



# Lilliput Sailing Club

“promoting and encouraging amateur sailing”

## Lilliput Sailing Club 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Regatta

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

200a Sandbanks Road, Poole, BH14 8HA

# Dinghy Event Sailing Instructions

## 1. Rules

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2023), with the following noted:

**Touching a Mark:** RRS rule 31 shall apply: after getting well clear of other boats as soon as possible, take a penalty by promptly making one turn including one tack and one gybe.

**Alternative Penalties:** RRS rule 44 shall apply: after getting well clear of the other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes two turns penalty by promptly making two complete 360 degree turns in the same direction, including two tacks and two gybes.

Note: the scoring penalty, RRS rule 44.3 shall not apply.

## 2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the club noticeboard and announced in the LSC Dinghy Sailing WhatsApp group. Any change will be posted at least 60 minutes prior to the start of the first race.

## 3. Communications with competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Lilliput SC website (<https://lilliputsc.org.uk>).

## 4. Classes

All entrants must complete an entry form and return to the Lilliput SC Office before 10:00 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>. Entry forms are available on the Lilliput SC website and may be submitted by email to [office@lilliputsc.org.uk](mailto:office@lilliputsc.org.uk)

The fleet will be split into two classes, **class A** and **class B**. Class A is intended for experienced racers in competitive boats. Class entry is by self selection before racing starts and should be declared on the entry form. Once a choice is made it should be retained for the duration of racing. The Race Officer may, at their discretion adjust the membership of fleets to balance out the numbers in each.

## 5. Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Lilliput SC flagpole and announced in the LSC Dinghy Sailing WhatsApp group.

## 6. Schedule of Races

Racing will consist of the Regatta Series (up to 4 races) and the Charity Cup single race. It is intended to run 3 races on Saturday and 2 races on Sunday, but the Race Officer may adjust this if necessary, according to prevailing conditions. Race duration will be approximately 50






minutes for the Regatta Series but may be longer for the Charity Cup. If conditions permit, it is intended to run the Charity Cup as a 'Round the Islands format'. Timings are as follows:

- Saturday first warning signal **11:55**
- Sunday first warning signal **12:55**
- Sunday latest warning signal **15:30**

Both classes (A and B) will start at the same time. A minimum of 1 race is required for the Regatta Series.

## 7. Class Flag

The class flag shall be code flag "B" 

## 8. Courses



Courses will be chosen from Lilliput Sailing Clubs standard dinghy courses as shown in Attachment 1 –LSC Dinghy Race Courses, or an ad-hoc course indicated by the Committee Boat. The course marks are: harbour navigation buoys, harbour race buoys, a large yellow inflatable buoy or pillar buoy, or a yellow or orange flag atop a short white mast. The ad hoc course may include a race around the islands.

The LSC Committee Boat (Little Holly) is anchored between the North Channel and the entrance to the Blue Lagoon and will fly an orange flag. Races will start from a start line laid between the LSC Committee Boat start pole and a small buoy also flying an orange flag. No later than the warning signal, the committee boat will display the course number and number of laps to be completed for the race.





## 9. The Start

There will be up to three races each day, back-to-back each lasting approx. 50 minutes.

There will be one long sound signal one minute before the five-minute warning signal.

Fleet A (class flag 'G' ) and fleet B (class flag 'B' ) will start together, indicated by raising both class flags at the warning signal and lowering both at the start signal.

The following sounds and flags will be made from the Committee boat as the start sequence at 5, 4, 1 and 0 minutes before the start:

5↑  4↑  1↓  Go!↓ 

You have 10 minutes after the starting signal to cross the starting line.

Races will not be started unless the race officer determines that the wind strength is adequate, and wind gusts do not exceed 22 knots.




## 10. The Finish

The finish line will be the same as the start line.

If appropriate the Race Officer may choose to shorten the course and may finish boats between any mark of the course and a support boat. If the race is shortened, this will be indicated by 2 sound signals as the leading boat rounds a mark of the course and code flag S





 displayed on the Committee boat, together with the class flag for which the course is shortened ( (G) for fleet A and  (B) for fleet.

There is a time limit for finishing of 2 hours for the first boat and any boat which does not finish within 60 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF.

## 11. Scoring

The Low Point System of scoring will be used as in RRS Appendix A with the following amendments:

- **Points:** As RRS Appendix A4, modified as in the Notice of Race.
- **Discards:** If all 4 Regatta Series races are completed, competitors may discard one race.
- **Ties:** Race ties are resolved as described in RRS Appendix A7. Series ties are settled using RRS using Appendix A8, including the optional 8.1 and 8.2

The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme for the current year shall be used for all classes listed within the scheme. The Race Officer may, at their discretion, allocate a suitable PY number to a non-standard boat.

