

**INT. FLYING FIFTEEN SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**HOLY LOCH SAILING CLUB 14<sup>TH</sup>/15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**(Final version; amended 05 May 2022)**

**THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY IS THE HOLY LOCH SAILING CLUB**

**1. RULES**

**1.1 Races will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), any relevant appendices, the RYA prescriptions, the Int. Flying Fifteen Class Rules, and these Sailing Instructions.**

**1.2 In the event of conflict between the NOR and the S.I.'s, the latter will prevail. This changes Rule 63.7.**

**2. ENTRIES**

**2.1 The helmsperson must be a current member of UKFFA, or of another Association recognised by Flying Fifteen International.**

**2.2 Membership, and Boat Measurement Certificates may require production at Registration.**

**2.3 Silver FF Fleet is defined as boats with sail numbers 2701 – 3400, unless eligible for Classic Fleet; Classic FF Fleet is defined as boats below 2701, except modified hulls, plus boats built by Copeland, Shepherd and Wyche & Coppock, with sail numbers over 2700.**

**3. NOTICES**

**3.1 The Official Notice Board will be on the HLSC Website.**

**3.2 Attention to posting of Notices on the Official Notice Board will be notified on What's app, to all competitors registered in the group. A QR Code is provided for access.**

**4. AMENDMENTS**

**4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on the day it will take effect.**

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

## 5. SIGNALS ASHORE

5.1 These will be by means of IC Flags displayed on the flagpole in front of the Clubhouse.

5.2 If it is the intention to postpone racing prior to the competitors going afloat, IC Flag "AP" will be displayed.

5.3 The Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after IC Flag "AP" is removed. This changes race signal IC Flag "AP".

## 6. RACE SCHEDULE

6.1 THE WARNING SIGNAL FOR RACE 1 ON SATURDAY WILL BE AT 1055.

6.2 THE WARNING SIGNAL FOR RACE 1 ON SUNDAY WILL BE AT 1025.

6.3 APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH WARNING SIGNAL, AN ORANGE FLAG WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE COMMITTEE VESSEL, (CV), WITH MULTIPLE SOUND SIGNALS.

6.4 THERE WILL BE NO WARNING SIGNAL AFTER 1400 ON SUNDAY.

6.5 Subsequent races on both days will be started a.s.a.p. following the completion of the preceding race.

6.6 **The regatta will comprise a series of 5 races, 3 on Saturday, and 2 on Sunday.**

Weather conditions, actual or forecast, may alter the number of races sailed on each day.

**BST    HW/LW    SAT 1144/1722            HW/LW    SUN 1235/1803**

## 7. CLASS FLAG

7.1 The Class Flag will be IC FLAG "O" OSCAR.

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 This will be in the Holy Loch, and the area of the Firth of Clyde bounded by the Kilcreggan, Gourock, and Cowal shores. Admiralty Chart 1994 applies.

8.2 It is a competitor's own responsibility to timeously access the Start area, as the Organisers have no towing provision in place.

8.3 A boat, delayed from accessing the Starting area, by what she considers are circumstances outwith her control, may apply for redress.

## **9. COURSES/LINES**

**9.1 Courses will be chosen from the Course Chart which is a separate download.**

**9.2 Start Line is between an Orange flag on the CV and an Orange 1.8m inflatable.**

**9.3 Finish Line is between a Blue flag on the CV and a large round red buoy.**

## **10. STARTING**

**10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, and all boats will start together.**

**10.2 The Warning Signal will be 5 minutes before the Start.**

**10.3 A boat may not start 15 minutes after a valid Start.**

## **11. SCORING**

**11.1 RRS Appendix A 4.1, Low Points Scoring System will apply.**

**11.2 For the Championship, the results of the Silvers and Classics will be included in the overall results, and will then be extracted and shown separately.**

