



LARGS REGATTA WEEK SCOTTISH TWO HANDED RACE 04 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, changes to the sailing instructions may be posted on the event website. If it is necessary to make a late change in the sailing instructions, Flag L shall be flown from the club balcony. In each case it shall be the responsibility of the helm to acquaint themselves with the change.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals ashore shall be made from the flagpole located on the North West corner of the LSC balcony.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Date of Racing:
Saturday 04 SEP 2010 Classes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
5.2 Number of Races: There shall be one race for each class.

6 CLASS FLAGS AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

Long Course	Handicap	Flag	Start Time
Class 1	Yachts Sailing the Long Course - CYCA	Num Pennant 1	0940
Short Course			
Class 2	Yachts Sailing the Short Course - CYCA	Num Pennant 2	0945
Class 3	Yachts Sailing the Short Course - CYCA	Num Pennant 3	0950
Class 4	Yachts Sailing the Short Course - CYCA	Num Pennant 4	0955
Class 5*	Restricted Sail* Short Course - CYCA	Num Pennant 5	1000
Class 6*	Restricted Sail* Short Course - CYCA	Num Pennant 6	1005

- 6.1 The Organisers will publish the class divisions, Keelboat class flags and the scheduled start times on the official notice board downstairs in Largs Sailing Club no later than 20:00 hours on Friday 03 SEP 2010, class divisions may also be published on the event website. **Please check the class divisions on the official notice board prior to taking part in the event.**
- 6.2 *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 who may fly the recorded number of headsails simultaneously.
- 6.3 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.

7 RACING AREAS

The race area is the Firth of Clyde, the waters surrounding the Isle of Arran and Holy Island.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 **Long Course** (Arran) – Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Little Cumbrae, Arran, Iron Rock Ledges Buoy, Pladda, and Holy Island to port, then Little Cumbrae to starboard and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 80nm)
- 8.2 **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)
- 8.3 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the courses, including the order in which marks/islands 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 THE START

- 9.1 Races shall be started using RRS 26.
- 9.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel, located to the west of Largs Yacht Haven, and an orange inflatable race mark. **Beware of shallow water NE of the starting line**
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10 SHORTENED COURSE

The race may be shortened at any mark on the course, or at approximately 90 degrees to an island. The finishing vessel shall display Flag S and the appropriate class flag(s) and make two sound signals. Competitors shall finish between the adjacent island and the vessel flying Flag S.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The Finishing Line shall be between the starting light cluster on LSC balcony, and an orange inflatable mark, to the west of LSC clubhouse. The finishing line is to be crossed South to North. **It is strongly recommended that competitors alter course to the west immediately after finishing to avoid shallow water NE of the finishing line.**
- 11.2 During the hours of darkness, the finish buoy shall normally be lit by a rapid flashing yellow light. Boats shall not re-cross the finish line after finishing.
- 11.3 During the hours of darkness, crews **shall report to the Race Committee after finishing on VHF Ch 72 to ensure correct identification and recording of their finishing time.** Boats should note their own finishing time, and where possible, the identity of boats immediately ahead and astern. **A call to the Race Committee on Ch 72 when within about 5 mins off the line would be helpful,** particularly in low visibility and after dark. Yachts should illuminate their sail number to help with identification.

12 TIME LIMIT

Class	Time Limit
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	09:00hrs Sunday 05 SEP 2010

13 RETIRALS

Any boat retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee, giving her reason for so doing. The Race Committee can be reached on VHF Ch 72, Tel: 01475 670022, or Via Largs Yacht Haven on 01475 675333

14 PROTESTS.

- 14.1 The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 14.2 Competitors should inform the Race Committee of any protests immediately after finishing.
- 14.3 Protest forms are available at the Protest Committee desk in Largs SC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The actual Time Limit shall be posted on the Notice Board at the conclusion of racing.
- 14.5 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 heard in the jury room located upstairs in Largs SC. Parties to each protest are requested to remain in the vicinity.
- 14.6 Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.7 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.
- 14.8 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 Rule 66.

15 SCORING

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A shall apply.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 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 Cumbræ 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.

