

Notice of Race of LYC /TSC for scheduled club races listed in the club year book and / or website. RRS 89.2 - email racing@lyc.org

1 RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by:

- (a) The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- (b) LYC/TSC Rules & Byelaws.
- (c) The RYA Prescriptions. (Note: These SIs and the RYA Prescriptions are themselves Racing Rules)

1.2 Schedule of races

Dates & times of races appear in the club diary & website; these may be added to by having additional notes on a scheduled race day.

Long (& "Open") Races described as such in the diary or on the website may have a Separate Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions.

1.3 Changes to the RRS.

These are set out in the Sailing Instruction on the club website and Year Book.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 **Entering a Boat:** For designated 'open events' competing vessels must be helmed and skippered (see RRS46) by a member of LYC or an RYA affiliated club. For other club races competing vessels must be helmed and skippered by a Full Member of LYC; all other crew members must also be Full Members, Temporary Members or become a 'Day Member' by paying the appropriate fee prior to racing. For the purpose of this rule 'Full Membership' means any category of membership except Social Membership, Temporary Membership and Day Membership of LYC.

3 CLASSES

3.1 IRC Class One IRC TCF 0.936 or greater

Class Two IRC TCF Between 0.935 or below

Yachts may elect to sail in the class above. Yachts that do this will have to use the lowest TCF for the class they are sailing in e.g. a Class 2 yacht sailing in class one will have to use a TCF of 0.936

- 3.2 **"Venture Races"** run under the RYA NHC" handicap system: Venture racing is designed so as to give handicaps that alter as a boat improves; NHC is a skill-based system as a boat sails nearer to its potential the handicap improves. Venture racing is primarily aimed at those who would like to have fun and friendly competition.

4 ENTRY / ENTRY FORMS

Boats enter by signing the LYC / TSC sign on sheet on the club notice board for each individual race. Each boat will pay an entry fee for each race of £2; this includes a complete day at a low water series.

The entry form contains the following declaration:

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular, I confirm that I have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race throughout the event. I undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.

5 **CERTIFICATION & MEASUREMENT**

5.1 **Rating Certificates**

Before a yacht is eligible to race using an IRC handicap a valid rating certificate shall be made available to the LYC Race Committee. Yachts that do not hold a valid IRC certificate may, in limited circumstances set out in The LYC sailing instructions be able to race.

5.2 **RORC**

The IRC Office produces the year's new ratings from 1st January each year, available in advance of the New Year.

5.2 **Brass Monkey concession:**

Boats may use their previous year's TCC until the end of the Brass Monkey Series, at which point a new rating must be provided to the Sailing Committee.

6 **SCRUTINEERING & INSPECTIONS**

The Race Committee may at any time inspect a yacht for compliance with safety and/or handicapping rules.

7 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

LYC Sailing Instructions for the series published on the website & diary & are included in both formats; those for single race & long races will be made available with the Notice of Race & where appropriate will adopt the series instructions.

8 **VENUE**

Races will be run in the Mersey, & its estuary. Long series, and one off races (such as Ladies Race, Regatta will have separate & specific Notices of Race & Sailing Instructions.

9 **COURSES**

9.1 **River Courses**

Courses will be displayed on the Liverpool Marina lock-house or on a committee boat or be notified via VHF Channel 37a / M1The course area for 'series races' is shown as a chartlet on the clubs' website

9.2 **Channel Courses**

All Crosby and Queens Channel buoys, both lateral & cardinal shall be passed on their correct sides from of Brazil/C22 Buoys, unless otherwise specified in the course. Boats may ignore this if by doing so they keep clear of commercial traffic which presents a clear & present hazard AND do not gain any competitive advantage in doing so. Boats must rejoin the channel at the earliest opportunity

10 **SCORING**

The scoring of series will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 & Appendix A9 11

11 **PENALTIES**

RRS 44 will apply

12 **PRIZES**

will be given as set out in the diary / website

13 INSURANCE

It is the sole responsibility of the owner to have his yacht insured against loss or damage (minimum £2,000,000 Third Party Indemnity) during all races

14 RACE OFFICER DUTIES

competitors share this obligation see SI 25

15 RISK STATEMENT

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."

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;

(h) 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 a 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; and

(i) It is the sole responsibility of the owner to have his/her yacht insured against loss or damage (minimum £2,000,000 Third Party Indemnity) during all races.

16 INSPECTIONS

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

17 DECLARATION

(To be contained in the entry form immediately above the signature of the competitor & repeated on the LYC safety sheet))

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