

HOLY LOCH SAILING CLUB SCIO
POLARIS REGATTA 13TH/14TH SEPTEMBER 2025
FLEET 1 – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Class 1 - Dinghies Fast Handicap & Loch Long O.D.

Class 2 - Int. Flying Fifteen

Class 3 - Piper O.D.

Class 4 - Dinghies Slow Handicap

The PN Handicap split for Fast and Slow Handicap Dinghies, will be decided on Friday 12th at 2000 when entrants known.

The Race Committee reserve the right to combine Classes if entrant numbers so warrant.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), any relevant appendices, the RYA Prescriptions, Individual Class Rules, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 In the event of any conflict, these Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes Rule 63.7.

2. RACES/COURSES/MARKS

- 2.1 The Regatta will comprise a series of 6 races, 3 on each day. A maximum of 4 races will count for points and prizes. One race completed will validate the series.
- 2.2 Courses will be chosen from those designated in accompanying Course Chart, using the marks shown in the map of the Holy Loch. Each Course has 3 rounds, and boats must pass between Mark “Z” and the shore at the end of each round.

3. POINTS SYSTEM

- 3.1 RRS Appendix A4.1, Low Points Scoring System will apply.

4. TIME LIMIT

- 4.1 In addition to RRS 35, there will be a fixed time limit of 2 hours from a valid Class start in each race.
- 4.2 If one or more yachts have finished before the Time Limit in Classes 2, 3, & 4, then other yachts in these classes shall have their time to finish extended by 15 minutes. Classes 1 & 5 shall have their time extended by 30 minutes.
- 4.3 If by the fixed time limit no yacht in a class has finished, but one or more yachts have completed one or more rounds, the results will be taken from the position of the yachts at the end of the last completed round, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SUBSEQUENT EVENT.

5. GENERAL RECALL

- 5.1 In alteration to RRS 29.2, the normal starting sequence will not be interrupted by a General Recall. The Warning Signal for the Class which has had a General Recall will be displayed at the Starting Signal of the last Class to start correctly.
- 5.2 If more than one Class is subject to a General Recall, the second of these Classes will start five minutes after the first, and so on.

6. NOTICES

6.1 The Official Notice Board will be on the HLSC Website: www.hlsc.co.uk

6.2 The What's App group of registered competitors will be used to draw attention to the posting of notices on the Official Notice Board.

7. AMENDMENTS

7.1 Any changes to the S.I.'s will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on the day it takes effect.

7.2 Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 2000 the day before it takes effect.

8. HANDICAPS

Current PY will be used.

9. STARTING

Races will be started using Rule 26

10. STARTING/FINISHING LINES

The **STARTING AND FINISHING LINES** will be between an Orange Mast on the shore at Lazaretto Point, and an Orange Inflatable to the north, designated Mark "Z".

THE STARTING/FINISHING LINE MAY ONLY BE CROSSED AS SPECIFIED IN THE COURSE TABLE, OTHERWISE IT WILL RANK AS AN OBSTRUCTION. IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE RECROSSING OF THE STARTING/FINISHING LINE MAY BE UNAVOIDABLE, A FACT THAT CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED BY ARBITRATION.

11. STARTING TIMES/ CLASS SIGNALS

DINGHIES FAST H'CAP / L.L.O.D.	NUMERAL PENDANT 1	1100	BOTH DAYS
INT. FLYING FIFTEEN	NUMERAL PENDANT 2	1105	"
PIPER O. D.	NUMERAL PENDANT 3	1110	"
DINGHIES SLOW H'CAP	NUMERAL PENDANT 4	1115	"

Should the first Starts be postponed, the White Sail Handicap Class, Fleet 3, using the same Start/Finish line, and starting at **1130**, may proceed as scheduled.

Subsequent races will be started as soon as practicable, after conclusion of the preceding race. The intention to run the subsequent race will be indicated by displaying IC Flag "R", at the finish.

A sound signal and display of an Orange Flag will be made 5 minutes before the Warning Signal of the first Start in each race, and IC Flag "R" will be removed, if applicable.

12. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2

In alteration to RRS 44, the penalty for Loch Long, Flying Fifteen, & Piper yachts, is reduced to one turn.

13. TIDES BST SAT **HIGH/LOW** **1706/1022** SUN **HIGH/LOW** **1749/1121**

14. LIABILITY

RYA RISK STATEMENT

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 HER’S 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, 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 ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY, DAMAGE OR LOSS, TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY THEIR OWN ACTIONS OR OMISSIONS;
- (d) THEIR BOAT IS IN GOOD ORDER, EQUIPED 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.

It is the responsibility of the Owner/Skipper to make their Crew aware of the foregoing, such an undertaking having been made a condition of entry. This RYA Risk Statement was included in the Notice of Race. Each participating boat must carry Third Party Liability Insurance for at least £2,000,000.

15. CAUTION

Fleet 2, Toppers, Picos, & Oppies, will be racing in the vicinity of Ardnadam Pier, in the area bounded by the Marina pier, and Lazaretto Point. Their Start/Finish Line is designated by a **LARGE RED BUOY** to the **WEST** of the Point, and their racing marks are **YELLOW PENCIL INFLATABLES**. The area is **NOT** designated as an obstruction to boats in Fleet 1, but if you enter this area, please be aware that children are sailing here. Any boat from Fleet 1 entering this area, and deemed by the Fleet 2 Race Officer to have acted in an irresponsible manner, **WILL** be proceeded against.

16. SAFETY & COMMUNICATION

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

17. 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.