



The Royal Solent Yacht Club

YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT

DINGHY WEEK 2021

9th – 12th August



Supported by the Delphie Lakeman Trust and Harwoods

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The Flag Officers and Members of the Royal Solent Yacht Club extend a warm welcome to competitors as visitors to the Club. They are requested to sign and enter their name and address in the Visitors' Book situated in the entrance hall.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) including the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions and any relevant class rules.
- 1.2 RRS are changed in these Sailing Instructions as follows: - RRS Race Signals by SI 4.2, RRS 35 by SI 12, RRS 40 by 15.1 and RRS 63.1 by SI 17.1 and RRS 60.1 by 16.1
- 1.3 Dinghy Week Lasers should nominate a rig prior to the first race. This rig will become the nominated rig for the week. If a competitor chooses to race with a smaller rig, the handicap will be calculated using their nominated rig size. If a larger rig is used, this **SCORE WILL NOT BE COUNTED TOWARDS THE WEEK'S RESULTS**.

2. COVID-19 GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

I confirm that I have read the government's COVID 'Guidance' for outdoors sports and recreation and will be mindful of the importance of it when sailing together with any guidance or procedures specified by the Royal Solent Yacht Club and the RYA to COVID-19. Please inspect the Royal Solent Yacht Club water-based risk assessment form which can be found on the response to COVID page on the website.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the RSYC website, announced at the competitors briefing or posted on the Dinghy Week WhatsApp group.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board
- 4.2 Any change to sailing instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the start of any race to which it relates

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be made from the flagstaff on the jetty of the RSYC.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals means the racing is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 40 minutes after AP is lowered when on shore. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Laser full rig and radial classes will be started together.

Day & Date	Race	Warning Signal	HW Yarmouth
Monday 9 th August	1 Laser Radial	11.00	12.06 BST
	1 Laser 4.7	11.10	
	1 Pico Race	11.20	
	2 Laser Radial	ASAP after race 1	
	2 Laser 4.7	ASAP after race 1	
	2 Pico Race	ASAP after race 1	
Tuesday 10 th August	3 Laser Radial	11.00	12.49 BST
	3 Laser 4.7	11.10	
	3 Pico Race	11.20	
	4 laser Radial	ASAP after race 3	
	4 Laser 4.7	ASAP after race 3	
	4 Pico Race	ASAP after race 3	
Wednesday 11 th August	5 Laser Radial	11.00	13.33 BST
	5 Laser 4.7	11.10	
	5 Pico Race	11.20	
	6 Laser Radial	ASAP after race 5	
	6 Laser 4.7	ASAP after race 5	
	6 Pico Race	ASAP after race 5	
Thursday 12 th August	7 Laser Radial	11.00	14.20 BST
	7 Laser 4.7	11.10	
	7 Pico Race	11.20	
	1 Scows	11.30	
	8 Laser Radial	ASAP after race 7	
	8 Laser 4.7	ASAP after race 7	
	8 Pico Race	ASAP after race 7	
	2 Scows	ASAP after race 1	

(Please consult the separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the Scow class)

6.2 These times are a guide and may be modified for any reason. There will be no more than 3 races on any day.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags shall be as follows:

- Laser Radial Flag R
- Laser 4.7 Flag D
- Pico (race) Flag V
- Scows Flag G

8. RACING AREAS

8.1 Racing will be in the Western Solent.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The diagram in Appendix 1 shows the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 Numeral Pennant 1 flown on the committee boat will designate that course is as diagram 1.


Numeral Pennant 2 flown on the committee boat will designate that course is as diagram 2.

Numeral Pennant 3 flown on the committee boat will designate that course is as diagram 3.

Numeral Pennant 5 flown on the committee boat will designate the club course. Courses will be selected from the navigational buoys and racing marks close to Bouldnor Bay.

9.3 Letters or numbers or symbols on a red background indicate that such marks of the course shall be rounded to port and letters or numbers or symbols on a green background indicate that marks shall be rounded to starboard.

9.4 When two or three diamonds are displayed with the course signal, the course shall be sailed two or three times round respectively. Boats shall pass through the start line at the end of each round.

9.5 If symbol  gate is shown as a mark of the course, boats shall pass through the start line from the direction of the previous mark.

9.6 Sailors may not pass through the start line on the downwind leg except when sailing the club course; numeral pennant 5.

If a sailor does so, they will be disqualified without a hearing.

9.7 [▫] Racing marks will be large Orange/Red buoys or Yellow Pillar Buoys.

10. STARTING

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS rule 26.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the starting mark buoy.

11. FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be the same as the start line except in course 2 where there will be a separate finish line.
- 11.2 Boats that have lost contact with the majority of the fleet may be told on the water that he/she need not complete the course. An appropriate finishing position will be recorded.

