



Royal Lymington Cup

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July 2016

NOTICE OF RACE INCLUDING AMENDMENT 1

The Organizing Authority is the Royal Lymington Yacht Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Sailing Instructions may make permitted changes to any rules.
- 1.3. Boats in the Lymington River, while racing, proceeding to a race or returning from racing, shall not cause Wightlink ferries to take avoiding action.
- 1.4. ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 shall apply, with the exception of:
 - 1.4.1. OSR 3.14. Pulpits, Stanchions and Lifelines: HMPE (Dyneema) lifelines are prohibited. Lifelines shall be of stranded stainless steel wire.
 - 1.4.2. OSR 4.26. HEAVY WEATHER SAILS: OSR 4.26 will not apply.
 - 1.4.3. OSR 5.01. Lifejacket: A lifejacket is not required to have an emergency or lifejacket light, sprayhood or a full deck safety harness. This amends 5.01.1 a) ii and 5.01.1 c).
 - 1.4.4. OSR 3.27 and 2.03.3. Navigation Lights are not required.
- 1.5. Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering may be carried but not used. This amends IRC Rule 15.1
- 1.6. RRS 55 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions by adding: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of RRS 55.'
- 1.7. IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate. There is no weight limit."
- 1.8. Boats may be required to carry and use data loggers, tracker apps or trackers whilst racing.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Entries shall be made on the official entry form available from the Club office or downloaded from the Club website.
- 3.2. All boats shall hold adequate insurance and in particular hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2.0 million.

3.3. The event is open to the following boats:

Rating System Name	Rating/ Handicap Range	Entry Fee per team of 2 boats	Reduced fee for Early Entry	Min No of Team Entries
IRC	0.950 to 1.100	£150	£100	5

Entry Dates

Entries Open From	Latest Date for Reduced Entry Fee	Latest Date / Time for Entry
1 January 2016	1 May 2016	15 July 2016 – 2000hrs

The latest entry date / time may be extended by the Race Committee.

- 3.4. Boats shall have a minimum SSS base value of 10 as shown on each boat's current valid IRC Certificate.
- 3.5. Boats shall enter as teams of two boats.
- 3.6. The skipper of each boat shall be a full member of the Club that the team nominates to receive the trophy if they win.
- 3.7. Each boat shall produce a valid IRC rating certificate at registration.
- 3.8. After 2000 hrs on Friday 15 July 2016 amendments to a Boat's certificate initiated by the boat will only be permitted with the express permission of the Organising Authority.

4. Racing Schedule

4.1. The event is scheduled as follows:

Date	No. of Races Scheduled each day	Time of 1st Warning Signal
Saturday 16 July 2016	4	1025
Sunday 17 July 2016	2	1025

- 4.2. Registration from 1400 to 2000 Friday 15 July 2016, unless extended by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.3. There will be a competitor briefing at 2000 on Friday 15 July 2016 in the Clubhouse.
- 4.4. If more than 15 teams enter the event teams shall be divided into two classes with one boat from each team in each class.

5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1. The Sailing Instructions for each event will normally be available at the Club and on the Club website one week before the first race of the event.

6. Venue and Course Area

- 6.1. The venue will be the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, Bath Road, Lymington, SO41 3SE.
- 6.2. The course area will be Christchurch Bay unless the weather is not suitable when it will be in The Western Solent.

7. Courses

- 7.1. Courses will be a mixture of windward/leeward and triangle/sausage types.
- 7.2. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Penalty System

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will specify any changes to RRS 44 and if RRS Appendix P applies.
- 8.2. For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2, the Protest Committee may decide the penalty.

9. Scoring

- 9.1. The minimum number of races to constitute a series is 3.
- 9.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.3. A team's series score will be the total of the individual series scores of the boats representing the team.
- 9.4. Any boat still racing when her time limit expires shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS A4.2

10. Radio Communications

- 10.1. The Sailing Instructions shall specify that VHF radio will be used by the Race Committee to communicate with competitors.
- 10.2. All boats, shall carry an operational VHF radio while racing, proceeding to a race or returning from a race capable of receiving channels 72, 77 and 37A.

11. Prizes

- 11.1. The Royal Lyminster Cup shall be presented to the Club represented by the skippers of the winning team.

12. Risk Statement

- 12.1. Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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:
 - (a) 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;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

- (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and
- (h) The fact that the race committee conducts inspections, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

13. Safety

- 13.1. The personal flotation devices carried on board for each member of the crew shall be a **minimum *EN 396 Level 150*** (Newtons).
- 13.2. A boat that retires from a race shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee as soon as practical.
- 13.3. No boat shall race with an anchor protruding over its bow.

14. Support Boats

- 14.1. Support boats may be subject to restrictions that will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

15. Haul-Out, Diving Equipment and Pool Restrictions

- 15.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except within and according to the terms of prior written permission from the Race Committee.
- 15.2. Underwater breathing apparatus and pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

16. Amendments to the Notice of Race

- 16.1. This Notice of Race may be changed by a notice posted on the official notice board (and duplicated on the Club website).
- 16.2. Teams that have entered before the date that any amendments to this Notice of Race are published will be advised individually.

Further Information

All events will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.

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