

HOLY LOCH SAILING CLUB SCIO

POLARIS REGATTA 12TH/13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

FLEET 3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

HANDICAP KEELBOATS

1. RULES/RESPONSIBILITY

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, (RRS), any relevant appendices, the RYA Prescriptions., I.R.C., C.Y.C.A. Handicap Rules, Rules governing Individual Classes, and these Sailing Instructions.
 - 1.2 Should there be any conflict between the S.I.'s and the NOR, these S.I.'s shall prevail.
 - 1.3 Particular attention is drawn to Appendix J, the RYA Risk Statement. Rule 4 of the RRS states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race, or to continue racing, is hers alone."
- Sailing is, by its nature, an unpredictable sport, and therefore 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, while 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, umpires, and other officials and volunteers by the 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.

Owners/Skippers must acquaint their crew with the above Statement, which is a condition of entry. Third party liability insurance must be carried for at least £3,000,000, confirmed by entering and participating.

2. RACES

- 2.1 There will be one Race on each day. All yachts will start together.
- 2.2 A Time Signal will be made 5 minutes before the Class Warning Signal on both days, and an Orange flag will be displayed.
- 2.3 C.Y.C.A. handicap allowance will be applied. No Handicap yacht will be allowed to set spinnakers, twin headsails, and headsails which do not comply with RRS 55.4.

3. START/FINISH LINE

- 3.1 The Start/Finish Line will be between an Orange Mast on the shore at Lazaretto Point, and an Orange inflatable to the north, designated "Z".

4. STARTING/CLASS FLAGS/START TIMES

- 4.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 4.2 The Class Flag for the Handicap yachts will be Numeral Pendant 6. To assist in identification, please display the pendant on your backstay. This requirement is not mandatory.
- 4.3 **THE START WILL BE 1130 ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.**
- 4.4 Should the first Starts of Fleet 1 be postponed, this will not affect the Start timing or procedure of Fleet 3

5. TIME LIMIT

5.1 There will be a fixed Time Limit of **FOUR HOURS** from a valid start. In addition to RRS 35, if one or more yachts finish before the Time Limit, then that Time Limit will be **extended by THIRTY MINUTES** for all yachts still racing.

6. LATE ARRIVAL

6.1 In alteration to RRS 42, any yacht arriving late in the vicinity of the Starting Line may remain under power after the Preparatory signal provided that, after stopping her engine, she carries out two full turns on the prestart side of the line, or its extensions. Whilst doing so, the yacht shall keep clear of all other yachts until she has completed her turns, and is on proper course.

7. POINTS SYSTEM

7.1 RRS Appendix A4.1, Low Points Scoring System will apply. There will be no discard.

8. NOTICE BOARD

8.1 The Official Notice Board is the HLSC website, www.hlsc.co.uk.

8.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900

8.3 A What's app group of registered competitors will be used to draw attention to the posting of a notice.

9. COURSES

9.1 These will be chosen from the Course Card accompanying these Sailing Instructions.

9.2 Also accompanying, is a Course Chart, and a Key to Racing Marks.

9.3 Each course comprises three rounds.

9.4 Boats must pass between Mark "Z" and Lazaretto Point at the end of each completed round.

10. PROTESTS

10.1 In alteration to RRS 61.3, protests shall be lodged with the Race Committee immediately after the finish of the race and will be heard in the Clubhouse as soon as possible thereafter. A hearing may be postponed to a later date with the agreement of both parties to the protest. 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. On the Notice Board in the foyer of the Clubhouse is a copy of RYA Guidance/Rules Disputes which explains these procedures, and is for reference only.

11. RETIRALS/ CLYDEPORT RESTRICTIONS/COMMUNICATION

11.1 Competitors are reminded of Clydeport Operations Ltd. Byelaw which prohibits yachts and other craft from manoeuvring within 100 metres of any Ferry Terminal. Particular regard shall be paid to this when in the vicinity of Cal Mac and Western Ferries facilities at Dunoon, McInroy's Point, Hunters Quay, and Gourock. Any yachts reported to be in breach of this byelaw by the Ferry Operator, a fellow competitor, or any third party, will be proceeded against by the Race Committee.

Helmsmen of yachts which retire are requested to inform the Race Committee on VHF CH 37/M/M1, or by phoning or texting the Race Officer on 07788 458 094. Patrol RIBS for Fleets 1 & 2 transmit and receive on VHF CH 37/M/M1.

11.2 RRS 41 applies. When racing, no voice or data transmissions shall be made, except in an emergency.

12. TIDAL PREDICTIONS BST SAT **HIGH/LOW 1422/0707** SUN **HIGH/LOW 1457/0741**

13. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2

13.1 In alteration to RRS 44, the penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 is reduced to one turn.

14. BERTHING

Boats requiring the facilities of the Holy Loch Marina are asked to make their requests directly to the Marina. Their landline number is **01369 701800**. Email info@holylochmarina.co.uk
Two nights berthing, you pay your full rate for one night, half price for second night.

15. RESPONSIBILITY

The Club, its Office Bearers, Committee, Servants, and Voluntary Assistants, accept no liability whatsoever for damage or injury that may be sustained by boats, owners, crews, and guests, taking part in any Club activity, or using jetties, ramps, moorings, piers, parts, premises, or any other facilities, or using or accepting assistance from launches or boats provided by the Club, or otherwise occasioned, whether by negligence of the Club, the said Office Bearers, Committee, Servants, and Voluntary Assistants, or not. Members and their guests use Club facilities and take part in Club activities entirely at their own risk.