



**LARGS REGATTA WEEK**  
**100 GUINEAS SERIES 31 AUG, 01 & 02 SEP 2010**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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**

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

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official regatta notice board situated in the lower corridor of LSC.  
2.2 The race office shall be situated in the entrance hall of LSC.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change(s) to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than one hour before the first start on the day it shall take effect. If it is necessary to make a late change in the sailing instructions, Flag L shall be flown from the committee vessel, for keelboats and the LSC balcony for dinghies and catamarans. In each case it shall be the responsibility of the helm to acquaint themselves with the change.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals ashore for dinghies and catamarans shall be made from the flagpole located on the North West corner of the LSC balcony.  
4.2 All signals for keelboats shall be made from the committee vessel.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Dates of Racing:

**Tuesday 31 AUG 10** Class 1, 2, 3, Laser, Handicap Dinghy, Topper  
**Wednesday 01 SEP 10** Class 1, 2, 3, Laser, Handicap Dinghy, Topper  
**Thursday 02 SEP 10** Class 1, 2, 3, Laser, Handicap Dinghy, Topper

- 5.2 Number of Races: There shall be one race per day for each class

**6 CLASS FLAGS AND SCHEDULED START TIMES**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Flag/Signal</b>	<b>Start</b>
Lasers (inc Radial & 4.7)	Class Handicaps	Yellow Light	1900
H'cap Dinghy & Catamaran	All PN's	Green Light	1905
Topper	All PNs	White Light	1910
Class 1	All IRC	Num Pennant 1	1920
Class 2	All CYCA	Num Pennant 2	1925
Class 3* Restricted Sail	All CYCA	Num Pennant 3	1930

- 6.1 \*Restricted Sail: Spinnakers shall not be flown, and only one headsail may be flown at any one time except for cutter rigged (or similar) yachts that have 2 (or more) headsails recorded on their CYCA rating certificate that may fly the recorded number of headsails simultaneously.  
6.2 Keelboat competitors shall fly their class flag and the supplied Clydeport pennant in a prominent position from their backstay. The class flag should be flown approximately 60cm above the sponsor's pennant.  
6.3 The Organisers may combine, divide or add classes depending on the number of entries, please check the classes prior to taking part in the event.

**7 RACING AREAS**

The race area is the Largs Channel.

**8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The course configurations for dinghies and catamarans are shown in Appendix 1.  
8.2 The course configurations for Keelboats are shown in Appendix 2.  
8.3 The diagrams in Appendices 1 and 2 show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. They do not indicate the angle or distance between legs.

**9 MARKS**

Mark descriptions are as shown in Appendix 1 (for dinghies) and Appendix 2 (for Keelboats).

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting lines are as shown in Appendix 1 (for dinghies) and Appendix 2 (for Keelboats).
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.3 A Countdown to starting signals and additional race information may be broadcast on Ch 72 for keelboat classes. OCS infringements may be broadcast by VHF.
- 10.4 **DINGHIES ONLY:** Starting signals for dinghies are described in Appendix 1.
- 10.5 **DINGHIES ONLY: INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** The appropriate class light shall be re-illuminated until all premature starters have returned or for 4 minutes. One additional sound signal shall be made.
- 10.6 **DINGHIES ONLY: GENERAL RECALL:** The appropriate class light shall be re-illuminated along with the rotating blue light until all competitors have returned or for 4 minutes. Two additional sound signals shall be made.
- 10.7 The normal starting sequence shall not be interrupted by a general recall. The warning signal for the class which has had a general recall shall be five minutes before its starting signal and shall normally be displayed at the starting signal of the last class to start correctly in the schedule. If more than one class is subject to a general recall, the second of these classes shall start five minutes after the first and so on. If a class subject to general recall is the last or only class to start, the next signal shall be the new warning signal which shall normally be displayed five minutes after the original starting time.

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## 12 SHORTENED COURSE

- 12.1 Shortly before the finish, flag S shall be displayed from the committee vessel (Keelboats) or the LSC balcony (Dinghy and Catamaran) along with two sound signals. Boats shall finish the race when they pass through the finish line at the end of their current lap. Finishing positions shall take account of the number of laps actually sailed, and results shall be calculated on an 'average lap time' basis.
- 12.2 If conditions dictate the race committee may, at their discretion, take the results of a race from the times recorded for a previous round.

## 13 FINISHING LINE

Finishing lines are as shown in Appendices 1 (for dinghies) and 2 (for Keelboats).

## 14 TIME LIMIT

<b>Class</b>	<b>Time Limit</b>
1, 2, & 3	120 minutes after the start of the race
Laser	90 minutes after the start of the race
Handicap Dinghy	90 minutes after the start of the race
Topper	90 minutes after the start of the race

- 14.1 If no boat within a Class finishes within the time limit, the times of the previous round completed by the leading boat shall be used to calculate results. Subsequent retirements or rule infringements shall be disregarded.

## 15 RETIRALS

Any boat leaving the course area shall notify the Race Committee either by VHF or when ashore for dinghies.

## 16 PROTESTS

- 16.1 The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 16.2 Competitors should inform the Race Committee of any protests immediately after finishing.
- 16.3 Protest forms are available at the race office, downstairs in LSC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.4 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.5 Notices shall be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be held in the jury room, located at LSC.
- 16.6 Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.7 Protests shall be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the Protestor, Protestee and Witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.
- 16.8 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS 66.

