

**Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club
New Year's Day Pursuit 2026
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

- 1. RULES**
 - 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*
- 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
 - 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 20 minutes before any race that it will affect.
- 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
 - 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the club house.
- 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
 - 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race box above the clubhouse.
 - 4.2. When flag AP is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**
 - 5.1. Date of racing: 1st January 2026.
 - 5.2. There will be 1 race scheduled
 - 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal is 12:35.
 - 5.4. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting mark flag will be displayed on the committee boat with multiple sound signals, approximately 1 minute before the first warning signal.
- 6. CLASS FLAGS**

The Class flag is Numeral Pennant 1
- 7. RACING AREAS**

SI Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.
- 8. THE COURSES**
 - 8.1. The diagram below in Attachment A shows the approximate positions of the marks; the distances and angles are not to scale. In addition to the marks shown, temporary marks A and Y (orange pillar buoys) may be used in any location.
 - 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed will be displayed on the rear of the committee boat. A Red background indicates marks to be rounded to Port and a Green background indicates marks to be rounded to Starboard. The number of laps is not shown, see SI 12.
 - 8.3. Boats who fail to sail the correct course will be scored as Did Not Finish without a hearing.
- 9. MARKS**

Marks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and X are spherical buoys. Marks I, M and O are white spherical buoys. Marks P and T are red spherical buoys and can be repositioned. Marks A, H, W and Y are orange pillar buoys, may have sponsor branding, and can be placed in any position on the lake.
- 9.1. The starting marks will be committee boat at the starboard end and a dan buoy at the port end.
- 10. OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

 - 10.1. The nature reserve beyond racing marks 3, 4, 5 and 6, which is marked with green buoys
 - 10.2. In the proximity of fishermen's equipment (approx. 30 metres from shore).
 - 10.3. A yellow buoy near Mark 7 indicating the approximate position of an underwater obstruction which should be passed on the deep water side.
- 11. THE START**
 - 11.1. The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
 - 11.2. The start sequence for each class of boat will be available online and displayed in the clubhouse at least 30 minutes before the start time of the first boat. Competitors should note their event yardstick, see SI 11.3.
 - 11.3. The first start, scheduled for 12.40 will be for boats with an event yardstick of 5. The number 5 will be displayed on the Committee Boat to coincide with the starting signal. Thereafter a sound signal will be made at one-minute intervals and the number on the Committee Boat will be increased by one on each occasion, to indicate the start of boats with a larger event yardstick number (e.g. a boat with an event yardstick of 64 will have one minute to his start when number 63 is displayed, the boat can cross the start line immediately number 64 is displayed). An electronic timer may be used, in which case numbers over 59 will be displayed in hours and minutes e.g. 1:04 for 64.
 - 11.4. There will be no general recalls. If any boat is on the course side of the starting line during the minute before its starting signal, it shall thereafter return to the pre-start side of the line across one of its extensions (i.e. round-the-ends) and start. A sound signal shall be made immediately after the starting signal to indicate that one or more boats were over the line. Sail numbers may not be indicated and it is the responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not he was over the Start line prematurely.
 - 11.5. Any boat that, more than one minute before its start, interferes with boats that have started or about to start may be disqualified. For the purpose of this rule, a boat is deemed to be about to start during the minute before its starting signal.
- 12. THE FINISH**
 - 12.1. A sound signal will be made 170 minutes after the first start, and the course shorten signal on the Clubhouse Race box. At which time the Race Committee will finish in one of the following ways:
 - (a) Lay a dan buoy in front of the leaders and finish the fleet between this and a boat on station.
 - (b) Mark down the positions by starting with the leaders and working backwards through the fleet to record positions boat-by-boat. All boats should continue sailing around the course until their finish position is recorded.
 - (c) A combination of a) and b).
 - 12.2. To identify when all boat positions have been recorded a double sound signal will be made and the course shorten signal will be stopped/removed.
 - 12.3. Boats are advised to note the sail numbers of the boats immediately in front and behind them at the finish time. The Race Committee shall have ultimate jurisdiction on the finishing position of each boat.
- 13. HEARING REQUESTS**
 - 13.1. Hearing request forms are available at the race control box. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit, with a £10 deposit, returned if the request is upheld.
 - 13.2. The Protest Time Limit is 30 minutes after the finishing sound signal.
 - 13.3. RRS62.2 is changed as follows: A request shall be in writing and identify the reason for making it. If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit. Other requests shall be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the reasons for making the request. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so. No red flag is required.
 - 13.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race control box, or other suitable venue.
 - 13.5. Under the provision of the RYA racing charter, competitors may request an advisory hearing (within the protest time limit, no hearing form required). If an advisory hearing is requested the protest time limit (if required) will be extended to 15 minutes after completion of the advisory hearing. The outcome of the advisory hearing can be as follows:
 1. No rule infringement found, no penalties required, no protest lodged.
 2. Parties agree to an exoneration penalty equal to 20% of the dinghies that started the affected race added to the finishing place (or a minimum of 3 places), recorded to the

nearest tenth of a point of but not worse than a DNF (as described in RRS 44.3 c).

3. No resolution found, formal protest lodged.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

