

Loch Ard Sailing Club

FF Regatta Sailing Instructions 2010

1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND RULES

- 1.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 1.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 1.3 Boats are required to hold adequate insurance and in particular, to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000
- 1.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and Beach master.
- 1.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All competing helmsmen shall be RYA members, or members of RYA affiliated sailing clubs.
- 2.2 All competitors will be temporary members of Loch Ard Sailing Club for the duration of the regatta.
- 2.3 All competitors must register, with necessary dues at the race office prior to race briefing.

3. RULES

- 3.1 Racing will be governed by the current rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS); the prescriptions of the RYA; the rules of each class concerned, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict, the English version of the sailing instructions shall prevail.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the entrance to the clubhouse.

5. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no less than 45 minutes before the first race signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be made on the white mast at the shore end of the club jetty in front of the clubhouse.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Regatta briefing. **See Notice of Race.**
- 7.2 Times of Races. **See Notice of Race and club notice-board.**
- 7.3 For back to back races, to alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least three minutes before the start sequence.
- 7.4 last race of the day will not start after 18:00 hours.

8. CLASS FLAGS

Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Flag	numeral 1	numeral 2	numeral 3

- 8.1 Classes may be split, added to, or amalgamated depending upon the number of entries at each event. To be notified at briefing.
- 8.2 Flags may be changed prior to the initial event briefing; competitors will be notified on the notice board and at the race briefing as to class splits.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 Racing will take place on the main section of Loch Ard, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The layout of course marks will be as shown in these sailing instructions and on the course map at the main entrance to the clubhouse.
- 10.2 Starting area is indicated on the club course board.
- 10.3 The course will be displayed on the committee boat at the start line prior to each race.
- 10.4 The list of marks displayed indicates the mark number and their required order to be rounded to complete a circuit (coloured cards, red - port, green - starboard rounding).
- 10.5 Average Lap times will be used for all racing.
- 10.6 Every boat must pass upwind through the start/finish gate at the end of each circuit.
- 10.7 Boats will be disqualified, without redress, from a race if they pass through the start/finish gate downwind, other than to complete a circuit, i.e. the finish/start gate is at a downwind mark of the course.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Course marks are **YELLOW Cans** marked with black numbers. These are positioned as marked on the course chart, appendix A of these SI's.
- 11.2 **The starting/finishing line will be between the committee boat flag staff and a white/Dan buoy 'X', or a race mark.**

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with warning signals as shown below. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 12.2 Order of Starting will be given at the briefing.
- 12.3 Signals will be made as follows; with 5 minute start sequences;

Time		Flag	
- 5		Class flag displayed	
- 4		Preparatory displayed	
- 1		Preparatory removed	
0	Class start	Class flag removed	Next Class flag displayed
etc...+ 1			Preparatory displayed

- 12.4 If it is necessary to interrupt the sequence then no flags for the next class are displayed as the preceding class starts. A new sequence will be commenced with the warning one minute before the preparatory signal.

12.5 A **general recall** will be signalled as in accordance with RRS rule 29 (recalls). Except that the warning and preparatory signals of the recalled class shall be made with or after the starting signal for either the last scheduled class or previously recalled class. If the last class in a starting sequence is recalled then rule 29.2 will apply (i.e. warning signal 1 min after 1st sub down)

12.6 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

12.7 A boat crossing the start line for the first time in the direction of the first mark later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRI Appendix rule A4.1.

13. FINISHING

13.1 The finishing line will be between the committee boat displaying a blue finishing flag and the finishing mark. When a racing mark is used for the start, the committee boat may be moved, after the start, to the other hand of the racing mark to give the correct finishing line.

13.2 The Finishing Signal will be the display of flag 'S' with two sound signals.

13.3 Boats will finish when they next cross the Finishing Line after this signal has been made. A boat that fails to complete a round after the signal will be recorded as DNF.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit will be 120 minutes for each class. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishing or out with the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored 'Did Not Finish'.

14.2 If adverse weather conditions occur demanding that the race be abandoned, lap timings from the previous circuit/laps may be used to calculate a boat's result. This changes RRS rule 35.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 Any boats or race committee, protesting any other boat, must as soon as reasonably practicable inform the Protested, as laid out in the RRS and must advise the Race Officer/Committee Boat. Protests shall be written on RYA protest forms, which are available from the race office and delivered (with a charitable fee of £1.00) there within 30 minutes after the last boat to finish, or if back to back races then the last race of the set.

16. SCORING SYSTEM

16.1 Low Point scoring of RYA Appendix A will apply.

16.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.4 Ties will be broken as according to appendix A.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, notify a race official / Beach master.

17.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS rule 40.

18. PRIZES

18.1 The prize giving will take place in the clubhouse as soon as possible after the racing has been completed. Prizes may be awarded to first, second and third or more placed boats in each class, based on their overall points scored, dependant on the number of entries.

19. LOCAL VARIATIONS AND HAZARDS

19.1 Fishing boats are to be treated as an obstruction with an extended prohibited area of at least 3 boat lengths.

19.2 Hazard Note: there are some shallow areas and rocks in the loch (the latter marked with crosses). See the red shaded areas on the map in section 20, appendix A, or on the race board at the clubhouse.

20. Appendix A, approximate layout of racing marks and danger areas on Loch Ard.

