

Locks Sailing Club Regatta 2017

Saturday 8th July

Langstone Harbour, Portsmouth

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA and these Sailing Instructions.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the LHRW Official Notice Boards at Tudor SC, Locks SC & Langstone SC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the scheduled time of the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpoles of each sailing club.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES



5.1 Racing will take place on Saturday 8th July. There will be 3 races per fleet with fleets starting at 5-minute intervals.

5.2 The first warning signal will be at 10.25

6 WARNING FLAGS & HANDICAP SYSTEMS

6.1 The Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme (YR2) will be used. Deviations on PY Numbers should be agreed with the Race Committee.

6.2 Warning flags will be:

Fleet	Warning Flag	PY Band	Start Time Race 1 – 12 th June	Start Time Race 2 12 th June	Start Time Race 3 – 13 th June
Fast		1030 and below	11.30	ASAP after finish of Race 1	ASAP after finish of Race 2
Medium		1031 and above	11.35	ASAP after finish of Race 1	ASAP after finish of Race 2

7 COURSES

7.2 The courses are described in **Attachment A**.

7.3 For each fleet, the course and number of laps will be indicated on the side of the Committee Boat. Course indication will be:

[Class Flag board] [Course letter] [Number of laps]

7.4 For all courses, boats must pass through the **LINE** (see Instruction 9) at the end of each lap.

8 MARKS

8.2 Marks will be orange inflatables.

8.3 See attachment A for a description of the different marks.

9 COMMITTEE BOAT & LINE

9.2 The committee boat will be the Tudor Committee Boat – Bruce – situated south of Salterns Navigation Bouy

9.3 The **LINE** is between the mainmast of the Committee Boat and a Yellow Outer Distance Mark (ODM).

10 THE START

10.2 Races will be started using a **5 minute** sequence.

- 10.3 To alert boats that a sequence of starts is about to begin, an orange flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals (5 or more) at least two minutes before the first warning signal.
- 10.4 The starting line will be the LINE defined in Instruction 9.
- 10.5 **Inner Distance Mark.** When a buoy is laid near the committee boat it is a starting limit mark that shall be left to starboard when starting.
- 10.6 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start, without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.7 Boats whose warning signal has not yet been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequences for other races.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be between the Main Mast of the Committee Boat – Bruce – and a Yellow Inflatable Buoy.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.2 The committee boat will fly a blue flag when acting as finish boat.
- 11.3 The finishing line will be the LINE defined in Instruction 9.
- 11.4 In order to manage the overall duration of a race, the Race Committee may, at their discretion, finish a boat after fewer laps than the set number. In such a case the boat’s elapsed time will be scaled upwards accordingly.

12 TIME LIMITS for all fleets

Races	Time Limit first boat	Mark 1 Time Limit
1 - 3	1 hours	30 minutes

If no boat in a fleet has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race for that fleet will be abandoned.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.2 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. See Official Notice Board for details.
- 13.3 Protest forms are available at the race offices located at Locks SC,

- 13.4 For each fleet the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 13.5 Breaches of Instructions 10.7 (avoid starting area) or 15.1 (sign on and off) will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

14 SCORING

- 14.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series is one.
- 14.3 A change of helm or handicap configuration will be treated as a separate entry in the series for scoring.
- 14.4 If three are sailed then one score will be discarded. If two races have been sailed then there will be no discard.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.2 On each day of racing, boats must sign on at their respective launch site (Locks SC, Tudor SC or Langstone SC) before going afloat and must sign off within 30 minutes of returning to shore.
- 15.3 A boat retiring shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16 PRIZES

- 16.2 Prizes will be awarded for the first three boats in each fleet. Prizegiving will be held at Locks SC, as soon as practicable after the end of racing.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.2 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 hers alone.”
- 17.3 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:
 - 17.3.1 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;
 - 17.3.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 17.3.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

- 17.3.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 17.3.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve competitors of their own responsibilities;
- 17.3.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

17.3.7 INSURANCE

- 17.4 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

17.5 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 17.6 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.