

HAVEN KNOX-JOHNSTON INSURANCE MIDWEEK RACES FOR KEELBOATS

Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th August 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is Fairlie Yacht Club (FYC).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Race 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/racing/rules will apply.
The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) available at www.sailing.org will apply. The IRC rules available at www.ircrating.org will apply (except for Part D that will NOT apply). The CYCA Handicap System available at www.cyca-online.org.uk will apply.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the start, on the Largs Regatta Festival Website.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

The online official noticeboard is located at the Largs Regatta Festival Website. There will be no physical noticeboard.

The race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Channel 77.

4 RACE SCHEDULE

The START sequence and times will commence with a time signal at 1850. The Race Officer will advise on sequence via Ch 77.

5 CLASSES AND FLAGS

5.1

Class 2	CYCA Handicaps	Pennant 2
Class3	CYCA Handicaps	Pennant 3
Class 5 Restricted Sail	CYCA Handicaps	Pennant 5

One Design Classes may be added if demand justifies it.

- 5.2 **Restricted Sail:** Spinnakers shall not be used, and only one headsail may be used at any one time except for cutter rigged (or similar) yachts that have 2 (or more) headsails recorded on their CYCA rating certificate that may use the recorded number of headsails simultaneously.
- 5.3 Keelboat competitors should display their class flag in a prominent position from their backstay (or starboard shroud for boats without a backstay)
- 5.4 Time signal: An orange flag will be displayed (with one sound signal) not less than 5 minutes before the first warning signal of a series of starts is displayed.
- 5.5 The Organisers may combine, divide or add classes depending on the number of entries, class starts may also be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6 RACE AREA

The Race area will be the Largs Channel

7 COURSES AND MARKS

Courses and Marks will be announced by the Race Officer on Channel 77.

- 7.1 If appropriate the Race Committee may use the Average Lap scoring system. If used a yacht not completing a round may have its previous lap times used to calculate its finishing position. In such an instance any protest involving the yacht and occurring in the uncompleted round will be null and void.

8 START

The Starting Area will be approximately 250 metres South West of the Largs Yacht Haven Safe Water Buoy.

9 SHORTENED COURSE

The course may be shortened at the end of the round. If the race is to be shortened at any other mark of the course due to light winds, the Committee Vessel will be positioned adjacent to that mark of the course. Boats shall finish by passing between the CV and the Mark. The nearby Committee Vessel may not be at anchor.

10 FINISH

The FINISH shall be between a staff flying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel, and an ORANGE LAID MARK.

11 TIME LIMITS

All racing shall cease at 20:30 BST. Boats not finishing by the time limit will be scored LTE being the number of Finishers + 1.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The penalty for a breach of a rule, other than a rule of Part 1 and 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

12.2 The Two-Turns penalty shall be replaced by the One-Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

12.3 Protest hearings and RYA arbitration will take place in Largs Sailing Club. Further details will be published on the on-line noticeboard on the event website.

12.4 Protest forms are available for download from the Largs Sailing Club Website racing information. Protests shall be handed to the RO or other official within the protest time limit.

12.5 The Post Race Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures may be available.

12.6 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished.

12.7 Notices shall be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be heard in the protest hearing room, normally located upstairs in Largs SC. Parties to each protest are requested to remain in the vicinity. Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

12.8 Protests shall be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the Protestor, Protestee and Witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.

12.9 The Protest Committee may impose a penalty that is less than DSQ for boats that have been found to break RRS 55 [DP]

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 Clydeport Operations Limited Restriction [DP].

NARROW CHANNELS. Attention is drawn to the International Regulations for the prevention of collisions at sea, 1972. Particular notice shall be taken of Rule 9b, which states that "a vessel of less than 20m 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". Whilst racing or on a passage in the Firth of Clyde north of Cumbrae Head yachts shall regard any such recommended channels as a "Narrow Channel" within the meaning of the IRPCS 9b.

Furthermore, Clydeport Operations Limited has decreed that any waters in the Firth of Clyde where vessels by virtue of their size, draught, speed or proximity to land, hazards and other vessels are unable to manoeuvre freely shall be regarded as a "Narrow Channel". Whilst racing, any yacht which is unable for reasons of lack of wind or other cause, to sail clear of a large power-driven vessel shall start her engine and/or paddle in order to clear and thereafter shall report full details to the Race Committee.

Competitors are reminded of the Clydeport Operations Limited by-law, which prohibits yachts and other craft from manoeuvring within 100m of any ferry terminal. **Particular regard should be paid to this when in the vicinity of the Caledonian MacBrayne facilities at Largs and Cumbrae.**

- 13.2 Any boat leaving the course area should notify the committee vessel. They shall not sail through the finish line but approach the Committee vessel around the end of the line [DP].

