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ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB
in Yarmouth, Saturday 3rd October 2026

INFORMATION & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Annex A (Specific to Royal Solent Yacht Club)

Preparation and Racing at the RSYC during the IW Youth & Junior Championship 2024

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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. Attendance of the event will constitute Temporary Membership at the Club for the duration of the event.

INFORMATION

1. ENTRY

Please click here to enter online via the Condition of Entry Form.
Late entries will be accepted on the day but online entry beforehand is preferred for catering and planning purposes.
The entry fee is £20.00 payable via bank transfer (bank details are on the entry form).
The entry fee includes refreshments prior to sailing, and a BBQ at YSC after racing.
Parents and siblings over 13 are welcome to the BBQ for £8 per person.
Sailors and siblings 12 & under can have a complimentary BBQ.
Please indicate numbers for this on the Condition of Entry Form.

2. PARKING and RIGGING

There is no parking available at the RSYC during the event. Boats on launching trolleys can be delivered to and collected from the RSYC but road trailers must not be left at the Club during the event. **Parking for cars and road trailers is by YSC. As this is on grass, any changes will be shared in the event of wet weather preventing cars from parking there.**

Boats should be rigged in the Dinghy Park at the RSYC. Competitors must ensure that their trolleys are marked with their name and sail number.

A parent or guardian (or someone designated to be in loco parentis) of each participant under 18 must remain on site at all times while their child is on site or racing.

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3 REGISTRATION

RSYC will open from 0930.
Registration will be open from 1100; all competitors must register for the event.
Late entries of £10 may be applied, cash payments will be taken at the Registration Desk.

4 BRIEFING

There will be a Competitor Briefing in the RSYC Hudleston Bar at 1200.

5 LAUNCHING AND RECOVERY

All Competitors **MUST** collect a tally wristband before launching and must wear this until coming ashore and return it to the person responsible for the tally board immediately after landing. See SI 17.

All competitors must be capable of launching and recovering their boats as sea conditions at the RSYC slipway can be demanding. The tides may be strong and Yarmouth Pier and RSYC Jetty are close by.

This is a SAFETY MATTER and ALL COMPETITORS are solely responsible for this activity.

Launch and recovery teams will be on hand but cannot guarantee to be always available at busy times. Parents are required to assist with this SAFETY task.

6 TIDAL INFORMATION (TIMES ARE BST)

High Water Yarmouth

Saturday 03rd October 2026 ~ 1651 2.7m

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Annex A
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1. RULES

1.1 The races will be governed by the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the IW Youth and Junior Championship Series 2025 Notice of Race, the IW Youth and Junior Championship Series 2025 Sailing Instructions, 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 by SI 13.

1.3 Sailors should confirm their rig prior to the first race at Registration. This rig will become the nominated rig for the event. 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 RESULTS**.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the RSYC website or announced at the briefing.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be advised to competitors at the briefing

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

4.1 Signals made ashore will be made from the flagstaff on the jetty of the RSYC.

4.2 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.

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5. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

5.1 Race schedule is follows but is subject to review when the number of entrants is known.

Class	Class Flag	First warning signal
ILCA 6 (formerly Laser Radial)	K	As soon as practical after the briefing, but not before 1300
ILCA 4 (formerly Laser 4.7)	E	Five minutes after ILCA 6
FEVA	F	Five minutes after ILCA 4

Flag K		Flag E		Flag F	

Race Management will aim for at least three races for each class (no discard). If 4 races, there will be one discard. Races will be back-to-back with the next race starting as soon as possible after the last boat finishes.

5.2 These times are a guide and may be modified for any reason.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flags shall be as follows:

- ILCA 6 (formerly Laser Radial) Flag K
- ILCA 4 (formerly Laser 4.7) Flag E
- FEVA Flag F

If classes are combined all class relevant flags will be shown.

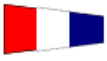
7. RACING AREAS

7.1 Racing will be in Bouldnor Bay.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 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.

8.2

	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.

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8.3 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.

8.4 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.

8.5 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.

8.6 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.

8.7 Racing marks will be orange/red buoys, yellow pillar buoys or a BOT (a robotic 'MarkSetBot' sailing mark) which is decorated with bright red fruit.

9. STARTING

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS rule 26 (5-4-1-go). 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 which may be marked by a BOT.

10. FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be marked by a blue flag on the committee boat, and be the same as the start line except in course 2 where there will be a separate finish line.

10.2 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 50 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

RRS 60.1 is varied in that:

13.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

13.2 Notification of a Protest shall be given to the Committee Boat ASAP. Written forms (available outside the RSYC Sailing Office) shall be completed ASAP after coming ashore after racing, and delivered to the RSYC Sailing Office within 60 minutes of the finish of the last race of the day.

14. SCORING

14.1 A minimum of one race must have been completed to constitute a series.

14.2 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A low points system.

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 a Condition of Entry Form before their first race.
For those under 18, this needs to be signed by a parent or guardian.
Late entry is possible on the day:
Please click here to enter via the Condition of Entry Form.

All competitors under 18 must ensure a parent or guardian completes an online Parental Consent Form. If one has already been completed in 2025, there is no need to complete this form again.
Please click here for the Parental Consent Form

17. TALLY SYSTEM

17.1 A tally system will be in operation, all competitors must tally. Each competitor 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

ILCA 6 (formerly Laser Radial)	1st, 2nd, 3rd
ILCA 4 (formerly Laser 4.7)	1st, 2nd, 3rd
FEVA (2 prizes of each awarded)	1st, 2nd, 3rd

The Prize Giving will take place as soon as possible after racing at Yarmouth Sailing Club.

