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MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RACING RULES

- 1.1 Racing shall take place under the current IYRU racing rules, the prescriptions of the RYA, and the Sailing Instructions (S.I.).
- 1.2 IYRU rules 4.4 and 51.1(c) will not apply. Rules 10, 27, 52.2, 68.5, 68.6 and 73 are amended or deleted to the extent indicated in these Sailing Instructions.

2.0 ENTRIES AND CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Skippers, who will be allocated boats at a draw which will take place at the briefing to be held at the RLymYC at 1800 hrs on Wednesday, 13th May, are as follows:-

A	Phil Crebbin	E	Robin Morgan
B	Harold Cudmore	F	John Oakeley
C	Mike Holmes	G	Eddie Warden Owen
D	David Howlett	H	Lawrie Smith

- 2.2 Race pairings are given on a separate sheet accompanying these Instructions. Boats in brackets are assigned to the Starboard end of the Starting Line; boats with no brackets are assigned to the Port end. Refer also to S.I. 6.7.

2.3 Limitations of sails and gear with relevant signals

In order to make the boats as nearly as possible equal, the following limitations shall apply:-

- (a) General: the boats shall be sailed with the rigging and fittings as supplied. No additions, omissions or alterations are permitted. Replacement to broken or damaged gear shall only be made with gear sanctioned by the Committee's representatives. Halliards shall not be unreeved.
- (b) Adjustments to tensions and travel may only be made within the limits provided.
- (c) Sails: only the following sails, which are supplied on board, shall be used. All other sails shall be left ashore:
Mainsail, No.1 Genoa, No.2 Genoa, No.3 Genoa, Spinnaker

- (d) Spinnaker pole: only one pole shall be used during a race.
- (e) Sail combinations: The current requirement will be signalled by hoisting a special flag on the Committee Boat at or before the Group Warning Signal as follows, but refer also to S.I. 5.4:

Flag V means that boats shall use only:

- the No.1 Genoa unreefed;
- the mainsail unreefed;
- the spinnaker, if desired.

Flag W means that boats shall use only:

- the No.2 Genoa, unreefed;
- the mainsail unreefed;
- the spinnaker, if desired.

Flag Z means that boats shall use only:

- the No.3 Genoa;
- the mainsail, double reefed;
- the No.1 Genoa set flying as a spinnaker, if desired. When set it shall not be attached to the forestay; the tack or clew shall be close to the outer end of the spinnaker pole. This requirement amends IYRU rule 27.

Note 1: The flattener is NOT a reef of the mainsail.

Note 2: When a headsail is seriously torn it may be reefed or substituted by a smaller headsail.

(f) Crew

The number of persons on board shall be six, including the owner or owner's representative.

3.0 SAFETY

- 3.1 The boats are kindly loaned for this Series. Crews are required to take note of this fact when handling them and manoeuvring on the course. Members of the Protest Committee will be closely watching the racing so that it will not be necessary to establish the facts of an incident by means of

a collision which might result in serious damage. Such a collision may result in protest action being taken by the Race Committee, which could, in some circumstances, result in the infringing yacht being excluded from the rest of the series.

4.0 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Afloat: Code Flag "L", displayed on the Committee Boat means "Follow me" or "Come within hail", as appropriate. Third substitute Flag means, "There is an alteration to Sailing Instructions. Competitors should stand by to receive written instructions".
- 4.2 Ashore: Results and other written communications will be displayed on a notice board in the bar of the Clubhouse.
- 4.3 VHF Radios shall not be used East of Lymington River entrance when racing is in the Solent, nor to the West of North Head Buoy when racing takes place in Christchurch Bay, for transmitting or receiving except in an emergency.
- 4.4 Competitors afloat requiring to contact the Race Committee, to obtain replacement gear or for other purposes, should hail the nearest Patrol Boat or Jury Boat flying a red/white flag and await instructions.

5.0 THE COURSE

- 5.1 Course Area: The course will be laid in one of two areas depending on weather conditions. A Patrol Boat stationed near the RLymYC Starting Platform at the mouth of the river as competitors leave the harbour each day will fly an appropriate flag indicating:

BLACK FLAG starting area one to three miles in an Easterly direction within the Solent

BLACK/ORANGE FLAG starting area one to two miles west of North Head Buoy in Christchurch Bay.
Note: it will take approximately one hour to reach this position under power

- 5.2 Course: Boats shall cross the starting line and sail to Mark 1., an orange inflatable buoy, positioned approximately 1 nautical mile to windward;

- thence to Mark 2., a red and white striped buoy positioned a short distance from Mark 1., either to port or to starboard, and approximately at right angles to the wind direction;
- thence to Mark 3., an orange inflatable buoy positioned to leeward of the starting line;
- thence through the finishing line, which is the same as the starting line.

