



## ROYAL NORTHERN & CLYDE YACHT CLUB

**Club Open Regatta  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.  
East Patch, Clyde, Scotland**

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority of the Club Open Regatta is the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The Event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and Class Rules for One Designs
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of RYA available at [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk) will apply.

#### **2 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions**

- 2.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions, will be posted on the official notice board and on the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club website at [www.rncyc.com](http://www.rncyc.com) before 09.00 on the day they will take effect.
- 2.2 Ashore, amendments to the Sailing Instructions, numbered L1, L2, etc. will be indicated by displaying Flag L over the number of the latest amendment from the flagpole mentioned in 5.1.
- 2.3 Any change to the schedule of races with regard to the first race will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **3 Notices to Competitors**

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at the club/event website. There will be no physical notice board.
- 3.2 VHF announcements to competitors will be on VHF 77 and should VHF 77 be busy or otherwise unusable, VHF 37 will be used instead.

## 4 Code of Conduct

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

## 5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP

## 6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Number of Races:  
The event will consist of up to 4 races.
- 6.2 First warning signal will not be before 10:30
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 15.30.
- 6.4 Starting order for the first race is Sonar, Gareloch, Restricted Sail.
- 6.5 Subsequent races maybe started when all boats in the class have completed the previous race

## 7 Class Flags

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>FLAGS</b>
Sonar	Pennant 1
Gareloch	Pennant 2
Restricted Sail	Pennant 3

Boats are not required to display class flags

## 8 Racing Area

Racing will be held in the Upper Firth of Clyde - East Patch Area. The start line will be within 5 miles of the entrance to Rhu Marina and its location may be broadcast on VHF from 10:00 onwards.

## 9 Courses

- 9.1 One design courses will be set round laid marks in accordance with Addendum A – Laid Courses.
- 9.2 The diagram in Addendum A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and side on which each mark is to be left. The start/finish line is not a mark of the course on the downwind leg.
- 9.3 The Race Committee may shorten course at the start/finishing line or at any other mark on the course in accordance with RRS 32.
- 9.4 Course for restricted sail class will be broadcast on VHF channel 77 prior to the warning signal for the class.

## 10 Marks

- 10.1 Laid racing marks will be temporary **ORANGE** inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 Restricted sail class will use navigation marks as listed in Addendum A.

**11 Obstructions** - Not applicable at this event.

**12 Start**

- 12.1 Races will be started as described in RRS 26 with the starting signal of the previous race being the warning signal of the next according to the order of starts set out in SI 6.4.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between the Committee Vessel and either an inflatable mark or the East Patch Starting mark Z, this will be announced before the warning signal for the first start of the sequences of starts.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during start sequence for other races. [DP]
- 12.4 After a General Recall, the class involved will be restarted at the end of the start sequence. A subsequent class which has been recalled will restart after the previous recalled class's new start. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 12.5 If any boat is identified as On Course Side at the start, the race committee may broadcast on VHF Channel 77 the sail number. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.6 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.7 In the event of only one boat in any class appearing at the start line, no race will take place for that class and no points will be awarded.

**13 Change to the Next Leg of the Course** Not applicable at this event.

**14 Finish**

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the finishing mark, except where the course is shortened.
- 14.2 When a race committee vessel on station at the finish is displaying Orange Flag, it is the race committee's intention to start another race as soon as possible.

**15 Penalty System**

For all classes, the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, this changes RRS 44.1.

**16 Time Limits and Target times**

- 16.1 Time limit for one design class races shall be 60 mins, with a target time of 45 mins.
- 16.2 Time limit for restricted sail shall be 16:00 with no extension.
- 16.3 If by the Time Limit no boat in a class has finished the race but one or more boats have completed one or more rounds, the results will be taken from the position of the boats at the end of the last completed round. If one or more boats have completed the course or shortened course within the Time Limit, there will be a 15-minute window to the Time Limit for the Class concerned.

**17 Hearing Requests**

Protest and requests for redress (forms available from the Race Office/ Clubhouse) must be submitted to the Race Office within 60 minutes of the final boat finishing the last race of the day or racing has been abandoned for the day. Protest hearings will commence as soon as possible.

## **18 Results and Scoring**

- 18.1 Provisional and final results will be displayed on the Online Notice Board as soon as possible after racing on the website at [www.rncyc.com](http://www.rncyc.com)
- 18.2 For all classes one completed races will constitute a Series. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **19 Safety Regulations**

- 19.1 A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee by VHF or hailing as soon as possible. [DP]
- 19.2 If Naval Movements are scheduled for the time of racing code flag V will be displayed on the committee vessel.
- 19.3 Attention is drawn to the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972. Particular notice shall be taken of Rule 9b which states "a vessel of less than 20 metres 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 passage in the Firth of Clyde north of Cumbrae Head, boats shall regard "Recommended Channels" marked as dotted lines on Hydrographic Office charts as a "Narrow Channel" within the meaning of the IRPCS 9b.

Furthermore, Clydeport Operations Limited has decreed that any waters of the Firth of Clyde where vessels by virtue of size, draught, speed or proximity to land, hazards and other vessels are unable to manoeuvre freely must be regarded as a "Narrow Channel". This also applies in waters of the Queen's Harbour. Clyde Operations Limited waters are to the south and west and Queen's Harbour waters to the north of a line from Rosneath Point to a point approximately halfway between Craigendoran Pier and Ardmore Head. (Admiralty Chart 1994 refers)

Whilst racing any boat 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 boats and other craft from manoeuvring within 100 metres of any ferry terminal. Particular regard shall be paid to this when in the vicinity of the Caledonian MacBrayne and Western Ferries facilities at Dunoon, McInroy's Point, Hunter's Quay, and Clyde Marine Services at Helensburgh, Kilcreggan and Gourrock.

