

Royal Lymington Yacht Club



Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 June 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

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 does not apply. Lifejackets shall conform with *EN 396 Level 150* (Newtons).
- 1.4.4. OSR 3.27 does not apply. 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. There is no restriction on crew number however the crew weight shall not exceed 85kg multiplied by the Crew Number printed on the boat's certificate.
- 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:

Class	IRC Rating Range	Entry Fee per team of 2 boats	Reduced fee for Early Entry	Min No of Team Entries
Class 1 - Royal Lym. Cup	0.980 to 1.100	£150	£100	5
Class 2 - Ding Dong Trophy	0.860 to 0.979	£150	£100	5

Entry Dates:

Entries Open From	Latest Date for Reduced Entry Fee	Latest Date / Time for Entry
1 January 2017	1 May 2017	16 June 2017 - 2000

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 in the same Class. If the team enters Class 1 it is competing for the Royal Lymington Cup. If the Team enters Class 2, it is competing for the Ding Dong Trophy.
- 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 have a valid IRC rating certificate when it registers.
- 3.8. After 1700 hrs on Friday 9 June 2017 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 1 st Warning Signal
Saturday 17 June 2016	4	1025
Sunday 18 June 2016	2	1025

- 4.2. Registration from 1400 to 2000 Friday 16 June 2017, unless agreed with the Organizing Authority.
- 4.3. There will be a competitor briefing at 2000 on Friday 16 June 2017 in the Clubhouse.
- 4.4. If more than 15 teams enter a class teams may be divided into two divisions with one boat from each team in each division based on their rating.







5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. The Sailing Instructions 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. A boat that was disqualified shall be scored one point worse than a boat scored DNF. This changes rule A4.2
- 9.5. Any boat still racing when her time limit expires will 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 will 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 Lymington Cup will be presented to the Club represented by the skippers of the winning team in Class 1.
- 11.2. The Ding Dong Trophy will be presented to the Club represented by the skippers of the winning team in Class 2.
- 11.3. The McNamara Bowl Trophy will be presented to the all-female crewed boat with the lowest series score.







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. A boat that retires from a race shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee as soon as practical.
- 13.2. 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. 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.