16.2 SAILING DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS

Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules contained in RRS Part 2 shall cease to govern the race, which shall be continued under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Navigation lights shall be shown during the hours of darkness.

16.3 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

Classes SHALL COMPLY with the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations as follows:-

CLASS 1 shall comply with **CATEGORY 3** of the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.

In addition each yacht in Class 1 shall be required to carry a liferaft and/or dinghy suitable of carrying the entire crew. Sigma 33's shall comply with their class rules with the addition of carrying a liferaft and/or dinghy suitable of carrying the entire crew.

Category 3 regulations can be obtained upon request. Should you be unable to reach Largs by 03 SEP 2010 the Check can be carried out at an alternative location. Please advise Largs Yacht Haven (Tel 01474 675333) in advance if this is required.

CLASSES 2,3,4,5 & 6 - It is recommended that yachts comply with **CATEGORY 4** of the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any yacht to verify that regulations have been complied with. All yachts entered in Class 1 shall be inspected by Safety Equipment Advisors from the RNLI on behalf of the organisers.

17.2 Any boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the appropriate class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee inspector/measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18 PRIZES

The following Trophies shall 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 & 'Hems Kalis' Two-Handed Race to qualify.
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18.1 The Prize giving shall be held in Largs Sailing Club at 12:00hrs on Sunday 05 SEP 2010.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

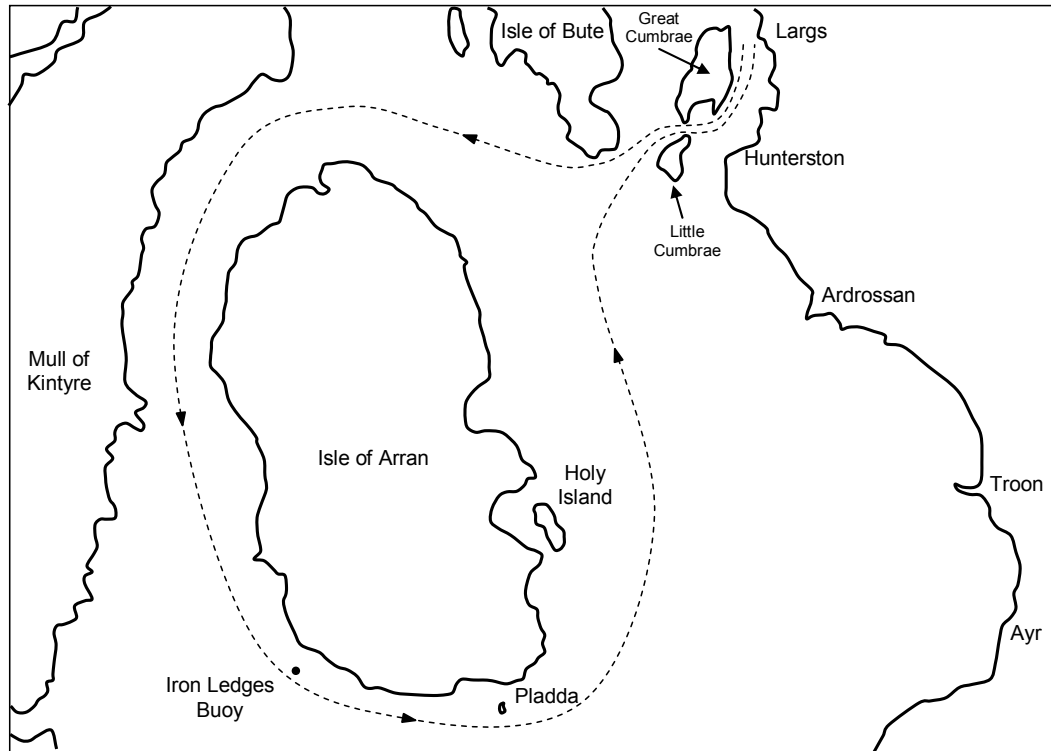
20 INSURANCE

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.

COMPETITORS COMPLIMENTARY BRUNCH SUNDAY 05 SEPTEMBER 2010 10:30 – 12:00

The Long Course – Round the Isle of Arran

Class 1 Only



The Short Course – Round Holy Island

Classes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

