



Liverpool Yacht Club Tranmere Sailing Club



Long Series 2017, Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority

1.1. The organising authority (OA) shall be Liverpool Yacht Club (LYC), Race Management assistance will be given by Royal Dee Yacht Club, Blundell Sands Sailing Club, Douglas Bay Sailing Club and Holyhead Sailing Club for the some of the races

1.2. Official email: racing@lyc.org.uk

2. Rules

2.1. Racing shall be governed by the rules as defined in World Sailing's 'Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the RYA prescriptions and LYC sailing instructions (SI). Specific SI's maybe issued for each race

2.2. Competitor yachts shall belong to member of a yacht club affiliated to the RYA or equivalent national authority. For LYC members: for the avoidance of doubt that means either a full, family or junior (cadet) member. Social or other forms of LYC membership are insufficient.

2.3. Between the Sunset and Sunrise

2.3.1. Navigation lights must be illuminated. These and any emergency navigation lights must conform to rule 22 of the International Rules for preventing collision at Sea (IRPCS). Yachts that are unable to comply, or no longer able to comply MUST retire

2.3.2. RRS Part 2 (when yachts meet) does not apply between sunset and sunrise, and is replaced by part D (Steering and Sailing Rules) of IRPCS

2.4. As a minimum competitors shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3. Overnight races shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 plus life raft.

2.5. Competitors may be required to carry a tracking device or transponder which shall be active throughout the duration of the race.

3. RYA Racing Charter

3.1. LYC support and implement the RYA Racing Charter which requires both competitors to sail and organisers to provide racing in compliance with the Charter. Details of the charter can be found:-

3.1.1. in the RYA rule book see:-

[http://www.rya.org.uk/shop/pages/product.aspx?pid=YR1\(RYADefaultCatalog\)&mode=t&type=BK\(RYADefaultCatalog\)](http://www.rya.org.uk/shop/pages/product.aspx?pid=YR1(RYADefaultCatalog)&mode=t&type=BK(RYADefaultCatalog))

3.1.2. The RYA website: <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter.aspx>

4. Advertising

4.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

5. Eligibility

5.1. The LYC long series is open to vessels competing under IRC and RYA NHC.

5.2. IRC entries

5.2.1. IRC boats must have a valid IRC certificate

5.2.2. Depending on entrants the IRC fleet may be split into classes based on IRC TCC

5.3. NHC entries must be able to demonstrate their vessel is in the NHC base list managed by the RYA

6. Entry

6.1. Entries may be made by application to Liverpool Yacht Club using the form below.

6.1.1. Late Entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

6.2. Competitors can enter for specific races or the series, a discount on those entry fees is available for entering the series AND prompt payment. Details can be seen below

6.3. In the event of a race being cancelled or postponed, entry fees will not be refunded

6.4. For IRC boats the entry form MUST include a copy of the current IRC certificate. That certificate shall be valid throughout the series and must be presented at least 2 weeks BEFORE the first race that competitor enters which is the cut off date.

7. Mobile phones

7.1. The race committee may send course or other information to mobile phones, to a single phone registered to a boat. This phone number shall be designated the primary number. This primary phone number can be changed up to 19:00 local time the day before any race.

7.2. Additional numbers can be registered at the cost of £10 per number.

7.3. Competitors may be required to notify race control by phone of their completion time and proof (eg a photo of a GPS chart plotter or GPS / Radio controlled clock)

8. Measurement

8.1. For IRC entrants

8.1.1. No alteration to a boats TCC will be permitted after that cut-off date except as a result of RRS protest or to correct a Race Office error. Such errors MUST be certified in writing to the Race Office

8.1.2. The boat shall be maintained to comply with the IRC certificate (if applicable), World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and measurement details, for the duration of the series.

8.1.3. The name(s) of the equipment inspector(s) and or measurer shall be published on the official notice board if applicable [RRS 78].

8.1.4. IRC rule 22.4 (limitations on crew number or weight) shall not apply except for boats rated as one designs, and entered as such, which shall comply with IRC rule 22.4.1

8.2. For NHC entrants

8.2.1. A system of progressive handicapping shall be used for NHC class(es). Each vessels handicap is adjusted on the basis of performance in each race. See <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/NHC.aspx> for details.

8.2.2. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62

9. Sailing Instructions, registration and skippers briefing

9.1. Sailing Instructions shall be available at registration or from the LYC website or by email.

9.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted no less than 1 hour before the warning signal of any race on the official notice board. If you have registered an email address as part of the entry it may be repeated to that email address

9.3. There may be a skippers briefing before the start of any race, location and time to be announced.

10. Scoring

10.1. Scoring shall be in accordance with Appendix A of RRS

10.2. At least two races must be completed to form a series

10.3. If 5 or more races are completed 1 discard will apply

10.4. Courses will be published in race specific SI's and or on the day of the race

11. Prizes

11.1. Trophy's may be awarded for specific races, specific classes in races and or positions.

11.2. An overall series prize may be awarded by classes, a series prize may only be awarded to boats skippered and helmed by LYC members.

