

Starcross YC - Laser/Solo Open Meeting

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday 31st July 2021

Tides: HW 12.09 - 3.0m

1. Rules

The organizing authority for this event is Starcross Yacht Club.

The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) - 2021-2024**.

The national prescriptions of the RYA (from 1 January 2021) will also apply.

Changes to the racing rules will be indicated in the relevant instructions to which they apply. Changes to the RRS in the Sailing Instructions are only valid if they comply with rule 86.1(a).

2. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in Starcross YC racing events entirely at their own risk - see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a SYC racing event.

The safety of the boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, nor the inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his/her crew, his/her boat and its management.

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.

3. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions for each fleet will be available on the event website no later than 7 days before the event.

4. Communications

Notices will be posted on the [Starcross YC website](#) up to 22:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

Notices to competitors will also be posted on the official notice board at Starcross YC at least 30 minutes before the race in which it will take effect.

5. Safety

Rule 40.1 shall apply at all times whilst afloat. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices.

When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.

A boat that retires or does not start shall notify an official boat as soon as possible.

If necessary, for safety reasons, boats may be secured and the helm and crew taken aboard a committee or other designated boat until such time as they/their boat can be returned to shore.

Code flag L: when displayed afloat this means 'come within hailing distance or follow this boat'. When Code Flag L is displayed on the Committee Boat accompanied by a single sound signal, competitors shall complete their race and proceed to the leeward side of the committee boat and follow instructions given. Instructions may be verbal or written on a board. When displayed ashore this means 'a notice to competitors has been posted'.

6. Entry and Eligibility

The open meeting is open to ILCA 7/ Laser, ILCA 6/Laser Radial, ILCA 4/Laser 4.7 and Solo dinghies.

The entry fee is £15 - payment by card on the day. Pre-registration on the SYC website would be appreciated.

Laser sailors may only use one size rig for all races.

The regatta will not be subject to competitor classification restriction (i.e. competitors may be amateur, professional or semi-professional sailors).

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum third party cover of £3,000,000. When entering online competitors are deemed to have accepted this insurance requirement.

Entries should be made online at the [Starcross YC website](#). Online entries will close at noon on Friday 30th June. Entries on the day at the club will be permitted.

All competitors under the 18 years of age during the event shall submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration to be presented at registration. The declaration form can be downloaded from the open meeting website.

Competitors and / or their Guardians, unless explicitly not granted on the consent form, automatically grant to the organising Authority and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television, or any other form of media, of or relating to the Exe Regatta.

7. Measurement

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring that their boat complies with their class rules and regulations. The Race Officers or the Sailing Officers may request an inspection of a boat at any time.

Laser sailors are permitted to use replica sails.

Boats are permitted to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that under which the boat is registered (as required by RRS Appendix G), with the following constraints:

- a. It is not permitted to use a distinguishing number which is already being used by a boat of the same class in the race.
- b. The sail number to be used for the regatta must be clearly reported when entering the race.

8. Race Schedule

The Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 competitors will race as a single fleet with PY scoring using the current RYA Portsmouth Numbers on the day of the event. The Solo competitors will race as a separate fleet.

The event schedule will be as follows:

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	Briefing	10:00	
		LASER	SOLO
	Race 1	11:00	11:05
	Race 2	Back to back	5 min after Laser start
	Race 3	Back to back	5 min after Laser start
	Prizegiving	Within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing race 3	

9. Racing Area and Courses

The course options will be defined in the Sailing Instructions or briefed on the day of the event by the Race Committee.

The racing area shall be on the River Exe in the area between Lymptone SC and Starcross YC and bounded by navigation buoys 18 and 20.

10. Scoring

The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. If all three races are sailed, the worst result for each competitor will not be included in the series scoring.

11. Prizes

The prize giving will take place at the club no more one hour after the completion of the final race-subject to any protest hearings having been completed.

The following prizes will be awarded (subject to eligible entries):

LASER	SOLO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First three overall ● First Laser Radial ● First Laser 4.7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First three overall ● First Master ● First Grand Master ● First Septimus

12. Official Boats

All patrol boats assisting with the safety of the event will display a 'Patrol' flag of black lettering on an orange background.

13. Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first fleet start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

14. Advertising

Advertising on boats, sails and clothing is permitted in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code [Regulation 20].

Boats shall display specific event advertising supplied by Exe Regatta if requested in an amendment to the Sailing Instructions. If this instruction is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

15. Trash Disposal

Litter may be placed aboard patrol or official boats.

16. Radio Communications

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17. Further Information

Questions can be forward to the event contacts -

Laser - [Alistair Glen](#)

Solo - [Jonathan Newall](#)

Further information on the event can be found at the website:

<https://www.starcrossyc.org.uk/racing/events/open-meetings>