



## Royal Lyminster Yacht Club

### LYMINGTON RIVER SCOW CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

#### Tide Times

Portsmouth-BST

	HW	Ht	LW	Ht
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16:00</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>21:14</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17:07</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>22:27</b>	<b>1.8</b>

*The Royal Lyminster Yacht Club extends a warm welcome to visiting sailors and supporters and invites them to become temporary members for the duration of the event.*

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### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**The Organizing Authority is the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club on behalf of the Lyminster River Scow Class Association (LRSCA).**

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, (RRS).
- 1.2. Boats intending to race, racing or that have been racing, may be found to break the IRPCAS if they impede the passage of a vessel (such as a Wightlink ferry) that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. A boat that breaks RRS 42 to comply with IRPCAS, or for other safety reason, shall report the incident to the Race Committee before the end of the protest time for that race. If no racing advantage was gained, there will be no penalty. In cases of doubt, the Race Committee shall protest the boat in order that the Protest Committee may hear the case and decide any appropriate penalty.
- 1.3. Add to RRS 28.1: 'If the Race Committee observes a boat failing to sail the correct course, then she may be disqualified without a hearing.' This also changes RRS A5.
- 1.4. Add to RRS 32.1: '(f) for any reason considered appropriate by the Race Committee.'

- 1.5. Competitors and support persons shall comply promptly with any reasonable request by a Race Official.
- 1.6. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices that comply with the standard specified in the Notice of Race at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4.
- 1.7. Before each day's racing, crews shall sign the tally sheets kept by the Race Team and sign out on the same tally sheets after finishing racing each day. Failing to tally out or to tally in promptly may result in a 20% penalty.
- 1.8. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).

## **2. Communications with Competitors**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the event notice board(s) located under the balcony of the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club and communicated to competitors using a WhatsApp group. Details will be provided at the time of entry.
- 2.2. There will be a competitor briefing on Saturday at 11:45 and on Sunday at 10:00 on the forecourt under the Club balcony.
- 2.3. A list of entries may be published on the official notice board and on the LRSCA website.

## **3. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 or no later than 2 hours before the scheduled start time of the race on the day of the event, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before the event.

## **4. Signals made Ashore**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagstaff on the upper balcony of the Club.
- 4.2. When AP is displayed ashore, launching will start immediately after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **5. Schedule of Races**

- 5.1. The LRSCA Scow Championships are scheduled to start as below. The minimum number of entries for a separate Class start is 4.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Time of Warning Signal, not before:</b>	
	<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>
Scow - Double-handed	12:55	10:55
Scow - Single-handed	13:00	11:00
Scow - Junior	13:05	11:05

- 5.2. Starting will be from a Committee Boat the location of which will be specified at the briefing.
- 5.3. Races are as scheduled as above with a maximum of four races on the first day and three on the second.

- 5.4. When more than one race is scheduled in a day, second and subsequent races will be started as soon as practical.
- 5.5. After a long postponement, or to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound, at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

**6. Classes and Event Flags.**

- 6.1. Class and event flags will be:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Flag</b>
LRSCA Scow Championship	D
Scow - Double-handed	Numeral Pennant 5
Scow - Single-handed	Numeral Pennant 4
Scow - Junior	Numeral Pennant 3

- 6.2. When entering, Scows shall nominate which Class they will sail in (Single-handed, Double-Handed or Junior) and whether they are eligible for the Masters Trophy (helm and helm and crew over 70) and the Best Newcomer Trophy.

**7. Racing Areas**

- 7.1. The locations of the racing areas are shown in Attachment A.

**8. Courses**

- 8.1. The courses are described in Attachment A.

**9. Marks**

- 9.1. The marks are described in Attachment A.

**10. Areas that are Obstructions**

- 10.1. Areas designated as obstructions are shown in Attachment A.

**11. The Start**

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal one minute later.
- 11.2. The starting line is described in Attachment A.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than three minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.4. If a flag other than 'P' is to be used as the preparatory signal, that flag may be displayed before, and removed at, the first warning signal.

**12. Change of Course**

- 12.1. There will be no change of course after the warning signal, except as described in Sailing Instructions A6.

**13. The Finish and Shortening the Course**

- 13.1. The finishing line is described in Attachment A.

13.2. Alternatives for shortening the course are described in Attachment A.

14. Spare

#### **15. Time Limits and Target Times**

15.1. The time limit for each race will be 5 minutes after the first boat to finish. Boats still racing after the expiration of the time limit will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish.

15.2. This Sailing Instruction 16.1 changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.

15.3. Boats that do not finish within the time will be scored DNF without a hearing.

15.4. Target time for each race is 40 minutes.

#### **16. Protests and Requests for Redress**

16.1. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies. The time and location of arbitration meetings shall be posted as required by SI 2.1.

16.2. Protest forms are available at the Race Office or from the shelf outside the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat returns to the slipway after racing each day. However, for protests alleging a breach of the IRPCAS based on a report from a source external to the Club, the protest time limit is 7 days after the alleged breach.

