



Lilliput Sailing Club

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Lilliput Sailing Club 70th Annual Regatta

18th & 19th July 2026

Notice of Race

1. Organisation, Location and Dates

- 1.1 The Regatta is organised by Lilliput Sailing Club (LSC) Regatta Committee, contact details as follows:

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Web <http://www.lilliputsc.org.uk>

- 1.2 The Regatta will take place on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July 2026.
1.3 Cruiser racing will take place around buoys in Poole Bay or (dependent on weather/tide) within Poole Harbour.
1.4 Dinghy racing will take place within Poole Harbour starting in the vicinity of the entrance to the Blue Lagoon. Further details are provided in the Sailing Instructions.

2 Rules

- 2.1 Regatta racing will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028), this Notice of Race, the rules of each class concerned and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
2.2 This Notice of Race can be amended by a notice on the official notice board at the Lilliput Sailing Club website <http://www.lilliputsc.org.uk> > Regatta

3 Racing Classes

3.1 **Cruisers:**

- PHHS rated cruisers Class I
- Gentlemen’s Class (For **any** boat or crew – see below)





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3.2 Cruiser Class Rules

3.2.1 PHHS Cruiser Class I

Boats racing in PHHS Cruiser Class 1 shall:

- comply with their Class Rules
- comply with the class crew limit if any
- have a valid PHHS handicap rating – available from the club cruiser captain given reasonable notice.
- fly their class identification flag on the backstay whilst racing.
- ensure all crew wears lifejackets if Y flag is flying.

3.2.2 Gentlemen's Class (Progressive Handicap)

The Gentlemen's Class is open to all racers and is intended for all standards of racers and any helm and crew. Handicaps for each boat are adjusted after each race to attempt to equalise the chances of winning the subsequent race. A PHHS handicap is used for the first race.

Boats racing in the Gentlemen's Class shall:

- not fly a spinnaker or cruising chute
- have a valid PHHS handicap rating – available from the club cruiser captain given reasonable notice.
- have their Regatta Series Handicap performance adjusted after every race
- fly their class identification flags on the backstay whilst racing.
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3.2.3 Rating Changes

No PHHS rating changes will be accepted after 23:00 hours 11th July 2026, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct LSC rating office errors.

3.2.4 VHF Radio

3.2.5 All cruisers shall carry an operational VHF marine radio equipped with Channels 14,16, 37/M1 & 72.

3.2.6 The cruiser course to be sailed will be announced on VHF Ch. 37/M1 broadcast from a committee boat. If VHF channel 37/M1 is busy with other traffic, then VHF channel 72 may be used.

3.3 Dinghies:

3.3.1 Regatta Series:

Racing will be mixed handicap using the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap. Boats will compete for prizes in 2 fleets (A and B) with a single start. Skippers may self-select A or B fleet





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according to their preference, but the Race Officer may override this to balance the number of entrants in each fleet. Both fleets will offer competitive racing, but the B fleet is offered for slower boats and crews who typically race less frequently. The A fleet will usually sail a longer course (more laps) to provide a similar duration race for both fleets.

3.3.2 **Charity Trophy:** The Charity Trophy race will be a single race for the whole fleet (A and B fleets combined) as a PY handicap race.

3.3.3 Dinghy Class Rules

For both A and B classes:

- Boats shall comply with their Class Rules
- Personal buoyancy must be worn when racing. Wet suits or dry suits do not constitute Personal Buoyancy.

4 Racing Programme

4.1 Location & Dates

The intention is to run 5 races for all racing classes, three on the Saturday and 2 on the Sunday. The first 4 races will be the Regatta Series, and the final race the Charity Cup. Depending on conditions, the Race Officer may decide to alter this to allow both the Regatta Series and the Charity Trophy race on one day. If it is not possible to complete a separate race for the Charity Cup (for example due to abandonment or cancellation), the Charity Cup will be awarded for the last race sailed in the Regatta series (which will also count as the final Regatta Series race).

