



Contessa 26

National Championships

3rd and 4th September 2016

NOTICE OF RACE



1 ORGANISATION

The Organising Authority is the Lymington Town Sailing Club.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The series of races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS) together with, as appropriate:
- The ISAF Special Regulations APPENDIX J for Category 5 Inshore Races.
 - The IRC Rules Parts A, B & C – including sail limitations, but excluding rule 22.4 (Crew Number / Weight) There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.
- 2.2 Amendments will be published on the Lymington Town Sailing Club web site www.ltsc.co.uk ("the Website") and the official Notice Board and distributed to all entrants.
- 2.3 All boats shall comply with Lymington harbour Commissioners General Directions and Bye-Laws
- 2.4 All boats shall comply with current ISAF Special Regulations for Category 5 Inshore races except that regulations 3.09.1, 3.09.2 and 3.09.4 as regards cockpit self-draining, watertightness and draining and the height of the cockpit sole shall not apply. Boats may use a trysail instead of reefing equipment to reduce mainsail luff by at least 40%.
- 2.5 With the permission of the IRC Rating Authority, IRC Rule 8.2 is modified to include GBR boats holding an IRC Single Event Rating valid for this event (SER).

3 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

Any changes to the Racing Rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The National Championships is open to all boats of the Contessa 26 class.
- 4.2 There will be no race for a class unless at least two boats enter and start in that class.
- 4.3 All boats shall have either a valid IRC rating, a SER (Class 1) or if racing in the Class Handicap Division a Class Rating will be provided by the Contessa 26 Association, in which case a completed measurement form may be requested). (Class 2 if with spinnaker)
- 4.4 Boats with a CO26 Class Rating can elect to race without a spinnaker (white sails only) (Class 3) this must be declared on the entry form and an appropriate class rating will be provided.

5 ENTRY FEES

Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Entry Form and either submitting it electronically or posting it, together with the entry fee of £45.00 per boat for entries received by 1200 hours on 6 August 2016 or for entries received after that date the entry fee of £50.00 per boat to Lymington Town Sailing Club to arrive no later than 1200hrs on Saturday 28 August. Cheques should be made payable to Lymington Town Sailing Club.

6 CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE - Start times are as set out below and are on the same course.

Date	Event	HW Portsmouth (BST)	Class	Class Flag	1st Warn Signal	1st Start Signal
Sat 3 rd Sept	Up to Three Races Class 1	13:34hrs	IRC (inc SER) (Class 1)	Numeral pennant 1	0955	1000
Sat 3 rd Sept	Up to Two Races (Classes 2 & 3)	13:34hrs	CO 26 Class Handicap (Class 2)	Numeral pennant 2	11.35	11.40
			Class Handicap – Non Spi (Class 3)	Numeral pennant 3	11.35	11.40
Sun 6 th Sept	One Race All Classes	14:12hrs	IRC (inc SER) (Class 1)	Numeral pennant 1	09:55	10:00
			CO26 Class Handicap (Class 2)	Numeral pennant 2	09:55	10:00
			Class Handicap - White Sails (Class 3)	Numeral pennant 3	09:55	10:00

6.1 The Race Committee request that all boats fly their Class Flag from their backstay as shown above.

6.2 It is intended that two races will be windward leeward course for class 1, one for classes 2 and 3, and two races will be around the cans.

7 RATINGS

7.1 Boats entered for IRC classes shall have a valid rating certificate (Endorsed certificates are recommended) issued by Seahorse Rating (RORC).

7.2 Boats without rating certificates may apply for a CO26 Class rating from MIKE HARRISON. Certificates are not issued.

7.3 No new or amended ratings will be accepted after 1200 on Friday 2 September Class ratings may be altered during the event but not retrospectively.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Website can be collected from the Lymington Town SC.

9 VENUE

9.1 All races will start and finish from a Committee Vessel, the location of which will be described in the Sailing Instructions

9.2 All racing will take place in the Western, and Central Solent.

10 COURSES

10.1 The course to be sailed will be communicated only by VHF Radio on VHF 77.

10.2 Courses will use race marks as identified on the 2016 Solent Marks list. Course announcements will use the 2 digit designations. Full details will be published in the Sailing Instructions, and can be downloaded from the Website.

11 SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring system will be used.

11.2 Boats will be scored in sequence from the shortest corrected time after the elapsed time (applying any penalties) has been multiplied by the relevant correction factor.

11.3 If 3 or fewer races are completed then all races will count to the series score. In Class 1 if 4 races are completed then 1 discard will be applied. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

11.4 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12 PRIZE GIVING

Prizes will be presented as soon as possible after racing at the Lymington Town Sailing Club

13 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:

- 13.1 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;
- 13.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 13.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss, to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 13.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 13.5 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;
- 13.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 13.7 They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather and 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
- 13.8 Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 sterling against third party claims.

14 BERTHING

All boats are encouraged to berth at Dans Bran Pontoon where a group rate discount has been arranged. The Contessa 26 Class will be paying one nights mooring fee for those entrants taking part.

15 RYA CHARTER

Competitors should note that the Lymington Town Sailing Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that, when entering, competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

SOCIAL GATHERING

All Skippers and their crews are invited to an informal gathering in the bar / restaurant at the Lymington Town Sailing Club during the evening of Friday 2 September.

CHAMPIONSHIP DINNER

All participants and their families are welcome to attend the Championship dinner on Saturday 3rd September at the Lymington Town Sailing Club 1930 for 2000hrs. Attendees must book with the Class Association. Tickets must be paid for at the point of booking.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Alastair Beeton , The Sailing Secretary
Lymington Town Sailing Club,
Tel 01590 674514 Email: sailing@ltsc.co.uk

Mike Harrison (h 01983 297406) (m 07968 362101) or Tom Olden (m 07795 023936).
Email either of them on:
racing_captain@contessa26.net