



## ROYAL ENGINEER YACHT CLUB LYMINGTON MEET & CARLIER TROPHY SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016

### Tide times – Portsmouth BST

HW	Ht	LW	Ht	HW	Ht
0605	3.9	1139	1.6	1904	4.0

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**The Organizing Authority is the Royal Engineer Yacht Club**

#### 1. Rules

1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016*.

1.2. Boats in the Lymington River, whether racing, proceeding to a race or returning from racing, shall not cause Wightlink ferries to take avoiding action. A boat that breaks rule 42 (Propulsion) in order to comply with this sailing instruction shall report the incident to the race committee before the end of protest time limit 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 shall 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 RRS 32.1 (f) for any reason considered appropriate by the race committee.

1.5. Add to RRS 41: (e) help recovering a crew member from the water and their return on board provided the return is in the approximate location of the recovery from the water.

#### 2. Communications with Competitors

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Royal Lymington Yacht Club.

2.2. VHF Channel 72 will be used for communication with competitors from the Platform.

2.3. The following callsigns may be used by the Race Officer when communicating with competitors:

- a. REYC Race Committee – ‘REYC RACE COMMITTEE’
- b. REYC competing yachts – ‘REYC YACHTS’
- c. CEC competing yachts – ‘CEC YACHTS’
- d. Carlier Trophy Competitors – ‘CARLIER TROPHY YACHTS’

2.4. There will be a briefing for REYC/CEC skippers and a representative of the RLYC Team (if available) at 0745 hrs outside the RLYC Clubhouse.

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

3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled race of the day.

### **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, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

### **5. Schedule of Races**

5.1. Racing will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

5.2. The scheduled times of the warning signal are:

1<sup>st</sup> Race (REYC/CEC only) – Not before 0945

2<sup>nd</sup> Race (Carlier Trophy) – Not before 1330

5.3. Starting times will be dependent on ferry movements and may be subject to postponement. The Race Officer may advise start times verbally using VHF Channel 72.

### **6. Classes and Event Flags.**

6.1. Class or team flags will be:

REYC/CEC yachts in the IRC Division – Numeral 1

REYC/CEC yachts in the non-IRC Handicap Division – Numeral 2

Nominated club yachts for the Carlier Trophy should display the respective club burgee on their backstay while racing.

6.2. Each boat is required to display the appropriate class flag on its backstay or in some other conspicuous place.

6.3. The handicap system to be used for the Shapland Goblet competition will be decided depending on the yachts entered. The system to be used will be announced at the skippers briefing.

### **7. Racing Areas**

7.1. Attachment A describes the location of the racing area and the marks of the course.

### **8. Courses**

8.1. The courses are described in Attachment B.

## **9. Marks**

9.1. The marks will be as described in Attachment A.

## **10. Areas that are Obstructions**

10.1. Areas to be designated as obstructions will be shown in Attachment B.

10.2. The most recent Lymington Harbour Notice to Mariners can be found at:  
[www.lymingtonharbour.co.uk](http://www.lymingtonharbour.co.uk)

## **11. The Start**

11.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2. The starting line will be described in Attachment A.

11.3. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

## **12. Change Of Course**

12.1. There will be no change of course after the warning signal for each class.

## **13. The Finish**

13.1. The finishing line will be described in Attachment A.

## **14. Penalty System**

14.1. Rule 44.1 is changed for all classes so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### **14.2. Exoneration Penalty**

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in Rule 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under rule 30.3 or a penalty under Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of rule 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.

14.3. When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:

(a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

## **15. Time Limits**

15.1. The time limits are as follows:

Race 1 – 2½ hours

Race 2 – 2½ hours

15.2. Boats that do not finish within time limit 1 may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. Boats that do not finish within time limit 2 shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

15.3. SI 15 changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

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

16.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.3. 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.

16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5. Penalties for breaches of rules, except RRS Part 1 and 2 are at the discretion of the protest committee.

16.6. RYA Rules Dispute Advisory and Mediation Hearings are available.

16.7. Competitors are requested to advise the Race Committee if intending to lodge a protest or seek redress.

## **17. Scoring**

17.1. Scoring for the Ithnan Cup and Shapland Goblet competitions will be for a two race series with no discards. Scoring for the Carlier Trophy Match will be for a single race.