## 17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A shall apply.
- 17.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, without exclusion. This changes RRS A2.

## 18 PRIZES

- 18.1 The prize giving will take place in Largs Sailing Club following completion of racing on Thursday 02 Sept 2010.
- 18.2 Prizes shall be awarded to the top three boats in each class.
- 18.3 A cash prize donated by Maritime Craft Services shall also be awarded to the winner of each class. Cash prizes shall only be awarded to classes where 3 or more boats complete a minimum 2 races in the series.

## 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 It is recommended that keelboats participating in the series comply with Category 4 of the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.
- 19.2 Clydeport Operations Limited Restrictions.

NARROW CHANNELS. Attention is drawn to the International Regulations for the prevention of collisions at sea, 1972. Particular notice shall be taken of Rule 9b which states that "a vessel of less than 20m in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway". Whilst racing or on a passage in the Firth of Clyde north of Cumbrae Head yachts shall regard any such recommended channels as a "Narrow Channel" within the meaning of the IRPCS 9b.

Furthermore Clydeport Operations Limited has decreed that any waters in the Firth of Clyde where vessels by virtue of their size, draught, speed or proximity to land, hazards and other vessels are unable to manoeuvre freely shall be regarded as a "Narrow Channel". Whilst racing any yacht which is unable for reasons of lack of wind or other cause, to sail clear of a large power driven vessel shall start her engine and/or paddle in order to clear and thereafter shall report full details to the Race Committee.

Competitors are reminded of the Clydeport Operations Limited Byelaw which prohibits yachts and other craft from manoeuvring within 100m of any ferry terminal. Particular regard should be paid to this when in the vicinity of the Caledonian MacBrayne facilities at Largs and Cumbrae.

- 19.3 Catamaran and dinghy classes shall sign a tally sheet before the race indicating their intention to go afloat, and after racing that they are safely ashore. The sheet shall be located with the Race Officer upstairs in the LSC building.

**IT IS THE COMPETITORS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE SIGNED THE TALLY SHEET.  
FAILURE TO SIGN ON AND OFF SHALL RESULT IN THE COMPETITOR BEING REQUIRED  
TO DONATE £10 TO THE RNLI.**

## 20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 21 INSURANCE

- 21.1 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.

## Prizes Donated By



**COURSE A**  
Windward Leeward  
(Starboard Rounding)

**Start Line**  
Between LSC Light Cluster and S

**Start-1 (Stbd)- S (Stbd)**

Repeat until committee vessel displays Flag S.

**Finish Line**  
Between LSC Light Cluster and S

**COURSE B**  
Windward Leeward  
(Port Rounding)

**Start Line**  
Between LSC Light Cluster and S

**Start-1 (Port)- S (Port)**

Repeat until committee vessel displays Flag S.

**Finish Line**  
Between LSC Light Cluster and S

**COURSE C**  
Windward Leeward  
(Port Rounding)

**Start Line**  
Between K and S

**Start-1 (Port)- S (Port)**

Repeat until committee vessel displays Flag S.

**Finish Line**  
Between LSC Light Cluster and S

<b>Mark</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Orange Inflatable
S	Orange Inflatable
K	Green/Orange "Dumpy" mark off Largs SC

**Dinghy Starting Times and Light Signals**

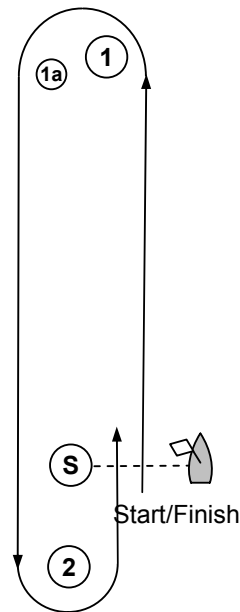
	LIGHT SIGNAL		CLASS START
	<b>ON</b>	<b>OFF</b>	
1850	R, Y, G, W	R,G,W	<b>10 min to Start 1</b>
<b>1855</b>	<b>Y</b>		
1856	B		
1859		B	
<b>1900</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Lasers</b>
1901	B		
1904		B	
<b>1905</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Handicap Dinghies</b>
1906	B		
1909		B	
<b>1910</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>Toppers</b>

R = Red  
Y = Yellow  
G = Green  
W = White  
B = Blue

LIGHT SIGNALS WILL BE MADE FROM THE LSC BALCONY  
WHEN A COURSE IS SHORTENED FLAG S WILL BE  
DISPLAYED ALONG WITH THE ROTATING BLUE LIGHT

**KEELBOAT COURSES**

The committee vessel shall be stationed to the south of the Largs Yacht Haven entrance if winds have a westerly component and near the Great Cumbrae shore if winds have an easterly component.



**Start/Finish-1- 1a- 2**

Repeat until committee vessel displays Flag S.

BOATS SHALL NOT PASS THROUGH THE START/FINISH LINE ON THE DOWNWIND LEG ie WHEN SAILING BETWEEN MARK 1a AND MARK 2.

<b>Mark</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Orange Inflatable
1a	Yellow inflatable
2	Orange Inflatable
S	Blue Inflatable