N	No 2	Black	

The following shall only be passed on the channel or seaward side after starting and while racing:

Lymington River Marks	East Reach and West Reach buoys, Cross Boom Post, Ryans Post (no 10a); No. 11 Post
Lymington river:Fixed structures	The Platform and the inner limit mark which may be laid close to it, and the Wave Screen
Off Yarmouth Hbr entr.	A plain yellow spherical buoy approx one metre in diameter SE of the inner trot, W of entrance
Others	The barrier off Durns Point.
	Pennington Outfall Beacon (except for X boats, Small Dayboats and Folkboats).

5. Platform Starts

The Platform Starting Line will be between the mast on the Platform displaying the RLymYC burgee and the outer starting line mark will be either an orange inflatable buoy with a blue striped waist, or Mark D (Club ODM). When the outer starting line mark is Mark D (Club ODM), a yellow flag will be displayed on the Platform at the preparatory signal.

An orange inner limit mark may be laid close to the Platform; this shall have the same required side as the Platform.

To aid competitors, a pink buoy may be laid in the vicinity of the start line to indicate a 2 metre minimum depth. (not a Mark of the Course)

If more than one round is to be sailed, diamond symbols shall be displayed after the mark boards. The number of diamond symbols shall indicate the number of rounds.

For a designated Platform Finish, boats shall pass through the Platform Finishing Line from the direction of the previous mark, at the end of each round.

6. THE FINISH: Races started from the Platform will finish at one of three Finishing Lines.

The finishing line to be used will be indicated by a board bearing an orange letter on a black background:	
Letter/Line	Note
P (Platform)	Between the mast on the platform displaying the RLymYC burgee and an orange inflatable buoy with black and white chequered waist, laid after completion of the start. If a chequered buoy cannot be laid, the outer limit mark will be Mark D, when a yellow flag shall be displayed at the Platform, after the start.
R (River)	The River Line (between yellow, East Reach (W) and yellow and red, West Reach (@) buoys)
C (Club)	The Club Line: When a Club Finish Line is designated, spinnakers must not be flown when boats are north of a line between Tar Barrel and Seymours posts.

Should a race be retrospectively shortened by displaying IC flags S over N with two sound signals, the finishing order may be determined from the positions at the last mark or finishing line at which the boats' positions were recorded by the Race Committee.

When a Club or River Finish Line is displayed on the Starting Platform and Mark D is the last mark of the course it shall be a passing mark, notwithstanding that the alteration of course may be more than 90 degrees.

7. TIME LIMITS:

Date of Race(s)	Time Limit for First Finisher for Club Line	Limit First Finisher at Platform or River Line
24 Apr, 1 May, 14 Aug, 21 Aug, 28 Aug	20:15	20:00
All other dates	20:45	20:30
Boats that finish within the time limit or within 20 minutes of the first boat in their class (having finished within the time limit), whichever is later, will be scored according to their corrected finishing place. Other boats will be scored DNF (except as prescribed in Part 1 SI 1.6)		

8. DON'T FORGET : This year there are bottle prizes for the class winner for each evening's racing – presented in the bar if you are there!