



Holy Loch **Sailing Club** SCIO
Sandbank, Dunoon, Firth of Clyde

RC 35 SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL 8 METRE WEEKEND

SAT & SUN 8th & 9th JUNE 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY IS THE HOLY LOCH SAILING CLUB

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the ISAF *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021/2024* (RRS), any relevant appendices, the RYA prescriptions, the RC35 Class Rules, and these Sailing Instructions, (S.I.'s).
- 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. NOTICES

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board will be on the HLSC Website: www.hlsc.co.uk
- 2.2 The What's app group of registered competitors will be used to draw attention to the posting of Notices on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.3 A QR code is provided for access

3. AMENDMENTS

- 3.1 Any changes to the S.I.'s will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 2000 the day before it takes effect.





4. SIGNALS ASHORE

- 4.1 These will be by means of IC Flags displayed on the flagpole in front of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When IC Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes", after IC Flag "AP" is removed. This changes race signal IC Flag "AP".

5. RACE SCHEDULE

- 5.1 6 races are scheduled, 3 per day, but weather conditions, actual or forecast, may influence this. 4 races maximum per day.
- 5.2 The Warning Signal for the first Race on both days will be 1025. The intention to run an additional race will be signalled by displaying IC Flag "E" at the finish of the preceding race. There will be no Warning Signal after 1430 on Sunday.

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The RC35 Class Flag will be IC Flag "R".
- 6.2 The International 8 Metre Class Flag will be IC Flag "G".

7. THE START

- 7.1 To alert boats that a Race will begin soon, an Orange Flag will be displayed on the Committee Vessel, (CV), with one sound signal, 5 minutes before the Warning Signal is made
- 7.2 Races will be started using RRS 26, with the Warning Signal 5 minutes prior to the Starting Signal.
- 7.3 The Starting Line will be between leeward mark "L", and a temporary mark.



7.4 A boat may not start more than 10 minutes after a valid Start.

7.5 The Race Committee MAY broadcast the sail numbers of OCS yachts on VHF Channels 72 and 77.

Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for redress, changing RRS 62.1(a).

8. THE FINISH

8.1 The Finishing Line will be between the mainmast of a CV, and the nearby mark.

9. RACING AREA

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

10. SCORING

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

10.2 1 Race completed constitutes a Series. 1 discard if 5 or more races are sailed, otherwise, all will count.

11. TIME LIMIT

11.1 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.

11.2 In the event that the first boat has not rounded the first mark 30 minutes after a start, the Race will be abandoned.

12. SAFETY & COMMUNICATION

12.1 RRS 41 applies; when racing, no voice or data transmission shall be made



or received, except in an emergency.

- 12.2** It is a condition of entry that ALL participants have familiarised themselves with Paras 9, 10, & 11 of the NOR.
- 12.3** Both CH 72 & CH 77 will be utilised for VHF communication with competitors, to obviate the risk of unavailability.
- 12.4** A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee by VHF asap.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 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 9. 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, and McInroys Point. Any yacht or yachts reported to be in breach of this bye-law by the Ferry Operator, a fellow competitor, or any third party, will be proceeded against by the Race Committee.

14. PROTESTS AND 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 the 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 is altered. A One-Turn Penalty will apply.

15. MARKS & COURSES

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.G

.L



Course 1. Start – W – S – L – W – S – L – W – S – L (Finish)

Course 2. Start – W – S – L – W – S – L – W – S – L – W – S – L (Finish)

Course 3. Start – W – S – L – W – S – G – L – W – S – L (Finish)

Course 4. Start – W – S – L – W – S – G – L – W – S – L – W – S – G – L (Finish)

MARKS “G”, “L”, “W”, & TEMPORARY MARK WILL BE 1.8M HIGH ORANGE INFLATABLES.

MARK “S” WILL BE A LARGE ROUND RED BUOY.

ALL MARKS WILL BE LEFT ON THE PORT HAND.

COURSE NUMBER WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE C/V.

The position of “W” may be altered after it has been rounded for the first or subsequent time. In this event, the C/V positioned at Mark “L”, will display IC Flag “C”, and make repeated sound signals. The new position of “W” will be as near as possible to windward of “L”. The C/V may clear this position after the first three yachts have rounded “L”.

TIDAL PREDICTIONS (BST)

Saturday **HW/LW** **1440/0742**

Sunday **HW/LW** **1523/0826**

PRIZEGIVING

The Prizegiving will be held on Sunday afternoon in HLSC Clubhouse, as soon as possible after the cessation of racing