## 12. Obstructions

Boats must comply with Poole Harbour regulations, including the moving exclusion zone around commercial shipping. The exclusion zone extends 500 metres ahead and 50 metres either side of commercial shipping over 50metres LOA or constrained by draught under pilotage or holding a pilotage exemption. A boat that is observed by the Race Officer to enter a moving prohibited zone will be automatically disqualified from the race without a protest hearing.

## 13. Safety

**Personal Buoyancy must be worn** for all competitors whilst racing. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute personal buoyancy.

A boat that retired from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible, preferably informing one of the support boats before leaving the race area.

## 14. Risk Statement

RRS 3 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 the Conditions of Entry specified in the Notice of Race.

## 15. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured as specified in the Notice of Race.

## 16. Prizegiving

A prizegiving will be held at the LSC clubhouse at 17:00 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July.





## 17. Attachment 1 –LSC Dinghy Race Courses

No	Wind	One Lap	KEY:
1	ANY	WM(P) GM(P) LM(P) SF WM(P) LM(P) SF	
2	ANY	WM(S) GM(S) LM(S) SF WM(S) LM(S) SF	
3	320	WM(P) NC12(P) GM(S) OK(P) NC8(P) SF	
4	320	WM(P) NC11(P) GM(S) NC10(P) NC8(P) SF	
5	340	WM(P) NC12(P) GM(S) OK(S) SF	
6	340	WM(P) GM(P) OK(P) SF WM(P) OK(P) SF	
7	040	WM(S) NC6(S) LM(S) SF WM(S) LM(S) SF	
8	040	WM(S) NC6(S) OK(S) NC8(P) NC10(S) SF	
9	040	WM(S) NC8(S) LM(S) SF WM(S) LM(S) SF	
10	250	NC11(S) GM(S) NC10(P) LM(P) SF	
11	240	NC12(P) NC6(S) OK(S) LM(P) SF	
12	240	NC12(P) NC10(S) OK(P) LM(P) SF	
13	260	NC14(P) NC12(P) GM(S) NC10(P) LM(P) SF	
14	240	WM(P) OK(P) LM(P) SF WM(P) LM(P) SF	
15	250	WM(P) NC8(P) LM(P) SF WM(P) LM(P) SF	
16	210	NC10(P) NC8(S) OK(P) NC6(P) LM(P) SF	
17	180	WM(P) NC6(P) LM(P) SF WM(P) LM(P) SF	
18	160	OK(P) GM(P) NC12(S) LM(S) SF	
19	160	OK(S) GM(S) LM(S) SF OK(S) LM(S) SF	
20	140	NC6(S) OK(S) GM(P) NC10(S) LM(S) SF	
21	140	NC8(S) OK(S) GM(P) NC12(S) LM(S) SF	
22	140	NC8(S) GM(S) LM(S) SF NC8(S) LM(S) SF	
23	140	NC8(S) NC10(S) GM(P) NC11(S) LM(S) SF	
24	070	WM(S) NC10(S) GM(P) NC11(P) SF	
25	080	WM(S) NC10(S) GM(P) NC12(S) NC14(S) SF	
26	060	WM(S) OK(S) NC10(P) NC12(S) SF	
27	060	WM(S) OK(P) NC6(P) NC12(S) SF	
28	320	WM(P) GM(P) NC8(P) SF WM(P) NC8(P) SF	
29	350	WM(P) NC11(P) LM(P) SF WM(P) LM(P) SF	
30	170	WM(S) NC11(S) LM(S) SF WM(S) LM(S) SF	

### KEY:

(P) = Leave to Port

(S) = Leave to Starboard

SF: Start/Finish Line

WM: Windward Mark

GM: Gybe Mark

LM: Leeward Mark

NCxx: North Channel XX

OK: OK (was Drakes Mark  
("Lake Yard"))

### Round the Islands course

The start (and finish) line will be laid from the Committee boat – note that the orientation of the line may be adjusted after the start to provide a finish line perpendicular to the proper course. The usual course passes around these 3 islands: Brownsea, Furzey and Green Island, leaving them all to the same side. If necessary, a single windward mark will be laid to enable a short beat from the start line. Before the warning signal the Race Officer will indicate whether the circuit should be clockwise (starting Southeast and leaving the islands to port) or anti-clockwise (starting Southwest). The Race Officer may shorten the course to circumnavigate just Brownsea Island. Indication of the course direction and any course shortening will be given verbally to all entrants from the committee boat prior to the warning signal, or a support boat during the race, accompanied by a sound signal, and boats should be vigilant for this possibility. If the wind strength (in gusts) exceeds 18 knots, the Race Officer will select a standard course from the list above, rather than the Round the Island course.