17.2. Boats shall only be entered on the series results after they have started a race.

17.3. A boat that is racing when her time limit expires shall be scored the number of finishers plus 1, unless she is scored OCS, RAF, DSQ, DNE or RDG. It is the responsibility of the boat to satisfy the race committee that she was racing at the time her time limit expired.

## **18. Safety Regulations**

18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Boats should call the race committee ('REYC Race Committee') on VHF Channel 72.

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

18.3. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

18.4. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organizers 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 organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and slipway marshals.

18.5. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

### **19. Rubbish Disposal**

23.1. Boats shall not put rubbish in the water.

### **24. Prizes**

24.1. Prizes will be presented as notified in the NOR.

### **25. Disclaimer of Liability**

25.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### **26. Insurance**

26.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

The ingoing and outgoing ferries cross one another 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 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.

## ATTACHMENT A

### Race Area & Marks

#### A1. The Race Area

The race area will be the Western Solent.

#### A2. Starting Marks and Starting Line

A2.1. The starting line marks will be a staff with orange flag on the Platform and D buoy (Yellow cylinder)

A2.2. The starting line will be between the inner and outer starting marks.

A2.3. An inner limit mark may be laid close to the Platform. The inner limit mark is a starting mark and shall have the same required side as the Platform.

A2.4. Before a boat's start she shall pass the starting platform so that her sail number is clearly visible to the race committee.

#### A3. Marks of the Course

A3.1. The list of marks of the course is published on the Club website and available from the Club office as West Solent Racing Marks / Lymington Inshore Racing Marks.

A3.2. Marks to be used will be chosen from the list below, selected from the full list: A 'Chartlet' of the marks can be found at:

[https://ltsc.co.uk/images/LTSC/category/documents/2015/2015\\_SolentChart2015-2.pdf](https://ltsc.co.uk/images/LTSC/category/documents/2015/2015_SolentChart2015-2.pdf)

Mark designator & name	Type	Mark designator & name	Type
<b>A</b> – Hurst (Echopilot)	Y sph	<b>J</b> – Sowley (Zwerver)	Y sph
<b>B</b> – Pennington (Dunford)	Y cyl	<b>K</b> – Quod Possumus!	Y sph
<b>C</b> – Oxey (Colten)	Y cyl	<b>R</b> – Durns (Aquaspec)	Y sph
<b>D</b> – Royal Lym (Yacht Haven)	Y cyl	<b>T</b> – Lymington Bank	R can
<b>E</b> – Pylewell (Folkboats UK)	Y cyl	<b>X</b> – Solent Bank	R can
<b>F</b> - Berthon	Y sph	<b>0</b> - Sconce	N card
<b>G</b> – Tanners (Bridgefords)	Y cyl	<b>1</b> – Black Rock	Gr cone
<b>H</b> – Jackson (Paul Jackson)	Y cyl	<b>HE</b> – East Fairway Buoy	R can
<b>2</b> – George Hotel	Y sph	<b>6</b> – Hamstead Ledge	Gr con

#### A5. Finishing Marks and Finishing Line

A5.1. The finishing line marks will be a staff with orange flag on Platform and D buoy (Yellow cylinder).

A5.2. The finishing line will be between the inner and outer finishing marks.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **Courses**

#### **B1. Courses**

B1.1. The marks and the order in which they are to be rounded or passed will be displayed on the Platform.

B1.2. Marks with designators on a red background shall be rounded or passed to port. Marks with designators on a green background shall be rounded or passed to starboard.

B1.3. When a number of marks are to be rounded in sequence more than one time, a diamond will be displayed for each round.

#### **B3. Obstructions**

B3.1. The following are obstructions and after starting and whilst racing, shall only be passed on the channel or seaward side:

- a. Cross Boom Post.
- b. Platform and the inner limit mark which may be laid close to it.
- c. Pennington outfall beacon.
- d. A plain white spherical buoy approx. one metre in diameter, situated south east of the inner trot of harbour moorings to the west of Yarmouth Harbour entrance.

#### **B4. Shortening the Course**

B4.1. Courses may only be shortened at the Platform finish line, by reducing the number of laps.