12 TIME LIMIT

RRS35 is varied in that:

- 12.1 All races will have a time limit of 60 minutes after the valid start.
- 12.2 When the first boat in her race finishes within the time limit the race will be valid only for those boats that finish within the time limit or within 15 minutes of the first boat whichever is the later.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered within one hour after the time of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.
- 13.2 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.
- 13.3 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA rules Dispute Procedures will be available.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 A minimum of 2 or more races must have been completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A low points system as changed by:
- (a) when fewer than 5 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be, subject to RRS 90.3(b), the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 14.3 Series Tie: If, after discard, two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 All competitors shall always wear personal buoyancy whilst on the water. This amends RRS 40 and the preamble to part 4.

16. ENTRIES

- 16.1 All competitors must have returned to the secretary a completed and signed entry form before their first race. All competitors under the age of eighteen on 8th August 2021 must ensure a parent or guardian signs their entry form. All competitors under the age of eighteen on 8th August must complete a parental consent and medical form. This must be signed by a parent or guardian. This SI is not protest able and changes RRS60.1(b).

17. TALLY SYSTEM

- 17.1 A tally system will be in operation for all sailors. All competitors must tally each day. Each sailor will be allocated a number and must collect this number before launching. This tally number must be carried with them all the time they are afloat. Competitors must sign off by returning their tally to the board as soon as they come ashore. Competitors failing to comply may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 *For Laser Class* Full & Radial Rig - Overall Winner
4.7 Rig – Overall Winner
Best under 16yrs – Laser or Radial or 4.7
- For Pico Class* Overall Winner – Pico Race
Best Junior – under 14yrs
- 18.2 The Prize Giving will take place on Thursday 12th August as soon as possible after racing, on the lawn of the RSYC.
- ## **19. BOAT HANDLING ABILITY**
- 19.1 All competitors must be capable of launching and recovering their boats as sea conditions at the RSYC slipway can be demanding. This is a SAFETY MATTER and ALL COMPETITORS are solely responsible for this activity. Launching and recovery teams are at hand but cannot guarantee to be always available at busy times. Parents are required to assist with this SAFETY task.
- ## **20. RISK STATEMENT**
- 20.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue in a race is hers alone.” Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the

event, each competitor or in the case of a junior sailor his or her parent or guardian, 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 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 the race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organiser does not relieve the competitors 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 the venue or 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.

