

Royal Lymington Yacht Club



Keelboat Racing 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Royal Lymington Yacht Club extends a welcome to owners and crews of competing yachts and invites them to become temporary members on the occasions they are competing in the races covered by this Notice of Race. Please use and enjoy the Club during the racing.

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1 The Organising Authority will be the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club (RLymYC)

2 RACES TO BE SAILED

2.1 The Spring Series will take place each Sunday from March 30 to April 27 2008.

2.2 Thursday Evening Keelboat Racing 2008 will be conducted in two series:

Early Series: 24 April, 1 May, 8 May, 15 May, 22 May, 29 May, 5 June, 12 June, 19 June.

Late Series: 26 June, 10 July, 17 July, 24 July, 31 July, 7 August, 14 August, 21 August, 28 August, 4 September.

2.3 XOD Wednesday afternoon Racing will take place each Wednesday afternoon from 30 April to 29 October except for 2 July & 6 August.

2.4 XOD Saturday Racing will take place each Saturday from Sat 26 April to 25 October except for 2 and 9 August Cowes Week, and 4 October, Pottership. Two windward/leeward events will be held – the Alastair Easton Jug on 28 June and the Bobby Bongers Trophy on 23 August – each incorporating a points series race.

2.5 Nordic Folkboat Saturday Racing will take place each Saturday from Sat 3 May to 5 October except for Sat 14 and 28 June, Sat 2, 9, 16 and 23 August, and Sat 27 September. The Early Series race 7 will be the Royal Solent Prince Consort Race, Sat 21 June. The final Late Series race 8 will be the Royal Solent Turkey Cup, Sun 5 October. The Folkboat West Solent Series will take place on Sat May 3, Sun June 8 (R.Solent), Saturday July 5, and Sunday August 17 (R.Solent).

2.6 Lyminster Week Keelboat Regatta, including XOD Week will take place from the Royal Lyminster YC from Mon 30 June to Friday 4 July inclusive for XODs, and Thursday 3 July to Saturday 5 July inclusive for other Classes.

2.7 Keelboat Equinox Regatta, Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September.

2.8 The Pottership Race: Sat 4 October (Sun 5 reserve day).

3. SAFETY

3.1 Boats shall comply with their Class Rules and Prescriptions with regard to safety and shall carry a lifejacket or personal buoyancy aid for each person aboard. Buoyancy aids shall be minimum EN 393 - 50 Newtons. When IC flag Y is flown at the start, life jackets shall be worn so as to be clearly visible to other competitors.

3.2 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

3.3 It is for a boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it may find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

3.4 Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race.

3.5 Nothing done by the Organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the Organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The Organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

- 3.6 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve a boat of its responsibilities.
- 3.7 No boat shall race with an anchor protruding over its bow. A boat shall not be disqualified for a breach of this instruction without prior warning and adequate opportunity to make correction.
- 3.8 A boat which retires from a race shall make every effort to ensure that the Race Committee is notified as soon as possible, and before returning to her berth. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the series.
- 3.9 It is recommended that yachts comply with the ISAF Special Regulations for Category 4.
- 3.10 All boats are recommended to carry VHF with at least channels 16, 72, 77, M1(37) and maintain a listening watch on channel 72. If the Class Rules of any boat prohibit the use of VHF, there will be no penalty for so doing.

3.11 Ferries

- 3.11.1 All boats in the Lymington River shall not cause Wightlink ferries to take avoiding action.
- 3.11.2 The ingoing and outgoing ferries cross one another in the River off the western entrance to Pylewell Lake.
Competitors should be particularly wary at this point. As navigation aids to ferry skippers, two black and white posts on the east side and two red and white posts on the west side have been erected near the point where the ferries cross.

Competitors must be aware that the Wightlink ferries are operating a commercial service in restricted waters and have little room for manoeuvre to avoid obstructions. As a rule of thumb, whilst sailing within the river channel, boats are advised to maintain a distance of not less than two ferry lengths ahead of a ferry. Every effort must be made to avoid interference with their navigation in the river.

