



LEIGH ON SEA SAILING CLUB
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - SOLO OPEN MEETING
SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2026

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:

- 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 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.

Competitors should note that Leigh on Sea Sailing Club implement 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 RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

Rules: The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 the prescriptions of the RYA, the Sailing Instructions and rules of the class, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. The Open Meeting is designated Category C.

Acceptance of the Rules: By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees:

- (a) to be governed by the *rules*;
- (b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the *rules*, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the *rules*; and
- (c) where the matter is not one to be determined under the *rules* not to resort to any court of law or any tribunal until all internal remedies provided by ISAF or by the Court of Arbitration for Sport have been exhausted.

Entries: Entry fee £20.00 for the Open Meeting and complete an entry form supplied by Leigh on Sea Sailing Club together with paying the entry fee.

Boats which are entered for the Vintage Championship with the same helm, will be required to complete a second entry form but the entry fee will be £10.00.

Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located in the downstairs atrium.

Changes in Sailing Instructions: Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 11.00 on the day it will take effect.

Schedule of Races. High tide 31st May 2026 HW 13:28 height 5.48m

Three races are scheduled to be sailed for the Solo class open meeting, of which one race must be completed to constitute a series. If three races are completed, one discard will be allowed, if less than three races are completed all will count.

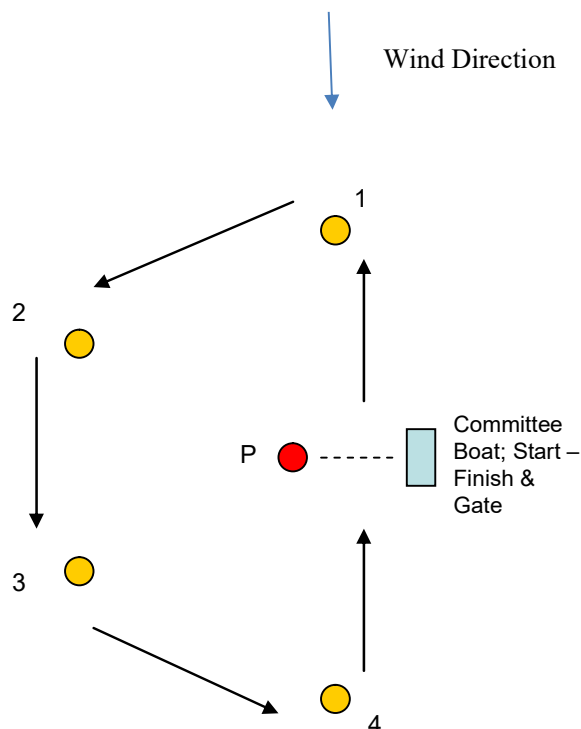
Solo Class - Class Flag 'Numeral Pennant No1

Race Start time

- 1 11:45 BST
- 2 As soon as possible after the end of Race 1. It is advised that competitors are unlikely to have time to go ashore between races.
- 3 As soon as possible after the end of Race 2. It is advised that competitors are unlikely to have time to go ashore between races

Scoring - General The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

The Course: The diagram indicates the approximate relative positions of the start, finish, gate and marks.



Course: The course will be: Start (Between Committee boat and mark P)
 1, 2, 3, 4, gate (P - Committee boat), Number of laps to be shown on the Committee boat.
 Finish (Between Committee boat and mark P)
 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 must be left to Port.
Note: the gate (P - Committee Boat) MUST be sailed through on each leg which comprises marks 4 → 1.
 The **Start and Finish line** will be between the main mast of the race committee boat at the starboard end and Mark P at the Port end.

The Start: Rule 26 Races will be started using the procedures described in Rule 26 modified as:

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class Flag	One	Warning signal
2	P, I, U, Z, Z with I or Black Flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class Flag removed	One	Starting signal

Marks: Marks 1, 2, 3, and 4, will be large cylindrical orange inflatables which are unnumbered. Mark P will be a spherical orange buoy.

Time limits. The time limits are as follows:

Time Limit for Race	Mark 1 Time Limit	Last Boat Time Limit
60 min	20 min	15 min after first boat

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

Any boat finishing fifteen minutes after the first boat crosses the finishing line will be deemed to have retired.

The Finish: After the first boat has finished or the shortened course signal has been given, any boats that have been lapped will be finished the next time they pass through the finish line. At the discretion of the Race Officer, the fleet may be finished at any mark. In this case a second finish line will be established between the mark and a support boat which shall fly Code Flag M.

Protests: Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer and delivered back within 90 minutes after the time of the last boats finish in the last race of the day.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

Protest notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.