



LARGS SAILING CLUB



HEMS KALIS Largs Star Long Distance Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organising authority is Largs Sailing Club (LSC).

1 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official regatta notice board situated in the lower corridor 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. It is 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, or hung from the railings of the balcony.

5 CLASS SIGNALS AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

<i>Dates of Racing</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Handicap</i>	<i>Class Light</i>	<i>1st Warning Signal Not Before</i>	<i>No of Races</i>
Saturday 1 st Sept 2018	All Classes	PY	Yellow	11.00	one

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

5.2 Entries will be split into classes by PY, and each class will be named by a letter e.g.

A: PY of 1207 or slower

B: PY of between 1208 and 970

C: PY of 969 and faster

5.3 All classes will start together but may sail different length courses.

6 RACING AREAS

The race area is the Largs Channel.

7 THE COURSE

7.1 The course will consist of multiple legs in a star format between the start/finish and remote marks described in chart F. The chart is indicative only it does not accurately indicate the angle or distance between legs.

7.2 All subsequent marks will be left to Port. The order in which the remote marks are to be rounded will be specified on the official notice board at least 30 minutes prior to the first start.

7.3 After rounding each remote mark the course returns to the LSC clubhouse area passing the FYC South mark to port, Then the Mark S to Port.

7.4 Sailing from the start, to the Remote Mark, and returning to the start will constitute one round.

7.5 Competitors must not pass between the Safe Water Mark and the marina entrance

7.6 Competitors must keep offshore off the Rowers Racing area to the north of the Pencil. This should be marked with yellow pencil marks

8 MARKS

8.1 The marks will consist of:

a) An Orange Cylindrical mark laid off the LSC club house (Mark S).

b) Permanently laid FYC racing marks and Navigational marks as described in Appendix 1.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between the light cluster on the LSC clubhouse and a racing mark laid just offshore and indicating the Starboard end of the line.
- 9.2 Boats will pass through the line in a Southerly direction to start.
- 9.3 The start sequence will be signalled using lights on the LSC Club House

Minutes Before Starting Signal	Light Signal		Description
	Yellow	Blue	
5	ON	OFF	Warning Signal
4	ON	ON	Preparatory Signal
1	ON	OFF	One Minute
0	OFF	OFF	Starting Signal

- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 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 LENGTH OF COURSE

- 10.1 At the end of the target race time:
- (a) The rotating Blue light, the Yellow and Green lights and the S flag will be displayed at the club house, together with two sound signals.
 - (b) For each class the class letter and the number of rounds will be displayed on the clubhouse balcony.
 - (c) Class letters may be combined where two classes are to sail the same number of rounds. E.g. AB4

11 FINISHING LINE

Finishing line will be between the light cluster on the clubhouse and Mark S laid just offshore of the clubhouse, to be passed sailing in a northerly direction.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The projected, first finisher will be within 120 minutes after the start of each race. A time limit of 90 minutes after the first finisher in each class is allowed before a competitor is scored DNF
- 12.2 If no boat within a Class finishes within the time limit, the times of the previous round completed by $\frac{3}{4}$ of each class may be used to calculate results at the discretion of the race committee. Subsequent retirals or rule infringements shall be disregarded.

13 RETIRALS

Any boat leaving the course area shall notify the Race Committee when ashore.

14 PROTESTS.

- 14.1 The Exonerated 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 race office, downstairs in LSC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.4 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 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 held in the jury room, located at LSC.
- 14.6 Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under rule 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 66.

15 SCORING

15.1 Results shall be calculated using the Portsmouth Yardstick system.

16 PRIZES

The Prize giving will be held in Largs Sailing Club as soon as possible after racing ends on the last day of the series.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 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 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.

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

17.3 Competitors that fail to tally correctly may be subject to protest by the Race Committee only, the Protest Committee may impose a penalty that is less than DSQ for boats that have been found to infringe. Any points penalty shall be applied to the first race competed on the day the infringement took place. This changes RRS Rule 63.1

18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1 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."

18.2 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:

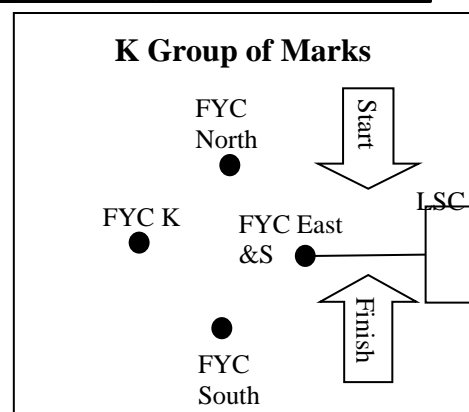
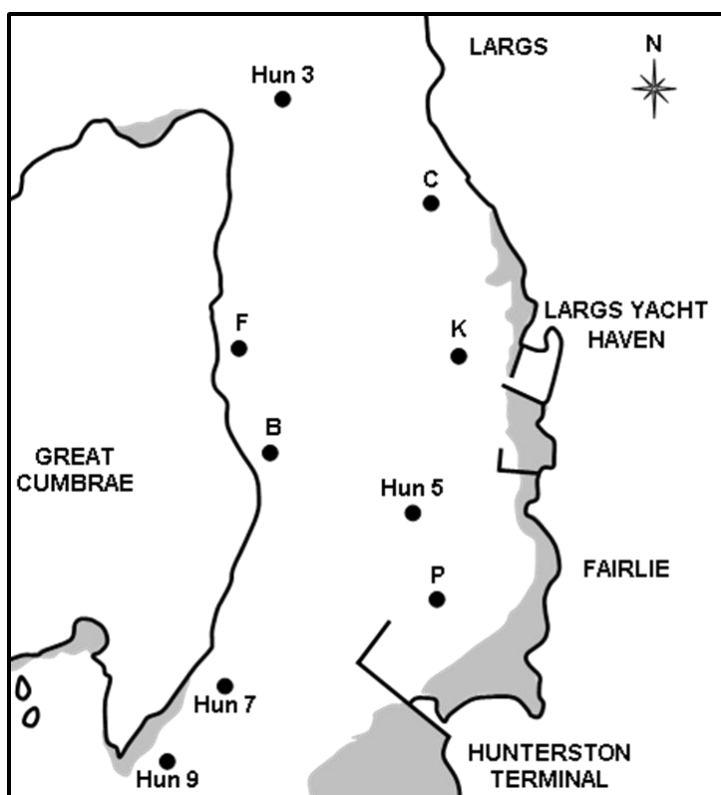
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 000 000 per event or the equivalent.

COURSE F FIXED MARK LONG COURSE

	Mark Description
B	Orange cylinder in South Ballochmartin Bay
C	Orange Cylinder off Largs to the north or the moorings
F	Orange cylinder off Fairhaven House
K	Group of 4 FYC start marks located west of Largs SC
Hun 7	Red navigation buoy 'HUN 7' south end of Cumbrae
P	Green navigation buoy 'Fairlie Patch' 'N'
Hun 5	Green navigation buoy 'HUN 5'
Hun 3	Red navigation buoy 'HUN 3' – Tomont End
S	Orange Inflatable mark to be attached to the East Fairlie start mark to the west of the LSC club house



The Race Officer will specify the order of the remote marks in the table below.

- The start is to be between Mark S and the Light Cluster on the LSC club house.
- All remote marks should be left to **PORT**
- After each Remote Mark the FYC South Mark should be left to **PORT**
- Mark S should be left to **PORT**
- The next Remote Mark should be rounded to **PORT** unless Shortened Course is displayed, **and** you have completed the number of rounds for your class displayed on the balcony.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8