

The Organizing Authority is Largs Sailing Club SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lobby on the first floor of the Clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the first start of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Northwest corner of the Largs SC balcony, and the lighting column on the Largs SC balcony.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'not less than 30 minutes' is replaced with '1 minute' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Abandonment at latest round will be signalled by three sound signals, and the display of the First Substitute over Code Flag N. For individual classes the class flag or light will be displayed.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Racing is to be held on specific dates outlined below;

Series Name	Early	Mid	Late
Dates	Wed 5 th Apr 2017, Wed 12 th Apr 2017, Wed 19 th Apr 2017, Wed 26 th Apr 2017, Wed 3 th May 2017, Wed 10 th May 2017	Wed 17 th May 2017, Wed 24 th May 2017, Wed 31 st May 2017, Wed 7 th Jun 2017, Wed 14 th Jun 2017, Wed 21 nd Jun 2017, Wed 28 th Jun 2017	Wed 12 th Jul 2017, Wed 19 th Jul 2017, Wed 26 th Jul 2017, Wed 2 nd Aug 2017, Wed 9 th Aug 2017, Wed 16 th Aug 2017, Wed 23 th Aug 2017

- 5.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the each day is **19:10**
- 5.3 No warning signal shall be made after **19:40**
- 5.4 One race will be scheduled each day.

6 CLASS SIGNALS

6.1 Class flags will be replaced by lights when signals are displayed from the clubhouse.

Class	Light	Flag
Slow Handicap Dinghy	Yellow	Solid Green Rectangle
Fast Handicap Dinghy	Green	Solid Yellow Rectangle

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The racing area will be the Largs Channel.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course diagrams are indicative only and the positions of the marks may vary according to the wind direction.
- 8.2 The courses have no specified number of laps and will run until the Race Committee shorten the course.
- 8.3 The courses to be used for each race will be displayed on the LSC Clubhouse balcony railings the course will be designated by black letters on a white background corresponding to the Appendix A course to be sailed.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks used in Appendix A courses are described Appendix A
- 9.2 The race committee reserve the right to substitute marks of different colours or shapes

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The entrance to the Largs Yacht Haven is designated as an obstruction; boats shall not pass between the red and white striped safe water mark and the entrance to the Marina.

11 THE START

11.1 Races started on the water shall use RRS Rule 26

11.2 Races started ashore will use the Largs SC starting light system as shown below. This changes RRS Rule 26.

Time	Light Signal			
	Yellow	Green	Blue	
Start SH – 10min	ON	ON	OFF	10 Minute time signal
Start SH – 5min	ON	OFF	OFF	Warning Signal
Start SH – 4min	ON	OFF	ON	Preparatory Signal
Start SH – 1min	ON	OFF	OFF	One Minute Signal
Start SH Start FH – 5min	OFF	ON	OFF	Start SH FH 5 Minute time signal
Start FH – 4min	OFF	ON	ON	Warning Signal
Start FH – 1min	OFF	ON	OFF	Preparatory Signal
Start FH	OFF	OFF		One Minute Signal
SH = Slow Handicap FH = Fast Handicap				

11.3 The starting lines are described in Appendix A

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.5 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.

11.6 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.

11.7 If there is more than one class racing 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.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 When races are started ashore the finishing line will be between Mark S and the light cluster on the LSC clubhouse from the direction of the last mark rounded as described in Appendix A.
- 12.2 When races are started ashore and the Race Committee intend to shorten the course, two sound signals will be made, Flag S will be displayed from the Largs SC balcony railings. The class light, blue light and blue rotating beacon will be illuminated.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the advisory Hearing and RYA arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice Board for details.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limits for all competitors and target times for the lead boat are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Target Time
Slow Handicap	95 minutes	60 minutes
Fast Handicap	90 minutes	60 minutes

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat within their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office in the upper floor of the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3 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 protest room, located in the clubhouse, beginning at the time posted, or at a later date at the discretion of the protest committee chairman.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16 SCORING

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- b) When from 4 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
 - c) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores
- 16.2 Finishing positions shall take account of the number of laps actually sailed, and results shall be calculated on an 'average lap time' basis, using the Portsmouth Yardstick system.
- 16.3 If conditions dictate the Race Committee may, at their discretion take the results of a race from the times recorded for a previous round.
- 16.4 When carrying out RO, Assistant RO or safety boat duty, competitors will be awarded average points (excluding discards) for the races that are missed because of those duties.
- d) Competitors shall not receive average points for more than two races per series
 - e) Where more than two races in a series are missed because of duties Competitors shall be scored as Did Not Start.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A tally system will be used during the Series; To check-out competitors shall sign the tally sheet in the appropriate column indicating that they intend to go afloat. The tally sheet will normally be located with the race officer, upstairs in LSC. To check-in the tally sheet shall be signed again in the appropriate column indicating that the competitor has returned to shore. The ashore signature shall be made no later than the protest time limit.

Competitors that fail to tally correctly may be subject to protest by the Race Committee, 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 completed on the day the infringement took place. This changes RRS Rule 63.1.

- 17.2 Adequate personal buoyancy which is approved by the competitors testing/approval authority shall be worn by competitors at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. A wetsuit or dry suit is not adequate personal buoyancy; this changes RRS Rule 40.

- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee immediately on coming ashore.

- 17.4 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 must 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 must 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.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of the registered person in charge during a series will be scored as a separate entry, unless written permission is obtained from the Racing Sub-Committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of the registered boat during a series will be counted as a separate entry unless the swap is between different LSTA boats of the same class. It is the responsibility of the competitor doing the swap to ensure that this is communicated to the Race Committee.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by a member of the Racing Sub-Committee for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water.
- 20.2 Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.
- 20.3 The penalty for breaking rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee (DPI) and may be less than disqualification.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 Radio communications are carried out using VHF channel M2 (P4) and the call sign for the race office is "Monsoon" Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 For each series, and for both the fast and slow handicap fleets prizes will be awarded;
- a) to the three highest placed boats,
 - b) to the highest placed boats where the all members of the crew are under 18 years of age on the date of the last race of the series.
 - c) to the highest placed boat where more than three boats of the same class have started every race in the series, unless they have already received a prize.
- 22.2 The race committee reserve the right not to award prizes if there are insufficient boats entered in any class for any series, and may decide to award additional prizes.

23 RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1 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."
- 23.2 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:
- f) 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;
 - g) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - h) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - i) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - j) 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;
 - k) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

24 INSURANCE

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