**11.3 1 race sailed will constitute a Series. 4 or 5 races sailed will attract 1 discard.**

## **12. TIME LIMIT**

**12.1 There will be a Fixed Time Limit of 90 minutes for each race. If by this time limit, one or more boats have finished, the limit will be extended by 30 minutes to enable others to finish, and qualify for points and prizes.**

**12.2 In the event that the first boat does not reach the first mark 30 minutes after a start, the Race will be abandoned.**

### **13. SAFETY & COMMUNICATION**

- 13.1** The mark laying boats will double as Patrol Boats.
- 13.2** A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee a.s.a.p.
- 13.3** RRS 41 applies; when racing no voice or data transmission shall be made nor received, except in an emergency.
- 13.4** It is a condition of entry that ALL participants have familiarised themselves with Paras 10 & 13 of the Notice of Race, the Risk Statement and Disclaimer respectively.

### **14. PROTESTS & PENALTIES**

- 14.1** Protests must be notified to the Race Officer immediately on finishing, and Protest Forms must be lodged at the Clubhouse within 1 hour of the completion of the day's racing, or at such later time as the Protest Committee, at their sole discretion, may permit. Protest hearings will be held in HLSC Clubhouse as soon as practicable on the day the protest is lodged, or at such other day and time as mutually agreed by the parties to the protest. The Post Race Penalty, (30%, with a minimum of 3 places), shall be applied. RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a Protest Committee, but cannot be reopened or appealed. The document RYA Guidance/Rules Disputes, is available for consultation on the HLSC Notice board in the Clubhouse foyer.
- 14.2** RRS 44.1 will apply.

### **15. MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION**

- 15.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Notice of Race, and Sailing Instructions.
- 15.2** Race Officials conducting inspections does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in NOR.

### **16. BERTHING**

- 16.1** Boats berth in the Marina as directed by the Marina staff. Sailing within the Marina is not permitted. The Patrol Ribs will assist, if available, but otherwise, use paddles, as berth area is adjacent to the Marina entrance.
- 16.2** Boats shall not be hauled out during the Event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **17. PEELPORTS RESTRICTIONS**

**17.1 NARROW CHANNELS:** Attention is drawn to the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972, with particular regard to 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’ ”. With the increasing use of the Marina pier in shipping timber, the Holy Loch is considered a ‘narrow channel’, as is the area of the Firth of Clyde as designated in Para 8. Whilst racing, any yacht, which is unable for reasons of lack of wind, or other cause, to prevent hindrance to a large power driven vessel, shall start her engine or paddle clear, and thereafter report full details to the race committee. Competitors are reminded of the Peelports Operations Ltd byelaw which prohibits yachts from manoeuvring within 100 metres of any Ferry Terminal. Particular regard shall be paid to this when in the vicinity of CalMac, and Western Ferries facilities at Dunoon, Gourock, Hunters Quay, & McInroys Point. Any yacht or 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, and may be disqualified.

## **18. PERSONAL SAFETY**

**17.1** A Personal Flotation Device of an “ International Standard Approved Type “ will be worn by both helm and crew at all times when afloat at this event. This changes FFI Class Rule B15.

## **19. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES**

**18.1** Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show any motion pictures, still pictures, videos, and live taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.

## **20. PRIZEGIVING**

This will take place in the HLSC Clubhouse a.s.a.p. after the last race on Sunday afternoon.

## **21. MEMBERSHIP**

Participants in the Event, helms, crews, and support personnel are granted temporary membership of HLSC from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

## **22. PRIZES**

### **The Scottish Championship Trophies**

**The Skelly Trophy                    (Championship)**

**Classics Cup**

**Silvers Cup**

**Campbeltown Town Trophy    (1<sup>st</sup> Race)**

**Vamoose cup                        (2<sup>nd</sup> Race)**

**Ken Sturrock Cup                 (3<sup>rd</sup> Race)**

**EFTEE Cup                          (4<sup>th</sup> Race)**

**Loch Lomond Cup                 (5<sup>th</sup> Race)**

**These Trophies remain the property of UKFFA**