

LARGS REGATTA FESTIVAL ARRAN MALT SCOTTISH TWO-HANDED RACE

29th and 30th August 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDING AMMENDMENT 1 2 AND 3

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Fairlie Yacht Club (FYC).

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).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event 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.
- 1.3 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) available at www.sailing.org will apply.
- 1.4 The IRC rules available at www.ircrating.org will apply (except for Part D that will NOT apply).
- 1.5 The CYCA Handicap System available at www.cyca-online.org.uk will apply.
- 1.6 The Multihull Offshore Cruising & Racing Association (MOCRA) Rating Rules available at <https://mocra-sailing.org.uk/racing/> will apply.
- 1.7 The Event is open only to boats crewed by two adults aged 18 years or older on the date of the event.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the first start of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at: www.largsregattafestival.com. There will be no physical notice board.
- 3.2 [NP] The race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Channel 77.
- 3.3 [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 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals ashore will be made from the flagpole located at Largs Sailing Club.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Dates of Racing: Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 August 2026.
- 6.2 Number of Races: There will be one race for each class.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound) not less than 5 minutes before the first warning signal of a series of starts is displayed.

7 CLASS FLAGS AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

Long Course	Handicap	Class Flag	Start Time
Class1 Monohull	CYCA	Num Pennant 1	09:40
Class1 Multihull	Level Rating	Num Pennant 1	09:40
Short Course	Handicap	Class Flag	Start Time
Class 2	CYCA	Num Pennant 2	09:45
Class 3	CYCA	Num Pennant 3	09:50
Class 5	CYCA Restricted Sail	Num Pennant 5	09:55

- 7.1 The Organisers shall publish the class divisions on the Largs Regatta website www.largsregattafestival.com no later than 20:00 hours on Friday 28 August 2026.. Competitors should check the class divisions prior to taking part in the event.
- 7.2 In any of the Restricted Sail Classes, spinnakers, cruising chutes or code zero type sails shall not be used. 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, who may fly the recorded number of headsails simultaneously.

- 7.3 [DP][NP] Keelboat competitors should display their class flag in a prominent position from their backstay (or starboard shroud for boats without a backstay).

8 RACING AREAS

The race area is the Firth of Clyde, the waters surrounding the Isle of Arran and Holy Island.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 **Long Course, Class 1 only (Round Arran)** – Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Little Cumbrae, Arran, Iron Rock Ledges Buoy (Green), Pladda, and Holy Island to port, then Little Cumbrae to starboard and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 80nm)

- 9.2 **Short Course, Classes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only (Round Holy Island)** - Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Little Cumbrae, and Holy Island to port, then Little Cumbrae to starboard and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 40nm).

- 9.3 **The course to be sailed by Class 7** shall be displayed by COURSE LETTERS on ORANGE squares displayed on Committee vessel. The letter "A" indicates the Ascog Patches course. The letter "B" indicates the Cowal Safe Water Course. The letter "C" indicates the Sugar Ship Course. The Course letter will also be broadcast on VHF Ch77 before the Time Signal.

- 9.4 **Course A, Class 7 only (Ascog Patches)** - Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Ascog Patches Beacon to starboard, and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 23 miles).

- 9.5 **Course B, Class 7 only (Cowal Safe Water)** – Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Ascog Patches Beacon to starboard, Cowal safe water buoy to starboard, CPA Channel Mark "J" (Skelmorlie Bank) to starboard, and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 35 miles).

- 9.6 **Course C, Class 7 only (Sugar Ship)** – Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Ascog Patches Beacon to starboard, Cowal safe water buoy to starboard, the Sugar Ship (Captayannis) wreck to starboard, CPA Channel Mark "J" (Skelmorlie Bank) to starboard, and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 44 miles).

- 9.7 The diagrams in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 show the courses for All Classes. The diagrams include the order in which marks/islands are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. They do not indicate the angle or distance between legs and should not be used for navigation.

9.8 Alternative Courses

If **International Code Flag F (ICF F)** is displayed on the flag hoist on Largs Sailing Club and committee vessel the courses to be sailed by all classes shall be as detailed in **Appendix 3** to these sailing instructions. An announcement will also be made by the Race Officer on VHF Ch77 prior to the Time Signal.