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. The tides may be strong, Yarmouth Pier and RSYC Jetty are close by. This is a SAFETY MATTER and ALL COMPETITORS are solely responsible for this activity. Launching and recovery teams will be on 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

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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 £5,000,000 (FIVE 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.

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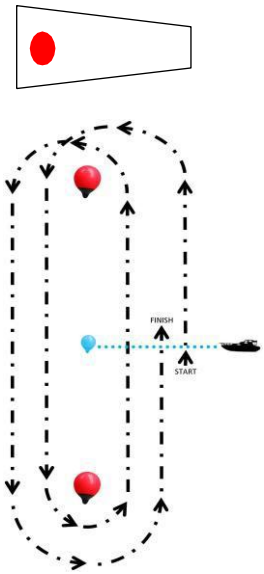
Appendix 1

Numeral Pennant 1



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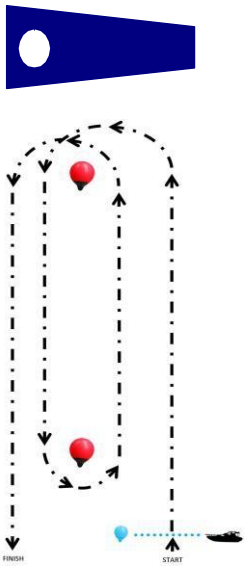

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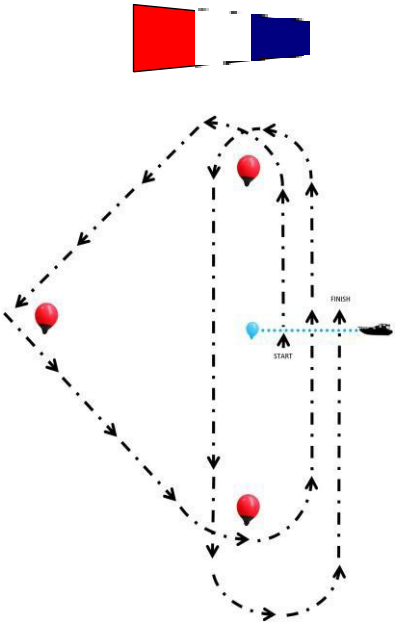

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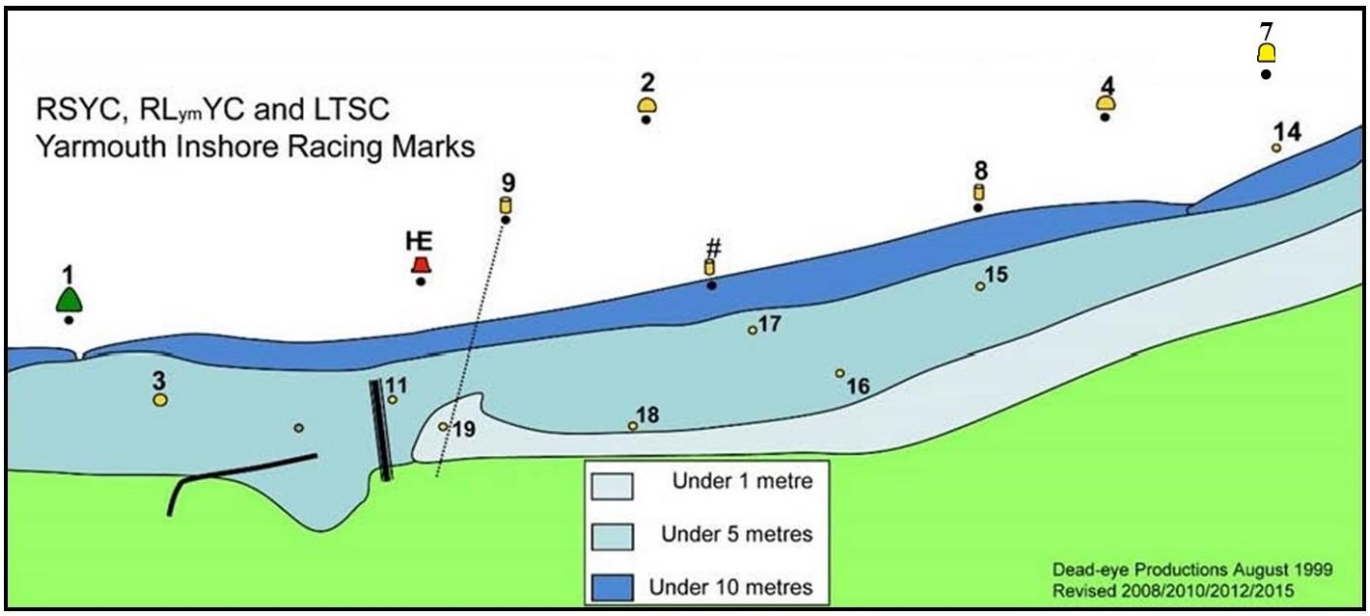
CLUB COURSE MARKS



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
NOW	4
Yarmouth One Design in memory of Adam Harding Domeney	7
Harwoods	8
River Yar Boatyard / ODM	9
Stone Pier / Yarmouth XODs	14
Small dinghy marks	11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

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