The Restricted Channel into Gareloch, off Helensburgh Sailing Club and extending to the southern limit of the Queen's harbour may be closed by the Queen's Harbourmaster for the passage of large vessels.

Military vessels routinely transit the race area and can be accompanied by a security escort. Boats and support boats should not shape a course to approach any military vessel or in any case pass closer than 200m to a warship or 400m to a surfaced submarine nor should high speed support boats shape a course, at speed, in the direction of a military vessel. The escorting security forces, if they consider any vessel is approaching a military vessel, will intercept and warn her to keep clear. The Regulations require all vessels to keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 16.

## **20 Prizes**

The prize giving is scheduled to take place in the bar at the RNCYC Clubhouse as soon as possible after the last race.

## **21 Risk Statement**

21.1 Rule 3 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."

21.2 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.

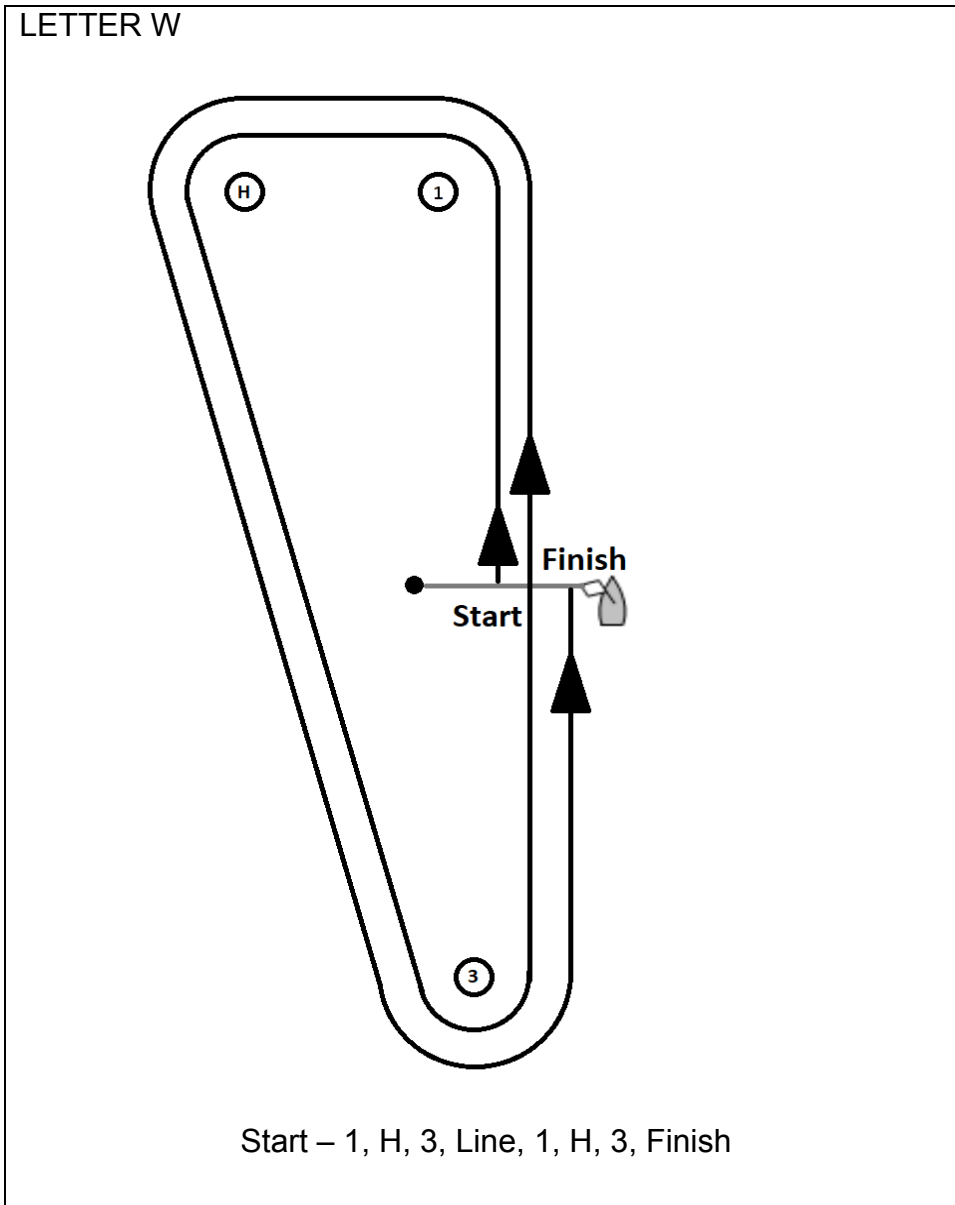
(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

(h) They are responsible for ensuring that their 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 is familiar to the crew.

## **22 Insurance**

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

## Addendum A – Laid Mark Courses



### MARKS

The following marks may be used for the Restricted Sail Fleet.:

Mark	Approximate Position
"KIL 3" Green Navigation Buoy KIL 3	55.59.2 N, 4.51.4 W
"No 30" S Cardinal Buoy off Strone Point No 30	55.58.8 N, 4.53.8 W
"RGYC" Orange Racing Mark N of RGYC Clubhouse	55.57.4 N, 4.50.2 W
"Warden Bank" Green Navigation Buoy	55.55.8 N, 4.54.6 W
"Ard 8" Red Navigation Buoy	55.58.9 N, 4.46.7 W
"Ard 24" Red Navigation Buoy	55.59.4 N, 4.45.5 W
"Rhu Channel No 6" Red Navigation Buoy	56.00.4 N, 4.47.1 W
"Cairndhu" Green Lateral Buoy	56.00.3 N, 4.46.0 W