11.3. Trophies are awarded for the year of completion, and it is a requirement that any trophy's won are returned to Liverpool Yacht Club in ample time to be re awarded next year.

12. Responsibility and Disclaimer of liability

12.1. RRS rule 4 states ""The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs alone."

12.2. 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:

12.2.1. 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;

12.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

12.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;

12.2.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

12.2.5. 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;

12.2.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

12.2.7. 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;

12.2.8. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

12.3. The organisers accept no liability whatsoever for loss, damage, death or personal injury of any description whatsoever that may be sustained by boats, owners, crews or guests taking part in this series of races using jetties, ramps, moorings, parking premises or any other facilities or using or accepting assistance from launches or boats by them or otherwise, however occasioned whether by negligence of their members or servants or not.

13. Insurance

13.1. It is a condition of entry for each boat owner to have their boat adequately insured against any risk including civil liability to third parties and to ensure that such insurance is valid for any race in the series they enter. The OA may require proof of insurance

14. Safety and rules compliance

14.1. The OA and Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any competitor to verify the regulations have been complied with. Such inspections will be carried out by Equipment Inspectors on behalf of the Race Committee

14.2. Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem whilst racing, except when anchoring

14.3. When required to carry a life raft crew numbers shall not exceed the stated life raft(s) capacity

15. Personal Safety

15.1. RRS 1.2 and 40 shall apply. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that suitable lifejackets, safety harnesses are carried for each member of the crew. Lifejackets shall comply with World Sailing OSR requirements as identified in 5.0.1 AND shall be worn whilst racing on deck.

16. Schedule of races

Note all times are UTC

16.1. LS01: 09 April. Altmouth Cup start: 08:00 ‡

16.2. LS02: 05 May, Carpenter Trophy start: 07:50

16.3. LS03: 20 May, race to Conwy (Tranmere SC Long race) start: 06:30

16.4. LS04: 03 June, race from Holyhead to Liverpool

16.5. LS05: 16 June, Isle of Man Midnight Race. Start 17:30

16.6. LS06: 30 June, Lyver Trophy Φ

16.7. LS07: 22 July, Puffin Island Race. Start 09:50

‡ In conjunction with Blundellsands SC. In that event BSC are unable to hold this event on the day specified LYC will schedule a replacement race on the same day. The Altmouth Cup may be rescheduled to a later date. Note this race may be subject to BSC regulations on top of LYC SI's

Φ In conjunction with Royal Dee YC and Holyhead SC. Note this race will start in Holyhead. Note the Lyver Trophy may also form part of a RORC or another series

17. Entry fees

17.1. Entry fees shall be paid in full BEFORE that race.

17.2. Entry for the Lyver Trophy race will be identified closer to the date

17.3. LYC members £20 per race, £30 for the Isle of Man Midnight race, or £50 series entry (excluding the Lyver Trophy race)

17.4. Non LYC members £25 per race, £35 for the Isle of Man Midnight race, or £60 series entry (excluding the Lyver Trophy race)

- 17.5. Entry fee for the Lyver Trophy will be identified at a later date.
- 17.6. Cheques payable to Liverpool Yacht Club. LYC bank detail available on request.



Liverpool Yacht Club Tranmere Sailing Club Entry form



Entry for Race No: _____ Race Name/Series: _____

Yacht Details

Yacht Make / Type		Yacht Name	
Identifying Mark EG: GBR 666Z		if applicable *IRC TCF *RYA NHC handicap ϕ	
*VHF *DSC *AIS transponder	MMSI	Life raft (if carried) S./No Capacity persons	EPIRB / PLB ID(s)

* Delete as appropriate

ϕ If you do not have a valid IRC certificate or RYA NHC handicap then we will endeavour to identify your vessels base number.

Please enclose your IRC certificate or RYA NHC handicap. This is ONLY required for vessels who have not already lodged such certificates with LYC

Owners Details

Title + Forename		Surname	
Address for correspondence		Member of:- *LYC ‡ *RYA affiliated club β *Other Φ : EG: ISA, FFdV OR Club	
Mobile No		Telephone No (Home)	
Email		Telephone No (Work)	

* Delete as appropriate

‡ If not a full, or family, member of LYC please indicate category of membership

β & Φ please identify club or parent organisation

Declaration

- I agree to be bound by the current World Sailing RRS 2017-2020, the notice of race, the appropriate class association rules and the sailing instructions of Liverpool Yacht Club.
- That neither Liverpool Yacht Club, the Race Organiser or, or any Officers or persons acting on their behalf, during the event shall be held responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury arising from participation in this event.
- I accept that it is the sole responsibility for each yacht crew to decide whether or not to start or continue in any race.
- That I will ensure the suitability of the said boat for the race or races.
- That insurance will remain in place to cover my craft for racing activities including 3rd party risks of at least £3million

Signed and dated by Owner / Skipper / Helm

Name _____ Signed _____ Date ___/___/___

Return with the appropriate entry fee, copy of IRC certificate and or RYA NHC base number to:-

LYC Race Captain, Roseleigh, Welsh Row, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire. SK10 4TY