5.3 Course Signals

The following flags, displayed under the sail combination signals (refer to S.I. rule 2.3(e)) mean:

A Green Flag; Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be left to starboard;

A Red Flag; Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be left to port;

Code Flag 'J'; Marks 1 and 3 shall be left to port and Mark 2 shall be left out of the course.

5.4 Spinnaker Restriction

When the course includes a leg from Mark 1 to Mark 2, the spinnaker shall not be hoisted or set on this leg. The leg at Mark 2 shall terminate when the boat's bow cuts the continuation of a line from Mark 1 passing through Mark 2. When Flag Z is displayed (Refer to S.I. 2.3(e)) the No.1 Genoa shall be considered as a spinnaker.

5.5 Special Sailing Rule

A boat may manoeuvre against a boat sailing on another leg of the course only if she can do so while sailing a proper course relative to the leg on which she herself is sailing. For the purpose of this rule, each time a leg is sailed it shall be regarded as "another leg of the course".

6.0 STARTING

6.1 Times of Start

First race on each day	- 1100
Group Warning Signal	- 1045

Note: Competitors are advised that passage time from the river entrance to the course area in Christchurch Bay is approximately one hour.

6.2 Starting Line

The starting line will lie between two starting marks (two buoys), laid so that the line is approximately at right angles to the wind direction, near the Committee Boat flying a Blue Flag. The Committee Boat is not part of the line and is not a mark of the Course. Boats shall cross the line in the direction of Mark 1 when starting or when completing a round.

6.3 IYRU rule 4.4 for starting a race shall not apply.

6.4 Starting Procedure

- A separate Group Warning Signal, consisting of a sound signal accompanied by the appropriate Numeral Pendant of the Group, will be made 5 minutes before the first Race Warning Signal of that Group. The Numeral Pendant will remain flying during the starting sequence for that Group. Other appropriate course and sail signals will be displayed at or before this time.

- Ten minutes before the start of the first race in the Group the letter boards for the first pair will be displayed on both sides of the Committee Boat, accompanied by a sound signal. (Race Warning Signal). All yachts will be racing from their respective 10 minute warning signal and therefore subject to protest under the rules.

- Five minutes before the start of the first race in the Group Flag "P" will be displayed accompanied by a sound signal (Preparatory Signal). The Preparatory Signal ("P") for the first race will be the Race Warning Signal for the second race. At the same time the letter boards for the second pair will be displayed.

- Flag "P" will remain displayed during the remainder of the starting sequence of the Group unless a postponement causes a break in the sequence necessitating a re-start of one or more races from the new Race Warning Signal under IYRU rule 5 and the provisions of these Sailing Instructions.

- The start of each race will be signalled by the removal of the appropriate letter boards accompanied by a sound signal. Five minutes will elapse between each start. The start of the first race will be the Preparatory Signal for the second, and so on.

Example

- 1045 Group Warning Sound Signal
Numeral Pendant 1. (Group 1)
- 1050 Sound signal (Warning Signal for Race 1)
Display Letter boards (AH for first race)
- 1055 Sound signal (Warning Signal for second race,
Preparatory Signal for first race)
Display Flag "P"
Display Letter boards (BE for second race)
- 1100 Sound signal (Start, Race 1; Preparatory, Race
2; Warning, Race 3)
Remove letter boards (AH for first race)
Display letter boards (CF for third race)
- and so on

6.5 Subsequent Groups

Second and subsequent Groups will be started at the discretion of the Race Committee as soon as possible after the conclusion of the previous Group.

6.6 Recalls

In accordance with IYRU rule 8.2(a) a boat's allocated letter will be her recall letter. The signal for a recall will be holding up the appropriate letter board on the Committee Boat accompanied by a sound signal.

6.7 No-Go Area

Boats shall remain on their allocated side of the starting line after the Group Warning Signal (Refer to S.I. 2.2), and outside the No-Go area, until their respective Race Warning signal has been made. No boat shall protest another boat for an infringement of this Sailing instruction. Action against an infringing boat shall be taken only by the Race Committee under IYRU rule 73.2.

6.8 Definition

The No-Go area is defined as the area bounded in succession by Mark 1, the port end Starting Mark, Mark 3, the starboard end Starting Mark, and back to Mark 1.

6.9 Second Series of Races

The starting procedure will be the same as in S.I. 6.4 and 6.5 and Group 1 of the second series will follow as soon as possible after the completion of Group 7 in the first series.

7.0 FINISHING

7.1 Finishing Line

The finishing line is the same as the Starting Line. Boats shall cross the line from the direction of Mark 3.

7.2 Time Limit

The Race Committee rules that any boat failing to finish within 10 minutes of her match competitor will have retired and lost the race by a margin of 10 minutes. This requirement varies IYRU rule 10.

8.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

8.1 A skipper may acknowledge and absolve himself of one infringement of Part IV of the IYRU rules per race in the following manner:

- after the display of a protest flag on the other boat, if he decides to acknowledge and absolve his fault, he must display a white flag on the backstay as soon as is practicable.

