



Notice of Race

UK SOLENT 6.50 **Sunday 6th May 2012**

**A race for two-handed Open 6.50 Class boats
from Lymington to Plymouth (including Wolf Rock)**

Organising Authority:

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With thanks to:

**The Royal Western Yacht Club of England
And Classe Mini for there assistance**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. The **UK Solent 6.50 2012** will be a two handed race governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2009-2012, the Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, and the Class Rules of Classe Mini (Guide Mini 2012) Sections E, J, R and S. In the case of conflict between any of these rules, the Sailing

Instructions shall prevail [alters rule 63.7]

1.2. The Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999 (DPPO) and the Plymouth Local Notices to Mariners (PLNTM) shall apply. In particular, regulations regarding the safe navigation of large vessels shall be strictly observed. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1(a), Allegation of Gross Misconduct. Details of the DPPO and PLNTM are displayed on the LTSC notice board and website.

1.3. RRS Chapter 2 (When Boats Meet) applies only inside the Dockyard Port of Plymouth after which they are replaced by Part B (Steering & Sailing) of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS). Rule 10 of the International Regulations for Prevention Collisions at Sea (Separation Zones) shall be strictly observed.

1.4. Official race language is English, where there is a conflict in a race document English shall prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. The event will be Category C under ISAF Advertising Code Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. The UK Solent 6.50 2012 is a two handed race open to all boats of the Mini Class (Series and Prototypes) that have previously been assigned a sail number by Classe Mini. Each boat shall have previously been assigned a sail number by Classe Mini and shall hold a valid Class Measurement Certificate which shall be presented at the time of registration.

3.2. Entries will be restricted to a maximum of 30 boats and a minimum of 6 boats.

3.3. Entries open 27th January 2012.

3.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the LTSC Race Entry Form and sending it, together with the required fee, to the LTSC (see NoR 14.1) by Friday 29 April 2012.

3.5. The fee shall be paid, in pounds sterling, by cheque drawn on a British Bank or by credit or debit card (Visa or Master Card only). The Lymington Town Sailing Club reserves the right to retain part or all of the entry fee of any boat that withdraws after 1700 BST on 1st April 2012 as follows: before 1st April 100% refund, before 15th April 66% refund, before 29th April 33% refund. From 29th April an entry fee may only be reimbursed in exceptional circumstances.

3.6. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.7. Competitors and their families are invited by the Flag Officers of The Lymington Town Sailing Club to be temporary members of the Club for the duration of the event and to make full use of the bar, catering and other facilities of the Club.

4. FEES

4.1. The entry fee is £200 for entries before 10th March 2012. For entries after 10th March 2012 and before the 29th April the entry fee will be £275. This also covers berthing for the duration of the event.

4.2. Competitors will be required to provide a guarantee for the tracker (approximately £1250), if provided. This guarantee will not be deposited and will be returned at the time of the return of the tracker, after the finish of the race.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1.

Date Time (BST) Races

Thursday 3rd May 1200 Latest permitted arrival time at Lymington
and start of free berthing at Lymington

Thursday 3rd May 1200 - 1800 Inspections

Friday 4th May 0900 -1800 Inspections

Saturday 5th May 0900 - 1800 Inspections

Sunday 6th May 1200 Lunch for Competitors and Officials

15:30 Scheduled Start of UK Solent 2012

Thursday 10th May 1930 Prize giving and dinner.

Sunday 13th May 1200 End of free berthing at Lymington

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1. The Classe Mini will confirm that each boat fully complies with the current requirements of the Mini Class Rules (2012 Edition).

6.2. This race is classified for E-10 (Safety Equipment) of the Mini Class Rules (2012 Edition) as a "C Level Race". Boats competing in the UK Fastnet 6.50 2012 may be inspected to the level required for that race.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. Sailing Instructions will be available after inspection.

8. VENUE

8.1. Detailed maps and arrival instructions will be available upon acceptance of entry.

9. COURSE

The course Lymington (start) - Isle of Wight (starboard - out to the east) - Needles fairway (port) - Poole fairway (port) - Wolfe Rock (starboard) - Plymouth (finish) approx 290 miles

10. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

10.1. While racing a boat shall only make radio transmissions by VHF, except in an emergency. A boat may only

receive public radio transmissions. No boat may carry on board any receivers allowing satellite communications, cell phone, satellite phone or laptop.

11. PRIZES

11.1. Prizes will be awarded to first three places overall for each class, and the UK Solent 6.50 Trophy to the overall winner.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1. The skipper of the boat is responsible for ensuring that the boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

12.2. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

12.3. It is for a boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

12.4. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of a boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and berthing masters.

12.5. The provision of patrol boats or mother ships does not relieve a boat of her responsibilities.

12.6. The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in clauses 12.1 to 12.6.

13. INSURANCE

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured during the Series with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover per event of £3,000,000.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1. For further information please contact

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The Lymington Town Sailing Club of England

The LTSC welcomes all participants in the UK Solent 6.50 of 2012.

Competitors should note that The Lymington Town Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the current RYA rule book, or at the Club website, or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

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