



Lilliput Sailing Club

Promoting and encouraging amateur sailing

Cruiser Sailing Instructions

2025

1 Rules

All races will be held under the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the LSC Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race.

2 General.

The safety and management of a boat, including insurance, is the responsibility of the owner/person in charge, who must ensure that the craft and her crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the race. The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever caused, to the helm or crew as a result of their participation in a race or races.

3 Entries.

Except for the Friday Evening Series, the nominated Race Officer must be made aware of any yacht's intention to race at least 10 minutes before the first warning signal. Any yacht planning to enter a race should provide the Race Officer with the vessel's name, sail number, and the name of the person helming.

4 Handicaps.

Every yacht competing must have a current certificates for both the POOLE HARBOUR HANDICAP SYSTEM (PHHS) and the and IRC Yacht Time Correction System (YTC). In case of query, contact the measurement secretary or cruiser captain.

Before participating in a race series, the yacht owner must declare whether he/she will be racing with or without spinnaker for (i) Friday Evening and Sunday Harbour series. (ii) Passage and Bay races.

The craft will then be handicapped appropriately for all races, apart from the Single Handed race which is non-spinnaker only.

5 Eligibility.

All races in the Sailing Programme are open to non-members with the exception of the Ladies Helm and the Single Handed Trophies. In these two races, yachts must be steered by a member of LSC, although the helm can be taken temporarily by another hand. Non-members are welcome to helm in other races, as guests, as long as they have express permission of the yacht owner to do so. In these specific races, a prize may be awarded to the leading non-member at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

6 Safety.

ALL CRUISERS MUST BE FULLY EQUIPPED FOR CRUISING AND MUST CARRY FULL SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE CREW. BOATS NOT SO CONFORMING MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM RACING.

7 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

There is a moving prohibited zone 500 metres ahead for the “Barfleur” and 250 metres for the “Brittany Ferries and DFDS “Fastcats” (at least 3 ships lengths) & 15metres to the side of this commercial shipping.

Any vessel impeding commercial shipping/passenger vessels whilst racing will be disqualified from that race and will have to appear before the sailing committee who may increase the penalty to disqualification from the series or a ban from club racing for a period that is appropriate to the severity of the incident.

Any vessel finding itself in a position where it may impede a commercial vessel may use its engine to evacuate the danger area and then continue racing. Any vessel taking this course of action must immediately report the fact to the Race Officer (CH37) who may impose a time penalty if it is felt a gain was made.

8 Race Officer

A Race Officer will be identified for each race. The race officer will require chartlets of the bay and harbour, along with listings of the various race marks. They will also need to have the necessary flags, horn, and race form.

9 VHF.

Communication with the Race Officer will be on Channel 37 (M) Starting Procedures. Unless specified otherwise by the Race Officer, a Gate Start, with the committee boat acting as the stake boat, will be used for all Bay and Passage races. Friday evening races will start on the East Dorset Transit Line. Wednesday Evening and Sunday Harbour races will start on the club line between NC10 and one of the cruiser mooring on the north side of the North Channel.

10 Class Flags.

Boats participating in Bay races, Passage races and the Wednesday Evening Harbour Series will identify the fact by flying a LSC club burgee from their backstay whilst racing. Cruisers participating in the Friday evening series, will fly a Class 1 or Class 2 code flag above the club burgee on their backstay. Class flags must be removed once a yacht has retired from a race.

11 P.Y.R.A. starts.

PYRA. may be using the ‘The Rig Shop’ mark as a start line. It has been agreed that they will have priority, and LSC boats will keep clear. Should boats from different clubs be rounding the same mark during a race, normal right of way rules will apply.

12 Lifting keels.

Cruisers with lifting keels must keep their keels down whilst racing so that they do not have an unfair advantage over craft with fixed keels. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

13 Finishing line.

For Bay races, the finishing line will be an imaginary line between the committee boat and the O.D.M. and will be crossed from the direction of the previous race mark. Where a committee boat is stationed on the finish line the Race Officer will record the finish time. In the absence of a committee boat, yachts will take their own finishing time. All self timed finishes **MUST** be taken

using GPS time. Yachts will pass the finishing Mark on the same side as the previous mark and not more than 5 boat lengths from it. They will be deemed to have finished when they cross an imaginary line at 90 degrees to the direct course from the previous mark. The finishing line for passage races will be announced in the appropriate Notice of Race. Where a race finish is “self-timed”, the yacht’s finish time should be given to the Race Officer as soon as practicable after finishing.

14 Time Limits.

To qualify, the leading boat will finish within the following time limit from the start. Harbour races 2 1/2 hrs. All other boats within 3 hrs. Bay races 4 hrs. All other boats within 5 hrs. Passage races No limit. All boats finishing outside these limits will be deemed to have retired. If no boats finish within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.

15 Points for Series Races.

Points for each race will be awarded as follows: Position 1st Points 1 2nd 2 3rd 3 etc.
Craft starting but not finishing a race will be awarded points equal to the number of starters in that race. Non-starters and disqualified boats will receive points equal to the number of starters plus two.

16 Discards.

Craft will be allowed discards as follows:

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| Number of races held: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Races to count: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

In the event of a tie, discarded races will be taken into consideration.

FRIDAY EVENING SERIES 2025

The Friday Evening Series is held jointly with East Dorset Sailing Club and races are conducted under EDSC. Sailing Instructions. For full sailing instructions see the EDSC website: <https://edsc.club/index.html>

17 Race Officers.

It has been agreed that EDSC will set the course and time both the dinghy and cruiser races. The Race Officer duty for the Friday Evening Series 2023 will be to man the Lilliput Sailing Club support boat "Orange Aid" assisting the Lilliput Sailing Club dinghy support crew to cover both dinghy fleets from East Dorset Sailing Club and Lilliput Sailing Club. There is no need to go to East Dorset Sailing Club as other arrangements have been made to recover the results.