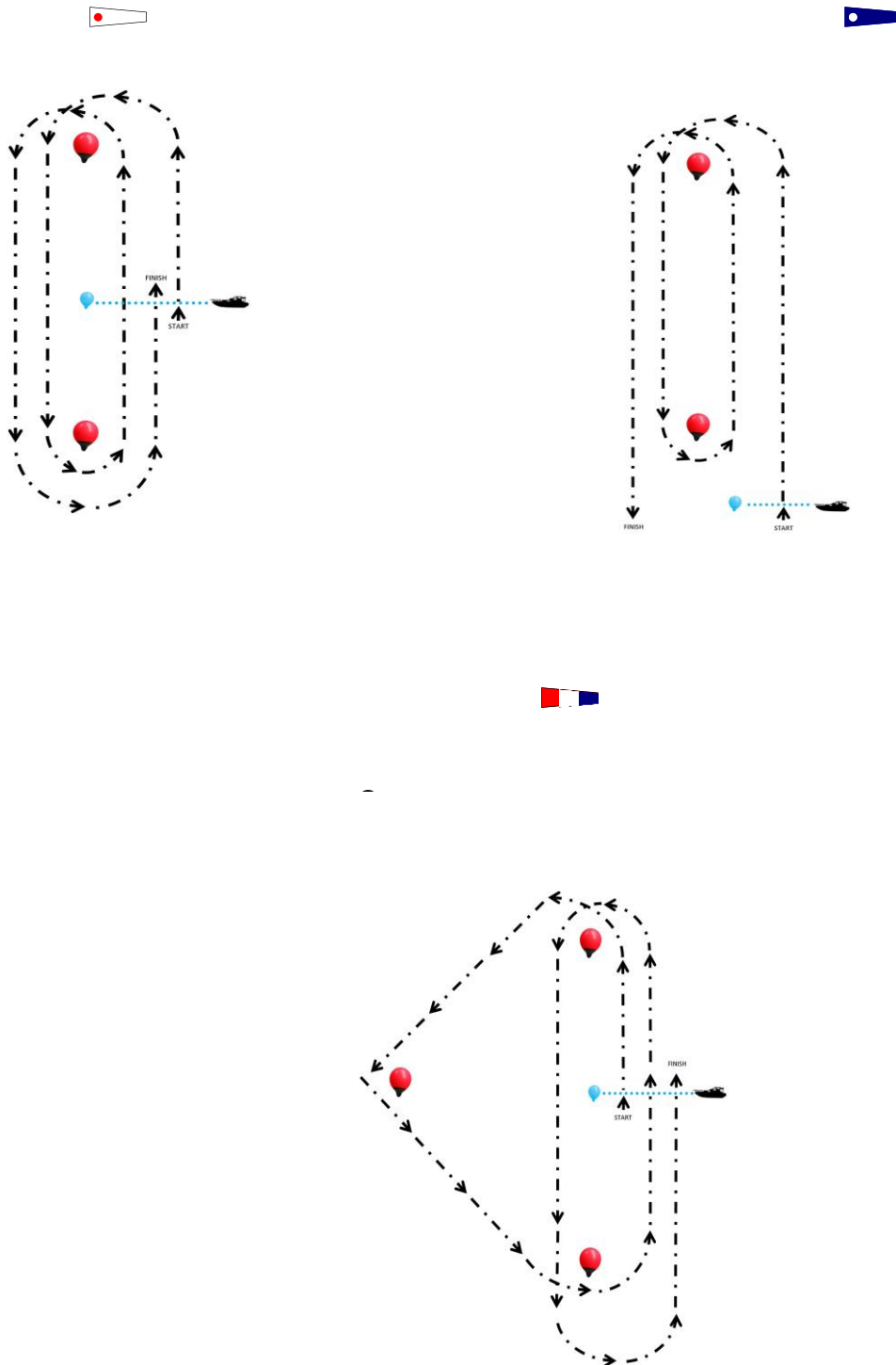
21. INSPECTION

- 21.1 The fact that race officials may carry out inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor for ensuring compliance with the above.

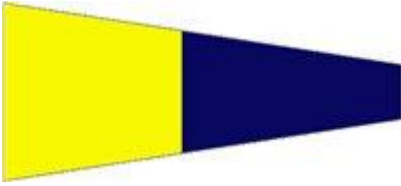
22. INSURANCE

- 22.1 All boats are required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims including cover for racing in the sum of at least £3,000,000 (three million pounds sterling). By entering, entrants declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the season and agree to allow the RSYC, at its discretion, to pass on their contact details to third party insurers in the event of a possible insurance claim.

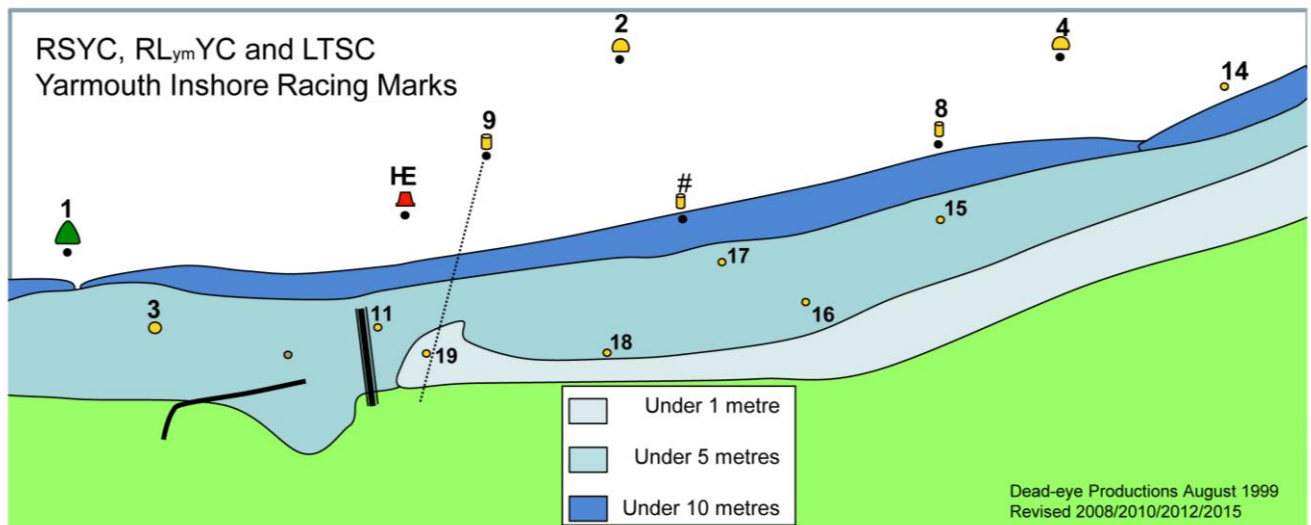
Appendix 1



Pennant 5



CLUB COURSE MARKS



SOLENT INSHORE RACING MARKS

Moveable windward inflatable mark	N
Moveable Leeward inflatable mark	M
Start mark/finishing line mark	S
Towers	#
East fairways buoy	HE
Black Rock	1
Charles Stanley	2
Folkboats Forever	3
Hall Hunter	4
Harwoods	8
River Yar Boatyard / ODM	9
Stone Pier / Yarmouth XODs	14

11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 are small dinghy marks