- thereafter the acknowledging skipper may absolve his fault by making one clear extra rounding:

- (a) of a starting mark after starting correctly, if the incident occurred before the starting signal, or,

- (b) of Mark 1, if the incident occurred after starting and before starting to alter course to round Mark 1.

8.2 Infringement of a rule at any other period in the race than those described in 8.1 shall not be subject to an alternative penalty.

8.3 When an infringement results in serious damage the Race Committee may rule that the infringement shall not be subject to an alternative penalty and that a normal protest hearing be held.

9.0 PROTESTS

9.1 The following protest procedure varies Part VI of the IYRU rules to the limited extent as detailed below. All boats will be supplied with a rule book, pad and pencil for protest purposes.

9.2 Protests (affecting IYRU rule 68.5 and 68.6)

Protests will be made according to IYRU rule 68 and in addition the protesting skipper shall inform the Committee Boat that he is protesting immediately he has finished, or as soon as possible after he has retired.

A written and signed statement of the facts shall be passed to a Patrol Boat displaying a red/white flag, or to the Committee Boat as soon as possible.

9.3 Hearings (affecting IYRU rule 73)

Protests will be heard at the RLymYC clubhouse beginning within half an hour of the parties arriving at their dock. Skippers involved should go to the RLymYC immediately on landing unless other instructions have been given to the boats concerned by a Patrol Boat.

Skippers of the protesting and protested boats should attend the hearing; failure to do so may justify the Protest Committee in deciding the protest as it thinks fit. Evidence other than that of the two skippers will be heard only with the permission of the Protest Committee.

10.0 DECLARATIONS

10.1 Any boat that crosses the finishing line and does not signify that she has either retired or is protesting, shall be deemed to have completed the race in accordance with the rules and Sailing Instructions.

11.0 SCORING

11.1 Scoring in each race

One point is awarded for a win or a sail-over.

Zero points for a defeat, for disqualification after a protest or for retirement.

11.2 Ties and Sail-Off

In the event of a tie on points between two boats, if time and weather conditions permit, the winner of the Cup shall be determined by a sail-off. Should this not be possible, the result of the race between the tied boats shall determine the winner.

11.3 Extra-ordinary tie-breaker

In the event of a tie on final points when it cannot be resolved by the above methods, the winner shall be determined by the following formula:

$$(1) \text{ For each boat involved } \left(\frac{T_m}{T_w} \right) \div N$$

where: T_m = the sum of the winning (+), or losing (-), margins for all races sailed.

T_w = the sum of elapsed times of the winners of each race.

N = the number of races sailed.

(2) If one boat does not finish a race the margin shall be taken as 10 minutes (600 seconds).

(3) The boat with the greater positive answer is the winner.

11.4 Sail-off conditions

When necessary, a sail-off will take place after the completion of Group 7 in either the first or second series of races, or earlier if the competition is curtailed. Possible contenders will be asked to remain at sea after finishing their race in Group 7 until all the boats have finished. The Group Warning Signal for the sail-off race, or races, will be Numeral Pendant Zero. The relevant letter boards of the pairs involved will also be used.

12.0 MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 Patrol Boats/Protest Committee

Protest Committee members may be on board Patrol Boats flying

a red/white flag, or on the Committee Boat. Normally there will be at least one Patrol Boat in the area to windward of the start and one in the area to leeward.

12.2 Disclaimer

The Royal Lymington Yacht Club are providing this competition only on the understanding that they cannot jointly or severally be held responsible for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience, howsoever arising, directly or indirectly from their policy or rulings.

12.3 Prizes

The Royal Lymington Cup will be awarded to the winner of the competition at a Prize-giving at the Clubhouse as soon as possible after the last race.

12.4 Appeals

Appeals to the National Authority under IYRU rules will not affect the presentation of prizes.

ROYAL LYMINGTON CUP

PAIRING LIST

Series 1 and Series 2

	GROUP (1)	GROUP (2)	GROUP (3)	GROUP (4)	GROUP (5)	GROUP (6)	GROUP (7)	GROUP (9)	GROUP (10)
Race 1	A (H)	B (H)	B (F)	F (D)	G (E)	G (F)	F (E)		
Race 2	B (E)	F (A)	D (H)	H (G)	B (D)	H (E)	G (B)		
Race 3	C (F)	E (D)	A (G)	C (B)	H (F)	A (B)	D (A)		
Race 4	D (G)	C (G)	E (C)	E (A)	A (C)	C (D)	H (C)		

NOTE: Yachts IN BRACKETS are assigned to the STARBOARD END of the Starting Line - Yachts with NO BRACKETS are assigned to the PORT END of the Starting Line. All yachts will remain outside their assigned end of the Starting Line until their Warning 10-minute signal has been given.

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