4.1.1 Cruisers

Each race will start from a Committee Boat and will be sailed around buoys in Poole Bay with target duration of 1 hour. In severe weather racing will take place within the confines of Poole Harbour. Races will run back-to-back with warning signals as follows:

	Earliest first warning	Latest first warning for last race of the day	Expected ashore
Saturday	1055	1455	1700-1730
Sunday	1125	1355	1600-1630

4.1.2 Dinghies

Starts will be from the LSC Committee Boat offshore from the Blue Lagoon. Racing will be held within Poole Harbour and be sailed around existing race marks, Lilliput Sailing Club laid marks or around the islands of the harbour. The target duration of each race is 50 minutes and races will run back-to-back with warning signals as follows:





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	Earliest first warning	Latest warning for the last race of the day	Expected ashore
Saturday	1225	1525	1630
Sunday	1225	1455	1600

5 Eligibility, Registration and Fees

- 5.1 The Regatta is an open event open to any sailor subject to acceptance by the organisers of a completed Regatta Entry Form and Entry Fee.
- 5.2 Any entrants who are not members of LSC will be granted temporary club membership for the duration of this event.
- 5.3 Entries will only be accepted on an official entry form. Entry forms may be submitted on paper to the organisers (forms are available from the clubhouse noticeboard), or online at the event website: <http://www.lilliputsc.org.uk > Regatta>
- 5.4 A boat entering any one of the qualifying races shall be deemed to have entered the Lilliput Sailing Club Regatta 2026.
- 5.5 Entry Fees are £30 per boat (£15 for 1 day only) and are payable on submission of an entry. A discounted entry fee of £20 (£10 for 1 day only) is available for entries received prior to 12:00 2nd July.
- 5.6 Charity Donations: Throughout the weekend collections will be made towards our chosen club charity, and all entrants are encouraged to donate in addition to the entry fee.

6 Cruiser berthing, dinghy storage and access to the water.

- 6.1 Tenders and racing dinghies may be launched from the club slipway.
- 6.2 The club's access to the water is tidal and will not be usable during the following times (approx.):
 - Friday 17th evening 1730 – 2100
 - Saturday 18th before 1000, between 1830-2145
 - Sunday 19th before 1045, between 1915-2230
- 6.3 **Visiting Cruisers:** Temporary moorings or pontoon space for cruisers is available by prior arrangement – please contact the club office as soon as possible if you would like to request overnight berthing during the Regatta.
- 6.4 **Visiting dinghies:** Space in the club dinghy park is available for participating racing dinghies and tenders during the Regatta





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7 Liability

- 7.1 Members of the Club, their guests and temporary members may use Club premises and any other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and therefore by implication accept that:
- 7.2 The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests, or visitors to the Club.
- 7.3 The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of Club premises or any other facilities of the Club, or out of participation in any race organised by the Club whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, or caused by the aforementioned, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any officers or committee of the Club.
- 7.4 Before inviting any guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the Club, members will draw their attention to 7.2 and 7.3 above.

8 Risk Statement

Rule 3 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:

- 8.1 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;
- 8.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 8.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 8.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 8.5 The provision of a race management team, support boats (for dinghy racing) and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 8.6 The provision of support boat cover (for dinghy racing) is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 8.7 This includes the Sail Racing Procedures issued by Poole Harbour Commissioners regarding Sail Racing Procedures issued by Poole Harbour Commissioners), which place requirements





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on all persons subject to RRS competing within the harbour: <https://www.phc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/SAIL-RACING-PROCEDURES-2025.pdf>

8.8 Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims;

9 Scoring

The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply, amended as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

10 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions are available on the official web site www.lilliputsc.org.uk > Regatta



11 Results and Prizes

Provisional results of each race will be posted on the club website on completion of each day's racing. Final results will be announced at the prize giving, which will be held at Lilliput SC Clubhouse at 17:00 on Sunday 19th. Prizes for dinghies and cruiser fleets are each detailed in their respective Sailing Instructions.

12 Bar, Catering & Entertainment

Facilities will be available at the Lilliput SC Clubhouse throughout the Regatta. A Barbeque will be held on Saturday with food available after racing and a full program of entertainment will run throughout both Saturday and Sunday at the Clubhouse. Further details will be posted on the club website: <http://www.lilliputsc.org.uk> > Regatta.

13 Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide (boat names and sail numbers, crew names, contact details) to Lilliput Sailing Club will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with Lilliput Sailing Club's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event (including competitor and boat names); the outcome of any hearing or appeal; a race report, pictures and video of the event may be published. Competitors grant Lilliput Sailing Club, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any videos or still pictures of or relating to the event.

