

## ILCA and Solo Autumn Open Meeting 2025

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Organised by the Royal Harwich Yacht Club (RHYC).

### Notice of Race

#### Rules

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

The Port of Ipswich and the Harwich Haven Authority Byelaws also apply.

A boat may not protest another boat for a breach of class rules but may be protested by the race committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for any breach of class rules may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2. Competitors should note that the use of replica equipment that does not convey a competitive advantage will not normally be penalised.

RRS 77 Identification on Sails does not apply. Boats shall however display a sail number or other clearly visible marking on their main sail that is distinct from that of any other boat in the same class entered in the event and shall inform the race committee of that sail number or marking when signing on for racing.

#### Eligibility and Entry

The event is open to all ILCA dinghies using the Standard/ILCA7 Radial/ILCA6 and 4.7/ILCA4 rigs & Solo dinghies.

The intention is for all ILCA rig sizes to race together plus a separate start for Solo dinghies, with prizes awarded for the highest placed ILCA in each rig size category. However, if the Race Officer decides that there are enough entries in any/each rig size to justify separate starts for any/each rig, this will be communicated to competitors on the RHYC Race Box and/or the Committee Boat, and there will be separate sequential starts for each race,

Handicaps will not be used for this event.

Only the person listed on the entry form for a boat shall helm that boat whilst it is racing.

All competitors should enter the event in advance, via the club's website, to benefit from the early entry fee discount.

The entry fee is £12 (club members) £15 (visitors) in advance via the club website at <http://www.royalharwichyachtclub.org.uk>, up until 12.00Hrs on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025, or £15 on the day.

Competitors under the age of 16 years shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or someone over 16 years of age acting *in loco parentis* while at the club. The responsible adult shall remain at or near the club and be available to always take responsibility for the competitor while the competitor is at the club (including while they are on the water).

#### Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available on the club website, entitled "RHYC 2025 Sailing Instructions ILCA Solo open meeting" (to be found under "Afloat/NOR Si's and support boat info "racing information[select file]" ") and will also be available at registration/signing-on.

#### Schedule

Racing is scheduled to take place as follows;

Date	Class	Scheduled time of warning signal for first race	Number of races scheduled for the day
11/10/25	ILCA Solo	Not before 12.25 Hrs Not before 12.30 Hrs	Up to 4

Races will normally be sailed back-to-back, with the warning signal for each subsequent race being made shortly after the last boat has finished the previous race.

Registration will be open from 09.00Hrs

There will be a Competitors' Briefing at 12.00Hrs

The intention is to sail 4 races, but, at the discretion of the Race Officer, there may be more, or less, races.

### **Venue**

Racing will be on the river Orwell.

### **Courses**

Courses will be displayed on the RHYC Race Hut or on the Committee Boat.

### **Scoring**

The score for each entry in the event will be the total of her race scores, excluding the worst score if 3 or more races are completed.

### **Privacy Statement**

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in this 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 the organising authority'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 and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

### **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 this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

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;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

The provision of a race management team, support boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

The provision of support boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; and

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 competitor briefing held for this event.

### **Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5m per incident or the equivalent.

### **Prizes**

There will be prizes for the first three boats overall, and up to the three highest placed Radial/ILCA6s if not placed in the top 3 overall, and up to the three highest placed 4.7/ILCA4s if not placed in the top 3 overall. (subject to sufficient entries).

For further information please contact the club office.