

LARGS REGATTA FESTIVAL HAVEN KNOX-JOHNSTON MIDWEEK SERIES 2026

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority (OA) is Largs SC

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Wednesday Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA available at www.rya.org.uk will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Largs SC website <http://www.largssc.co.uk/racing>. The sailing instructions may change some RRS.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at the Largs SC website <http://www.largssc.co.uk/racing>. There will be no physical notice board.
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The series are open to dinghies and catamarans that are helmed by members of Largs SC whose membership falls into the categories stated below:
 - a) Individual Members
 - b) Family Members
 - c) Junior Members
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the paper entry form available from the Race Officer (RO) prior to the start of each day's racing. Entry to a race may be made at any time prior to the first warning signal for that race.
- 4.3 Entries will be split into three classes depending on their preferred course.
 - a) **Class Long:** Classes of dinghies and cats faster than PY1101 who decide to enter this fleet for the series – sailing mainly windward-leeward courses.
 - b) **Class Short:** All dinghies and cats slower than PY 1101 and any other 'classes' who decide to enter this fleet for the series – sailing shorter courses, sometimes with reaching legs.
 - c) **Class Beginner:** All dinghies and cats who decide to enter this fleet for the series – sailing the same course as the Short fleet.
- 4.4 The OA reserves the right to amend and add /remove classes depending on numbers and types of boats participating.

5 FEES

No entry fee is payable for eligible members of Largs SC.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Substitution of the person in charge of a boat shall not be permitted during the series, boats that do change their person in charge during the series shall be scored as a separate entry.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The racing series are scheduled to take place on midweek evenings with racing taking place on Tuesday 25th August, Wednesday 26th August, and Thursday 27th August, with one race scheduled on each evening.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Class Short race each day is 1910.
- 7.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1940.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Boats may be inspected at any time during the events. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their boat remains compliant with its class rules throughout each event.
- 8.2 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The Venue will be Largs SC, located in Largs Yacht Haven.
- 9.2 The Race Area will be the Largs Channel

10 THE COURSES

- 11.1. The courses will be defined in detail in the Sailing Instructions and may include triangular or windward leeward configurations.

11 PENALTY SYTEM

- 11.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1
- 11.2 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for full information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rules). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 11.3 Protest hearings and RYA arbitration may take place virtually, competitors shall need to be able to access a device suitable for running popular commercially available video conferencing software. Further details will be published on the Largs SC website: <http://www.largssc.co.uk/racing> .

12 SCORING

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. The results of all races will count towards a boats final score: there are no discarded results in the series.
- 12.1 Finishing positions shall take into account the number of laps actually sailed and results shall be calculated on an "average lap" basis using the Portsmouth Yardstick rating system for dinghies and the SCHRS system Portsmouth Number conversion formula for Catamarans.
- 12.2 If conditions dictate, the Race Committee may, at their discretion, take the results of a race from the times recorded for a previous round.
- 12.3 RRS A5.3 applies.

12.4 Competitors that undertake a "Duty" on a race day either as RIB helm/crew, Race Officer (RO) or Assistant RO will be awarded average points (excluding discards) for the races that are completed on the day(s) that they undertake their Duty. The scoring abbreviation for this will be OOD. This changes RRS A11

- a) Competitors may only receive an OOD score for a maximum of 1 race in the series.
- b) Where the number of duties completed exceeds the maximum number of OOD scores permitted for a series Competitors will be scored as Did Not Start.

13 DATA PROTECTION

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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, 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 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes for top 3 boats in each class will be awarded.

16.2 The OA reserves the right not to award prizes if there are insufficient boats entered in any class for any series and may decide to award additional prizes.

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17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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