



2023 LYMINGTON RIVER SCOW CHAMPIONSHIPS

At

Keyhaven Yacht Club

September 2nd and 3rd 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Keyhaven Yacht Club (KYC) on behalf of the Lymington River Scow Class Association (LRSCA)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Championships will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Boats shall comply with class rules.
- 1.3. The Safety Rules in this Notice of Race shall apply.
- 1.4. The Sailing Instructions may make permitted changes to any rules.
- 1.5. All participants (competitors, support persons and officials) are expected to follow any prevailing government COVID-19 guidelines and legislation. However, these are outside the jurisdiction of the Protest Committee. The event sailing instructions may include an Addendum with rules relating to Covid-19 that will govern the event and be within the jurisdiction of the Protest Committee.
- 1.6. 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The Championships are open to Lymington River Scows that have a valid measurement certificate and a current buoyancy test certificate.
- 2.2. Boats are required to be adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.
- 2.3. There will be 3 classes:
 - Single-Handed
 - Double-Handed
 - Junior

The Junior fleet may be combined with the Double-Handed fleet depending on the number of Junior boats entered.

- 2.4. Single and Double-Hander entry helm shall be not less than 18 years and crew shall be no less than 8 years of age on the day of the first race.
- 2.5. Juniors shall be double-handed and both crew members shall be under 18 years of age on the day of the first race. Parent/Guardian Consent Form will be required. Consent forms are available online at www.keyhavenyc.co.uk.
- 2.6. 'Masters' are single or double-handed entries where all crew members are 70 years of age or older on the day of the first race.
- 2.7. All boats except 'Junior' entries must have at least one crew member who is a member of the LRSCA.
- 2.8. Newcomers are Single or Double handed entries (not Juniors) in which the helm has not entered the LRSCA Championships previously.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1. Entries shall be made on the official entry form applicable for this event by the 25th August 2023.
- 3.2. Online entry available www.keyhavenyc.co.uk
- 3.3. The entry fee is £30 per Single or Double-Handed boat and £25 per junior boat.
- 3.4. Early entrance fee received before midnight on the 30th June 2023 is £25 per Single or Double - Handed and £20 per junior boat.
- 3.5. Late entries after 25th August 2023 may be accepted at a fee of £35 for Single/Double-Handlers and £25 for Juniors.
- 3.6. Entry is open until 60 minutes before the warning signal each day. Entry forms will be available at Registration.
- 3.7. Boat measurement and buoyancy certificates shall be presented for inspection at Registration. Measurement and Inspection may also take place before racing.

4. SCHEDULE

The LRSCA Scow Championships is scheduled as follows:

Date	Number of scheduled races	Registration Opens	Briefing Time	Time of 1 st Warning Signal	Time of latest warning Signal
2 nd September	3 + 1*	09:00	10:30	11:25	14:00
3 rd September	2 + 1*	10:30	11:30	12:25	14:00

*Extra races may be sailed to maintain the total number of scheduled races in the series to five.

- 4.1. Subsequent races will be started as soon as reasonably possible after completion of the previous race.
- 4.2. The racing area will be in the Western Solent in the vicinity of Hawkers Lake, Keyhaven.
- 4.3. The course areas will be specified in the Sailing Instructions

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the KYC website www.keyhavenyc.co.uk and the LRSCA website www.lymingtonriverscow.org at least one week before the event and at registration.

6 SCORING

- 6.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 6.2 One score will be excluded if 5 races are completed.

7 TROPHIES & PRIZES

- 7.1 The following trophies will be awarded to be held until the following years' Championships:
- The Builder's Trophy for the Single-Handed winner.
 - The Sailmaker's Trophy for the Double-Handed winner.
 - The Lymington Town Sailing Club Trophy for the Junior winner.
 - The President's Trophies for the first Single and Double-Handed Masters.
 - The Keyhaven Commodore's Trophy for the first Newcomer ('first' is the top placed boat in the larger fleet in the event of a tie).
- 7.2 In addition, prizes will be awarded to the first 3 placed boats in each class. Other prizes may be notified by a Notice to Competitors.
- 7.3 The presentation of trophies and prizes will take place at the KYC as soon as possible after racing on Sunday.

8 RISK STATEMENT

- 8.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 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 race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

9. SAFETY

- 9.1. RRS 40.1 - Personal Flotation Devices - shall apply at all times.
- 9.2. A boat that retires from a race shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee as soon as practical.

10. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Light -Bite lunch available for Racers - Cheese or Ham Rolls @ £1.50 each. Pre - Order on your Entry Form and pay when you collect on the day from the bar.

Refreshments will be available at KYC as soon as practical after racing on Saturday and Sunday.

Non -Sailing members of the LRSCA are welcome at Keyhaven during the Saturday and Sunday of the Championships and Bar and Catering facilities will be available.

Competitors and non-sailing LRSCA members will be temporary members of KYC for the duration of the event.

LRSCA Championship event 2023 'Polo Shirt' is available. Pre-order [by 18/08/23] on your Entry Form and pay on collection from Registration on the day of the event.

11. USE OF PERSONAL DATA

- 11.1. Entrants and support persons understand that the Organising Authority will hold and use personal data for the purpose of the event and the application of the rules. Further information can be found at:
<https://www.keyhavenyc.co.uk/the-club/keyhaven-yacht-club-policies>.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1. The Championships will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter (which can be found at the beginning of the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing rulebook).
- 12.2. There is an NFDC 'Pay and Display' Public Car park adjacent to KYC clubhouse.
Please note this car park can become quite busy so early arrival or alternate arrangements are advised.
- 12.3. Boats and trailers shall be left in KYC dinghy park or as directed by the Beach Master.
- 12.4. No advertising is required by the Organizing Authority.

For further information please contact KYC on 01590 642165 or email sailing@keyhavenyc.co.uk