14 PRIZES

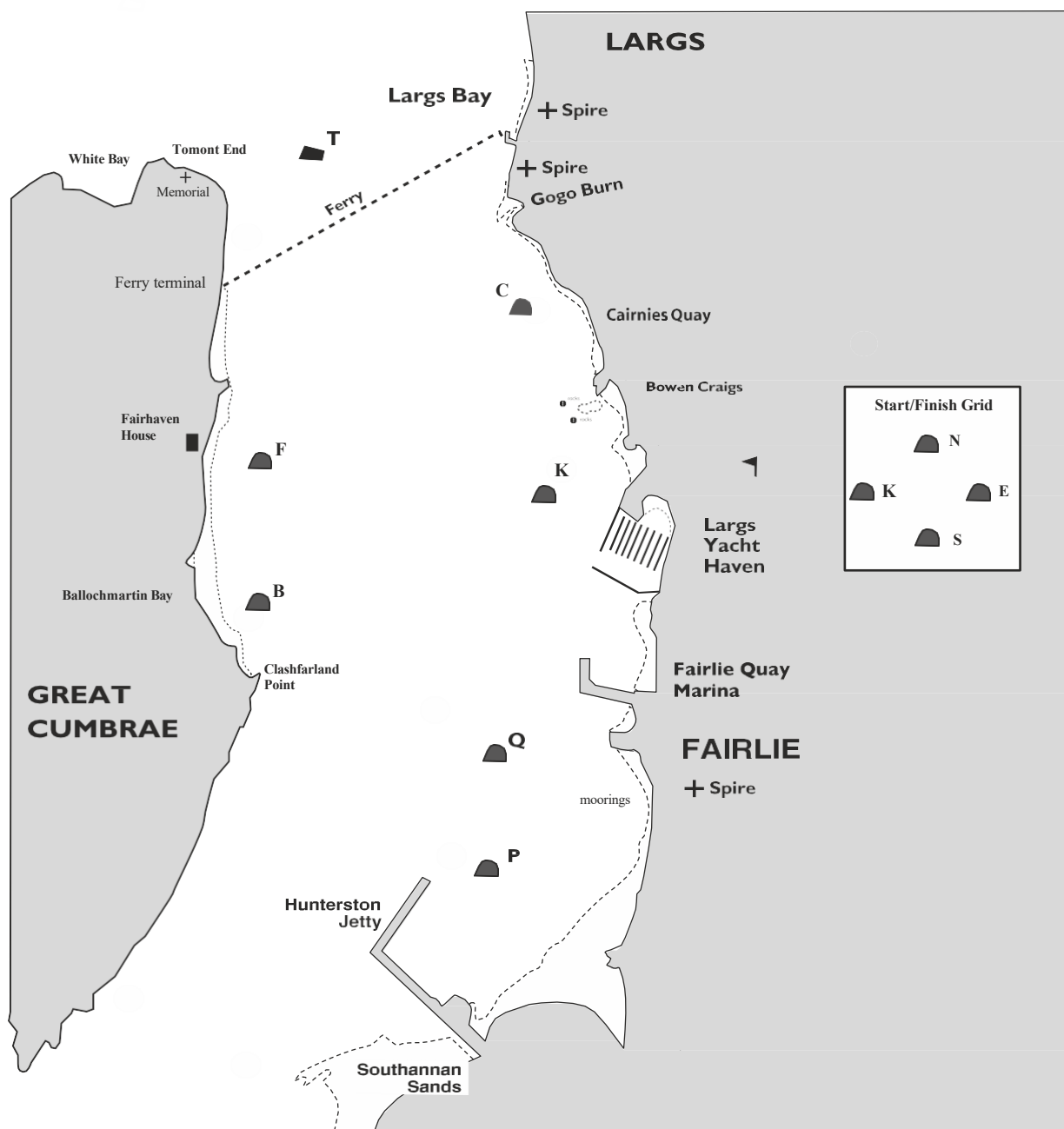
- 14.1 A prize giving will take place in Largs Sailing Club following completion of racing on Thursday evening. The prizes are sponsored by Haven Knox-Johnston.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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."
- 15.2 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.

26 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.



Mark	Description	Location	Latitude	Longitude
B	Orange Race Mark	Ballochmartin Bay	N55 46.21	W004 53.70
C	Orange Race Mark	Cairnies Quay	N55 47.24	W004 52.26
F	Orange Race Mark	Fairhaven Bay	N55 46.68	W004 53.82
K	Orange/Black Mark	0.3nm NNW of LYH	N55 46.59	W004 52.17
N,E,S	Start and Finish CV	Marks - off white mooring	buoys with pick ups	
P	Green Lateral Mark	CPA Fairlie Patch Buoy	N55 45.38	W004 52.33
Q	Orange Race Mark	0.4nm SW of Fairlie Quay	N55 45.67	W004 52.30
T	Red Lateral Mark	CPA Hun 3 Buoy (Tomont)	N55 47.60	W004 53.52

Mark positions should be considered approximate