



LYMINGTON RIVER SCOW CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Registration from 09:00 am Saturday 2nd September

Briefing for Competitors

10:30 Saturday and 11.30 Sunday KYC Clubhouse

High Water Hurst Point – Sat 2nd Sep 12.50 - Sun 3rd Sep 13.54

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions form part of the *rules* that shall apply.
- 1.2 The championship will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.3 Add to RRS 32.1: '(e) for any reason considered appropriate by the race committee.'
- 1.4 The Flag and Staff on the Marks is no longer regarded as part of the Mark, so any boat touching the Flag or Staff is not required to take a penalty.
- 1.5 Boats in Keyhaven Harbour while racing, proceeding to a race, or returning from a race, shall not cause Hurst Castle ferries to take avoiding action. Any boat so doing may commit a gross breach of a rule and/or be held to bring the sport into disrepute for the purposes of RRS 69.

2 Safety Regulations

- 2.1 Competitors shall wear adequate personal floatation devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. PFDs shall have a minimum buoyancy level of 50N. Wet suits and dry suits are not PFDs.
- 2.2 Boats shall sign on before racing, on the sheet placed by the course board in front of the Clubhouse and shall sign off on return to the shore before the protest time limit.
- 2.3 When the race committee considers that a boat, its equipment or crew are not adequate for the existing or anticipated conditions, or that the boat is in difficulty, it may instruct the boat not to launch, or to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore. The boat shall comply with such instruction without delay.
- 2.4 A boat that leaves the racing area before finishing the last race of the day shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.
- 2.5 The penalty for a breach of these safety regulations may be 5 points applied without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

- 2.6 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Each competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing their boat in open water in strong winds and they participate in any race entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race.
- 2.7 Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their boat is equipped and seaworthy to face extremes of weather.
- 2.8 The KYC, its members and those assisting in the race organization will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race.
- 2.9 **INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third – party liability insurance with minimum cover of £3,000,000.

3 Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in front of the Clubhouse.
- 3.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the start of the race or races concerned. IC flag 'L' will be displayed on the club flag mast to indicate a change to sailing instructions.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from flagstaff at the KYC.
- 3.4 Boats shall not launch when AP is displayed from flagstaff at the KYC. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 3.5 There will be race briefings on Saturday at 10:30 and on Sunday at 11:30 at the KYC.

4 Schedule of Races

- 4.1 5 races are scheduled, with a maximum of 3 on each day.
- 4.2 Extra races may be sailed to maintain the number of scheduled races in the series to five.
- 4.3 The classes, class flags and scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day are:

Class	Class Flag	First Warning Sat 2nd	First Warning Sun 3rd
Single Handed	Flag 'W'	11:25	12:25
Double Handed	Flag 'T'	11:30	12:30
Junior	Flag 'Y'	11:35	12:35

- 4.4 Subsequent races will be started as soon as reasonably possible after completion of the previous race.
- 4.5 After a long postponement, or to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 4 minutes before a warning signal is made.

4.6 On Sunday no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

4.7 The racing area will be off Hawkers Lake.

5 Courses & Marks

5.1 The courses and marks are described in the attachment.

5.2 The starting and finishing line will be between the course side of the mast on the committee boat displaying the KYC burgee and the outer distance mark.

6 Penalty System

6.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

6.2 Exoneration Penalty

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration penalty (XPA) – 30% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places, but she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire. This amends RRS 44.3(c)

When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:

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

(ii) 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.

7 Time Limit & Shortening the Course

7.1 The target time for the first boat to finish is 40 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). If no boat reaches the windward mark on the first lap within 20 minutes the race may be abandoned and re-run. This changes RRS 35.

7.2 Boats continuing to race 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored without a hearing points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish within that time.

This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

- 7.3 RRS 32 is changed. If a race is shortened by the display of flags S over N over a class flag with two sounds after at least one round of a multi-round course has been completed by all boats of that class, the order in which boats completed the last full round shall determine the finishing places of that class.

8 Protests & Requests for Redress

- 8.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the race office as soon as possible after racing, but no later than 60 minutes after the last boat in the last race of the day finishes.
- 8.2 Notification of parties to a protest will be by posting the time and place of the hearing on the Official Notice Board.
- 8.3 The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will be available (for information on the procedures go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 8.4 Penalties for breaches of a rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2, are at the discretion of the protest committee.

9 Scoring

- 9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 One score will be excluded if 5 races are completed.
- 9.3 'Masters' will be identified by an 'M' and 'Newcomers' by a 'N'.

10 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 10.1 Substitution of competitors or equipment requires written submission to the Race Committee for approval. If necessary, submissions may be made after a race or races.

11 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 11.1 All Boats must have valid measurement certificates.
- 11.2 Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules.

12 Risk Statement

- 12.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is the skipper's alone.'

12.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 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) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- 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 the Notice of Race.

13 Advertising

13.1 LRSCA Class rule 10 prohibits advertising selected by the competitor on the boat

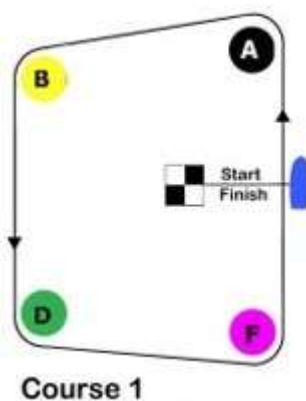
13.2 KYC does not require any competitor to display advertising.



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KEYHAVEN YACHT CLUB

COURSE



COURSE AND NUMBER OF LAPS ON WATCHDOG

Blue buoys - set to windward or leeward replaces that A or F mark for that class

Boards on Watchdog



CLASS FLAGS

SINGLE HAND



DOUBLE HANDED



JUNIOR