16.4. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the final protest time limit of the day to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.6. Penalties for breaches of rules, except RRS Part 1 and 2 are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

16.7. If possible, full protest hearings will be heard on the evening of the Event but if this is not possible they will take place as soon as reasonably possible subsequently and, in any event, no later than the end of the following Monday.

#### **17. Scoring**

17.1. The number of races required to complete a series and the number of discards are specified in the Notice of Race.

17.2. RRS A4 Low Point Scoring System will apply.

## **18. Safety Regulations and Risk Statement**

- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2. 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;
- 18.3. The Race Committee may stop a boat launching, or require it to return ashore, if they consider the boat, its equipment, helm or crew are not adequate for the likely conditions.
- 18.4. All Competitors, whilst afloat, preparing to go afloat and on return to shore shall comply with instructions given by slipway marshals and any RLymYC official Committee Boat or patrol boat.

## **19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

- 19.1. No authorisation is required for the substitution of crew or equipment, except as required by Class rules.

## **20. Equipment and Measurement Checks**

- 20.1. All Boats must have valid measurement and buoyancy test certificates which shall be produced at registration.
- 20.2. Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules.

## **21. Advertising**

- 21.1. Boats are not required to display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority.

## **22. Official Boats**

- 22.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee boats - a white flag with a blue Lymington Ship and RC

Patrol boats – flags with identifying numerals.

Race signals may be made from these boats.

- 22.2. Support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## 23. Trophies & Prizes

The following trophies will be awarded to be held until the following years' championships:

**Best Single-Handed:** The Builder's Trophy

**Best Double-Handed:** The Sailmaker's Trophy

**Best Junior:** The Lymington Town Sailing Club Trophy

**Masters Single-Handed:** The President's Trophy

**Masters Double-Handed:** The President's Trophy

**Best Newcomer:** The Keyhaven Commodore's Trophy

- 23.1. In addition, prizes shall be awarded to the first 3 placed boats in each class.
- 23.2. Prizes will be presented at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club in the Bar/River Room as soon as possible after the end of racing or, if one or more protests makes this impossible, on the Monday evening following the date of the Event.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The incoming and outgoing ferries cross one another just south of the mouth of the Lymington River or in the river off the 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 of the river 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 or 100m ahead of a ferry. Every effort must be made to avoid interference with their navigation in the river.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**ATTACHMENT A**  
**RACE AREA, MARKS & COURSES**

**1. The Race Area**

The race area will be:

- The Western Solent east or west of the Lymington river and main channel.

**2. Starting Marks and Starting Line**

2.1. The starting line marks will be:

<b>Starting Line</b>	<b>Inner Mark</b>	<b>Inner Limit Mark (if laid)</b>	<b>Outer Mark</b>
Committee Boat	Staff with orange flag on Committee Boat	Pink buoy	Orange buoy with blue stripe(s)

2.2. The approximate position of the starting line may be displayed on the blackboard adjacent to the Race Office before the start.

2.3. The starting line will be between the course side of inner and outer starting marks. The Committee Boat may be at either end of the line.

2.4. The inner limit mark is a starting mark and shall have the same required side as the Committee Boat.

2.5. Before a boat's first start of each day, she shall pass the Committee Boat so that her sail number is clearly visible to the Race Committee.

2.6. Courses will be trapezoidal (see diagrams below) and will normally consist of two laps in each race.

**3. Marks of the Course**

3.1. Any marks which are laid to form part of the Course will be described at the Briefing (see 2.2 above).

**4. Gates**

4.1. The Gate will be the same as the finishing line.

4.2. The Gate must be passed through on every windward leg.

**5. Finishing Marks and Finishing Line**

5.1. The finishing line marks will be:

<b>Finishing Line</b>	<b>Inner Mark</b>	<b>Outer Mark</b>	<b>Inner Limit Mark</b>
Committee Boat Finish	Staff with orange flag on the Committee Boat	Orange buoy with black and white chequered waist.	Pink buoy (if laid)

5.2. The finishing line will be between the course side of the inner and outer finishing marks. The Committee Boat may be at either end of the line.

5.3. The inner limit mark is a finishing mark and shall have the same required side as the Committee Boat.

**6. Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

- 6.1. When a course change is limited to changing the length of a leg, no signal may be given. This changes RRS 33.
- 6.2. The course may be changed, without signals, to maintain the configuration consistent with changes of wind direction and strength. This changes RRS 33.

**7. Obstructions (not applicable)**

**8. Shortening the Course**

- 8.1. In addition to RRS 32, if a race is shortened by the display of S over N after at least one round of a multi-round course has been completed by all boats of the class, the order in which the boats passed through the gate at the end of the last completed round shall be used as the finishing order.

**RED COURSE**

START

1 port, 2 port, 3 port, 4 port, GATE  
1 port, 2 port, 3 port, 4 port, FINISH

**GREEN COURSE**

START

1 stbd, 2 stbd, 3 stbd, 4 stbd, GATE  
1 stbd, 2 stbd, 3 stbd, 4 stbd, FINISH

