



Royal Lymington Yacht Club

Needles Relief

Saturday 14th December 2024

NOTICE OF RACE AND ENTRY FORM

The Organizing Authority is The Royal Lymington Yacht Club

The racing area for this event will be: The Lymington River; the Western Solent and its approaches; and Christchurch Bay.

Notes:

- A. A SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE MIGHT TAKE PLACE NEAR YARMOUTH AT ABOUT 12.00 HRS. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD BOATS APPROACH WITHIN 150 METRES OF THE PATH OF ANY HELICOPTER. SEE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.**
- B.** The Royal Lymington Yacht Club would like to thank the Royal Solent Yacht Club for its assistance.
- C.** This race is in the tradition of the past "Christmas Relief" of the manned Needles Lighthouse by the Royal Lymington Yacht Club.
- D.** The race will take place on Saturday 14th December 2024, starting by the Clubhouse and using the old finish line as the start line (to give more room for manoeuvring in the river).
- E.** The race will have a staggered start, Class One starting first, followed by Class Two. This is NOT A PURSUIT RACE. Competitors are reminded that the speed limit above the Wave Barrier is 4 knots. The speed limit in the Lymington River is 6 knots.
- F. The ferry is due to arrive at 09.35 and depart at 10.00. Depending on entry numbers, we might start all Class One before the ferry and Class Two afterwards.**
- G.** The finish will be at Yarmouth.
- H.** There is no reserve date.
- I. THIS RACE IS INTENDED TO BE CONDUCTED IN A SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GOODWILL.**

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS).
- 1.2 The Royal Lymington YC Safety Regulations, Appendix SR of this notice of race shall apply:
- 1.3 The following Class flags must be displayed prominently near a boat's stern: Class One, numeral pennant 1; Class Two, numeral pennant 2. Boats not displaying a Class flag will be assumed not to be racing and will not be recorded.
- 1.4 The personal flotation devices carried on board for each member of the crew shall conform to the appropriate standard and have a minimum buoyancy level of 150N.
- 1.5 No boat shall race with an anchor protruding over its bow.

1.6 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The Sailing Instructions for will be available from the Official Notice Board (online) at least one week before the race.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1. The Official Notice Board is located at <https://rlymyc.org.uk/needles-relief>

3.2. In addition to the Official Notice Board, communications with competitors will be by VHF radio on channels specified in the Sailing Instructions or the Event Messaging System.

3.3. The Event Messaging System will be via Telegram messaging system to mobile numbers provided by competitors for communications specified in the Sailing Instructions.

3.4. All boats shall carry an operational marine VHF radio while racing, proceeding to a race or returning from a race.

3.5. A boat that retires from a race shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee as soon as practical.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Boats eligible to enter

YTC Handicap	YTC Handicap Range	Entry Fee	Min No of Entries
Class One: numeral pennant 1	YTC 999 and below	£20	3
Class Two: numeral pennant 2	YTC 1000 and above	£20	3

The Sailing Instructions may amend the handicap range for each class.

Entry Dates:

Entries Open From	Latest Date and Time for Entry
Monday 18th November	Tuesday 10 th December at 16:00hrs

4.2 If there are insufficient entries for Class 1, the Class 1 entries will be combined with Class 2 and will race the Class 2 course within the Western Solent. If there are insufficient entries for Class 2, boats will be asked to cruise to Yarmouth.

4.3 Class 1 boats may be set a course out to the Needles. Class 1 boats not wishing to go out to the Needles may enter Class 2. For Class 1 boats exercising this option, **PLEASE MAKE THIS CLEAR ON THE ENTRY FORM.**

4.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse entry or to allocate any boat to either Class.

4.5 Entries shall be made on the official entry form by the date specified and accompanied by any fees due.

4.6 Classes will be scored using the boat's YTC handicap. Boats are required to provide their base YTC number which can be obtained via the RYA/YTC at: <https://www.swytc.org.uk/index.asp>. Boats that do not have a YTC handicap will be allocated a YTC number by the Race Committee.

5 ADVERTISING

5.1 No advertising is required by the Organizing Authority.

6.1 VENUE AND COURSE AREA

6.1 The venue is the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, Bath Road, Lymington, SO41 3SE.

6.2 The racing areas will be The Lymington River, The Central Solent, The Western Solent and its approaches, Christchurch Bay.

7 COURSES

7.1 Charts of racing mark locations and the letter, number or symbol designated to each will be available from the Club office, the Club website and may be posted on the Official Notice Board.

7.2 The detailed courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2 or specified in the rule itself, the penalty may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

8.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).

8.3 For Nordic Folkboats there shall be no penalty for a breach of NFIA Rule 13.10 (Crew Limitations), NFIA Rule 8.20 (Headsail Furling) and Nordic Folkboats are permitted to use spinnakers as per UK Class Racing Regulation Part II 1.4.

9 DATA PROTECTION

9.1 The use of any personal data shall comply with current legislation. Further information can be found at [Club Data Policy](#).

10 RISK STATEMENT

10.1 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 event 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;

10.2 The fact that Race Officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor as set out the rules of the event.

11 INSURANCE

11.1 All boats shall hold adequate insurance and, in particular, hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3.0 million per incident or the equivalent.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each Class, after applying their handicaps.

13 AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

13.1 This Notice of Race may be changed or supplemented by the entry form or by a notice posted on the Official Notice Board.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 All events will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.

NOR APPENDIX SR - SAFETY REGULATIONS

SR1. TERMINOLOGY

WSOSR means World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.

SR means Royal Lymington YC NoR Appendix SR.

SR2. SAFETY REGULATIONS SPECIFIC TO KEELBOAT EVENTS AND CLASSES

SR2.1. The following Safety Regulations shall apply.

Class 1: WSOSR Category 4

Class 2: WSOSR Appendix B

SR2.2. Boats may apply to the race committee for exemption from specific regulations, but these shall be approved in writing and will only be granted in limited circumstances.

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ENTRY FORM

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The complete Notice of Race for this event is a combination of the Notice of Race, Appendix SR Safety Regulations and this Entry Form.

Please accept the following entry:

Boat Name: _____ Sail Number: _____

Boat Type/Class: _____ Rating: _____ YTC ☐ Draft: _____ metres

Entered By (see RRS 75.1): _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Mobile Number for contact during the Event: _____

Will any Person in Charge (see RRS 46) be under 18? No ☐ Yes ☐

If this boat wins a prize, it should be awarded to: _____

Are you a Member of the RLymYC: Yes ☐ No ☐ If No, Your Club: _____

PLEASE INDICATE IN WHICH CLASS YOU ARE INTENDING TO RACE: CLASS 1 / CLASS 2

I have read, understood and accept the provisions in the notice of race including this entry form and I agree to be bound by the rules that apply to this event and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in the notice of race throughout the event.

If the Person in Charge will be under 18 years of age at any time while racing, then a 'Junior Consent Form' is required to be signed by their legal parent or guardian for this entry to be valid. If under 8 years of age, endorsement of capability to race from the General Committee is also required. Only one consent form or endorsement is required per person in any one calendar year.

I specifically confirm that I have read and understood the Royal Lymington Yacht Club Safety Regulations that apply to this event as specified in Appendix SR of this Notice of Race and I, my crew and our support persons understand that our personal data may be used for the purposes of the event and the application of the rules. Further information can be found at [Club Data Policy](#)

Signature: _____ Age (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

IF UNDER 18 ENSURE THAT CONSENT FORM IS ON FILE