

HOLY LOCH SAILING CLUB SCIO

POLARIS REGATTA 12th/13th SEPT 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY IS THE HOLY LOCH SAILING CLUB SCIO
2. RACES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY WORLD SAILING RACING RULES OF SAILING 2025-2028, (RRS), THE RYA PRESCRIPTIONS, THE RELEVANT APPENDICES, AND INDIVIDUAL CLASS RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS.
3. THERE WILL BE THREE SEPARATE FLEETS.
 - FLEET 1** SLOW AND FAST HANDICAP DINGHIES, INT FLYING FIFTEEN, PIPER OD, LOCH LONG OD, NATIONAL SONATA OD. COURSES WILL BE IN THE CONFINES OF THE HOLY LOCH.
 - FLEET 2** TOPPERS, OPPIES, PICOS. DEDICATED COURSES WITHIN A DESIGNATED AREA OF THE LOCH.
 - FLEET 3** C.Y.C.A. HANDICAP YACHTS, (WHITE SAIL), STARTING AND FINISHING WITHIN THE LOCH. THE COURSE IS OUT INTO THE FIRTH, AND BACK FOR CIRCUITS OF THE LOCH, AS TIME ALLOWS.
4. **FLEET 1** STARTING TIME OF FIRST RACE ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IS 1100.
IT IS THE INTENTION TO RUN 3 RACES EACH DAY
 - FLEET 2** STARTING TIME OF FIRST RACE ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IS 1200.
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 - FLEET 3** STARTING TIME OF RACE ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IS 1130.
THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE RACE PER DAY.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM THE REGATTA WEBSITE, www.hlsc.co.uk FROM MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER.
CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRY WILL BE 1700 ON FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER. LATE ENTRY WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RACE COMMITTEE, AND MAY RESULT IN A DONATION TO THE RNLI.
6. ALL BOATS COMPETING MUST CARRY APPROPRIATE INSURANCE COVER. BY ENTERING COMPETITORS CONFIRM THAT THAT COVER IS IN PLACE. IT IS ALSO A CONDITION OF ENTRY THAT THE FOLLOWING RISK STATEMENT HAS BEEN READ BY ALL TAKING PART

R Y A RISK STATEMENT

R R S FUNDAMENTAL RULE 4 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 INHERENTLY INVOLVES AN ELEMENT OF RISK. BY TAKING PART IN THE EVENT, I , AS A COMPETITOR, AGREE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT;

- (a) I AM AWARE OF THE INHERENT ELEMENT OF THE RISK INVOLVED IN THE SPORT, AND ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXPOSURE OF MYSELF, MY CREW, AND MY BOAT, TO SUCH INHERENT RISK WHILST TAKING PART IN THE EVENT;
- (b) I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY SAFETY, AND FOR THE SAFETY OF MY CREW, MY BOAT, AND OUR PROPERTY, WHETHER AFLOAT OR ASHORE;
- (c) I ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY, DAMAGE , OR LOSS, TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY MY ACTIONS OR OMISSIONS, AND THOSE OF MY CREW;
- (d) MY BOAT IS IN GOOD ORDER, EQUIPPED TO SAIL IN THE EVENT, CARRIES THE SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY THE CLASS RULES, AND MY CREW AND I ARE FIT TO PARTICIPATE;
- (e) I ACCEPT THAT THE DECISION TO SAIL IN THE CONDITIONS OF THE RACE IS MINE ALONE. BY LEAVING MY MOORING, I CONFIRM THAT MY BOAT IS FIT FOR THOSE CONDITIONS, AND THAT MY CREW IS COMPETENT TO SAIL AND COMPETE IN THEM. IF I DECIDE TO SAIL, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE A CONTINUING DUTY TO REVIEW MY DECISION AS CONDITIONS CHANGE;

- (f) THE PROVISION OF A RACE MANAGEMENT TEAM, PATROL BOATS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS BY THE EVENT ORGANISERS, DOES NOT RELIEVE ME OR MY CREW OF OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITIES;
- (g) THE PROVISION OF PATROL BOAT COVER IS LIMITED TO SUCH ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY IN EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS, AS CAN BE PRACTICABLY PROVIDED IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES;
- (h) THE BOAT IS ADEQUATELY INSURED, CONFORMING WITH THE REQUIRMENT OF ITEM 6 OF THE NOTICE OF RACE.