



**LARGS REGATTA WEEK
SCOTTISH TWO HANDED RACE – 29 AUG 2009
NOTICE OF RACE**

The organising authority is the Largs Regatta Week Committee, representing Largs Sailing Club (LSC), Fairlie Yacht Club (FYC) and the Scottish Sailing Institute (SSI).

1 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, and the Organiser's supplementary sailing instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The event is open to sailing boats crewed by two adults aged 18 years or older, excluding sportsboats, dayboats and dinghies, belonging to, or under the control of, members of clubs affiliated to the RYA. Boats entering shall submit a current CYCA Handicap Certificate and a recognised sail number. Details of boats & owners entered under CYCA classes will be made available to the Clyde Yacht Club Association.

2.2 **Minimum Equipment:** Boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations as follows:

Class 1

Category 3

All Class 1 boats will be checked by an RNLI scrutiniser. Category 3 racing is intended for races over open water, most of which is relatively protected or close to shorelines. The entire regulations shall be adhered to but particular attention is drawn to the following:

Mast Steps shall be securely fastened (3.12); Lifelines shall be "taut" (3.14.2), uncoated (3.14.6) and conform to table 7 (3.14.5); A marine VHF with masthead antenna shall be fitted (3.29.1); All equipment shall be in good working condition and fit for purpose (2.03.1); hand held marine VHF is now required as well as the main fixed VHF, (3.29.1).

The scrutiniser will concentrate on what shall be considered the most fundamental piece of safety equipment, the lifejacket. The particular points that will be examined are the condition of the webbing and fabric, the gas cylinder, no rust, firmly screwed in and not already fired. The presence of a whistle, light and the wearer's name – or yacht's name – will also be checked. The automatic firing head should also be 'in date'. Competitors are required to carry at least one extra lifejacket for each of the crew ie a minimum of 4 lifejackets.

Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

It is recommended that these Classes comply with Category 4

2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the appropriate entry form and sending it, together with the required fee (cheques payable to Largs Regatta Week), to:

Largs Regatta Week,
Largs Sailing Club,
Largs Yacht Haven,
Irvine Road,
Largs
KA30 8EZ.

2.4 Entries received after Sunday 23 AUG 2009 will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be subject to a late entry fee of £20. Note: all late entry fees will be donated to the RNLI.

2.5 The organisers reserve the right to refuse an entry from any boat considered unsuitable for the event.

3 FEES

Keelboats

All Yachts

Entry Fee

£30.00

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Racing is scheduled for Saturday 29 AUG 2009. Proposed classes, flags and start times are as follows:

Long Course	Handicap	Flag	Start Time
Class 1	Yachts Sailing the Long Course - CYCA	Num Pennant 1	0940
Short Course			
Class 2	CYCA 13.5 and under	Num Pennant 2	0945
Class 3	CYCA 13.75 to 16.75	Num Pennant 3	0950
Class 4	CYCA 17.0 and over	Num Pennant 4	0955
Class 5*	Restricted Sail* CYCA 13.0 and under	Num Pennant 5	1000
Class 6*	Restricted Sail* CYCA 13.25 and over	Num Pennant 6	1005

4.2 Number of Races: There will be one race for each class.

4.3 The Organisers may combine, divide or add classes depending on the number of entries, please check the class divisions prior to taking part in the event.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted to each paid entry. Sailing Instructions for entries received after Friday 21 AUG 2009 should be collected from the Race Office in Largs Sailing Club on Friday 28 AUG 2009. Copies may be available electronically from www.largssc.co.uk

6 VENUE

6.1 The venue will be Largs Sailing Club, located in Largs Yacht Haven.

6.2 The Race Area will be the Firth of Clyde in the waters around the Cumbrae Islands, the Isle of Arran and Holy Isle

7 THE COURSES

7.1 **Long Course (Arran)** – Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Little Cumbrae, Arran, Iron Ledges Buoy, Pladda, and Holy Island to port, then Little Cumbrae to starboard and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 80nm)

7.2 **Short Course (Holy Island)** - Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Little Cumbrae, and Holy Island to port, then Little Cumbrae to starboard and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 40nm)

8 SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A shall apply.

9 BERTHING

A special Largs Regatta Week berthage price, courtesy of Largs Yacht Haven is available for visiting yachts competing in both weekends of racing. Visiting yachts that have paid for berthing on both weekends receive MIDWEEK BERTHING FREE.

10 PRIZES

10.1 The following Trophies will be awarded.

Viking Sword Trophy	Class 1
Largs Chandlers Trophy	Class 2
Blue Whale Trophy	Class 3
Largs Sailing Club Trophy	Class 4
Largs Yacht Haven Trophy	Class 5
Sailaway Trophy	Class 6
Regattas Shield	Best performance by crew taking into account aggregate age (Either young or old).
Euroyachts Quaich	Best performance by a family crew.
Maritime Craft Services Cup	Boat making the fastest passage round Arran.
Rupert Trophy	Best performance by an all female crew.
Yacht of the Week (Keelboats) HUNTERSTON WHEEL	Awarded to the boat which, in the opinion of the organising committee has produced the best performance during Largs Regatta Week. Boats shall compete in Cumbraes Weekend, Hundred Guineas Series & The Scottish Two-Handed Race to qualify.
Yacht of the Week (Dinghies) LARGS 'LIFEBOAT CREW' TROPHY	Awarded to the boat which, in the opinion of the organising committee has produced the best performance during Largs Regatta Week. Boats shall compete in Cumbraes Weekend, Hundred Guineas Series & the 'Hems Kalis' Dinghy Series to qualify.

10.2 The Prizegiving will be held in Largs Sailing Club at 1200 hrs on **Sunday 30 AUG 2009**.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 An owner/skipper responsible for a boat is entirely responsible for her safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 11.2 It is for the owner/skipper to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. By launching or going to sea, the owner/skipper confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 11.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owner/skipper 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, safety boats and beachmasters.
- 11.4 The provision of safety boats does not relieve the owner/skipper of his/her responsibilities.
- 11.5 The owner/skipper is responsible for ensuring that the boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that 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 that the crew know how to use it.
- 11.6 Keelboats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations as indicated in paragraph 3.2 above.

12 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 000 000 per event or the equivalent.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information is available from the Largs SC Website: www.largssc.co.uk and by telephoning or e-mailing the following:

Largs Sailing Club Tel: 01475 670000, e-mail: secretary@largssc.co.uk
Largs Yacht Haven Tel: 01475 675333, e-mail: largs@yachthavens.com

**Special Regatta Week Offer
FREE Midweek Berthing
Courtesy of Largs Yacht Haven**



Enter racing on both weekends, pay for berthing on both weekends and get

MIDWEEK BERTHING FREE

Berthing package special deal Fri 21 to Sat 30 AUG 2009 inclusive £40

Time limit - 0900hrs Sunday

***Complementary brunch for competitors
served in Largs SC from 1030hrs***