4 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries shall be made on the official Entry Form. This, with the Entry Fee if applicable, and a copy of the boat's current valid measurement/rating certificate if applicable, shall be received by the RLymYC Race Office no later than 6 hours before the start of the boat's first race.

5 GOVERNING RULES

- 5.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 5.2 This Notice of Race may be amended by Sailing Instructions, Part 2.
- 5.3 Part 2 Sailing Instructions will be available for all competitors at the RLymYC one week before the first race of the series, and from the Club website at www.rlymyc.org.uk/
- 5.4 Competitors shall comply with the RYA Racing Charter.
The RYA Racing Charter is reproduced on the RYA website www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter and in the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008.
- 5.5 The following RRS are subject to alteration, changes can be seen in the Sailing Instructions: RRS 28.1 & A5, 29.1, 29.2, 30.1, 32, 32.2, 35 & A3, 44.1 & 44.2, 64.1(a).
- 5.6 Boats will be subject to the RORC/UNCL IRC®, Lymington Handicap, and/or Class Rules of any National or International Class as appropriate.
- 5.7 IRC boats and Lymington Handicap will be category C advertising, Nordic Folkboats and XODs category A.
- 5.8 Alterations to Class Rules for Nordic Folkboats: NFIA Rule 13.10 crew numbers shall not apply.
- 5.9 Alterations to Class Rules for IRC: Rule 27 is altered, see Part 2 Sailing Instructions.

6. ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Eligibility to race will be limited to ballasted **monohull** boats with a minimum hull length of 5.5m.
- 6.2 A boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2m.

- 6.3 Attention is drawn to RRS 75.1; entrants for Open Events shall be members of a recognised club or organisation.
- 6.4 All boats shall comply with RRS 77 Appendix G (Class Insignia, National Letters and Sail Numbers) and the RYA prescription thereto.

6.5 XODs

- 6.5.1 Each XOD entry shall be a member of its Division and Association.
- 6.5.2 Only XOD measured and registered boats shall be eligible to race.

6.6 Nordic Folkboats

- 6.6.1 Each Nordic Folkboat entry shall be a member of its Division and Association.
- 6.6.2 Only measured and registered Nordic Folkboats boats shall be eligible to race, unless approved by the Lymington Divisional Captain.

6.7 Pottership Race

- 6.7.1 All boats must be owned by FULL members of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club. A FULL, FAMILY or JUNIOR member of the Club must throughout the race, helm the boat.

7. CLASSES

- 7.1 The Classes to be raced, and Handicap splits are all subject to confirmation by the Race Committee. They will be announced prior to race one in each series, **and may change between events.**
See Part 2 Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 The Race Committee reserve the right to combine class start times depending on the numbers in each class.

8. COURSE AREA

- 8.1 The course area is the Lymington River, the Western Solent, Needles Channels and Christchurch Bay, **unless amended by Part 2 Sailing Instructions.**

9. RACE STARTS

- 9.1 Races will be started from the RLymYC Starting Platform or a Committee Boat.

9.2 Details of Starting Procedures will be issued in Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING SYSTEM

- 10.1 Lymington Handicap TCFs for each boat will be allocated by the Race Committee and may not be the same for all races.
- 10.2 The low points scoring system of Appendix A will apply including A9, **unless altered by Part 2 Sailing Instructions.**
- 10.3 **Details of discards will be issued in Part 2 Sailing Instructions**

END

GENERAL INFORMATION (Not Part of the Notice of Race)

1. PRE-SEASON EVENT

Thursday 17 April at 1800 in the RLymYC Library: an informal get together for all involved in Thursday Evening Keelboat Racing – a good chance to discuss the racing and its organisation, and to hear about this year's changes and innovations.

2. PRIZEGIVING

See Part 2 Sailing Instructions