10 MARKS

The start and finish marks will be YELLOW inflatable marks; other marks are as described in the Appendices to these SIs

11 OBSTRUCTIONS – not applicable at this event

12 THE START

- 12.1 The Start line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a YELLOW inflatable mark. Additional marks on or near the start line shall be ignored. The start line shall be crossed from North to South. The Committee vessel may transmit its and/or the mark position on VHF Ch 77.
- 12.2 If ICF FOXTROT is flown from the Committee Vessel, the Start Line shall be as described on VHF 77. This may include making the Finish Line also the Start Line with all signals made from the Largs Sailing Club balcony.
- 12.3 A countdown to starting signals and additional race information may be broadcast on VHF Ch 77.
- 12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.5 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area [DP].
- 12.6 The normal starting sequence shall not be interrupted by a general recall. The warning signal for the class which has had a general recall shall be five minutes before its starting signal and shall normally be displayed at the starting signal of the last class to start correctly in the schedule. If more than one class is subject to a general recall, the second of these classes shall start five minutes after the first and so on. If a class subject to general recall is the last or only class to start, the next signal shall be the new warning signal, which shall normally be displayed five minutes after the original starting time.

13 SHORTENED COURSE

- 13.1 The race may be shortened at any mark or feature under RRS 32.2 by a CV displaying ICF SIERRA which may not be at anchor.
- 13.2 In addition to RRS 32.2, the race may be shortened at any mark or feature as directed and described by the Race Officer on VHF 77 including competitors taking their own time on a GPS or mobile phone in 24 hour format hours, minutes and seconds corrected to British Summer Time (BST).

- 13.3 A Shortened Course Signal may also be broadcast on VHF 77, and/or by WhatsApp Message and/o by individual mobile phone voice and/or Text Message.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE – not applicable at this event

15 THE FINISH.

- 15.1 The Finish Line shall be between a YELLOW inflatable mark at approximate position 55° 46.56'N 004° 52.02'W and the Largs Sailing Club flagpole. The mark shall be passed to PORT. The finishing line shall be crossed from south to north. Additional marks on or near the finish line should be ignored including the midchannel mark for Largs Yacht Haven and Fairlie Yacht Club starting grid. Competitors should be aware of shallow water to the north of the finishing line. After dusk on 29th August 2026 the finish mark shall be illuminated with one or more ORANGE FLASHING lights attached to the mark.
- 15.2 [DP] Boats shall not re-cross the finish line after finishing.
- 15.3 [DP] All competing yachts shall identify themselves by calling the Race Committee on VHF Ch 77 approximately 5 minutes from the finish line. In addition, yachts finishing during the hours of darkness shall illuminate their sail number to assist identification. After finishing and once clear of the finishing area and in safe water, competing yachts shall report to the Race Committee on VHF Ch 77 to ensure correct identification and recording of their finishing time. In addition, boats should take their own finishing time, and where possible, the identity of boats immediately ahead and astern.
- 15.4 [DP] Any boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Ch 77, or by telephoning the Race Officer on 07711 849646.

THE RACE COMMITTEE MUST BE INFORMED IF A BOAT RETIRES AND AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SHOULD BE RECEIVED. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SAFETY MATTER.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM – no additional penalties are applicable at this event.

17 TIME LIMITS

Class	Time Limit
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	09:00hrs Sunday 30 August 2026
7	19:00hrs Saturday 29 August 2026

- 17.1 Boats that do not finish within the time limit shall be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

18 HEARING REQUEST

- 18.1 The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures may be available.
- 18.2 Protest forms are available from: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/running-racing/templates> or from www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk
- 18.3 Protests should be delivered to a Race Committee Member (07711 849646 for location), LYH reception 0900 -1700, by the time limit.
- 18.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished or the race time limit. The protest time limit shall be posted on www.largsregattafestival.com at the conclusion of racing.
- 18.5 Notices shall be posted on www.largsregattafestival.com 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. The venue for protest hearings shall be included in the notice. Parties to each protest are requested to remain in Largs Yacht Haven.
- 18.6 Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2.2 and 61.1(b).
- 18.7 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.
- 18.8 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision. This changes RRS Rule 63.7.
- 18.9 The Protest Committee may impose a penalty that is less than DSQ for boats that have been found to break RRS 55. [DP]

19 SCORING

The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1 Clydeport Operations Limited Restrictions

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 “NarrowChannel” 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 CalMac facilities at Largs and Cumbrae.

20.2 Sailing During The Hours Of Darkness

Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules contained in RRS Part 2 shall cease to govern the race, which shall be continued under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Navigation lights shall be shown during the hours of darkness. Yachts not displaying navigation lights during the hours of darkness will be disqualified without a hearing.

20.3 Boats shall comply with the World Sailing OSR as follows:

Class 1 & MOCRA Multihull Category 3

Category 3 is intended for races over open water, most of which is relatively protected or close to shorelines.

At least one spare lifejacket shall be carried for each crew member. Where an inflatable dinghy is used in place of a life raft a suitable pump shall be carried to enable the inflation of such a dinghy.

- 19.4** The use of autopilots is permitted for limited times only during such times as sail changes or matters of safety but not during manoeuvres such as tacking, gybing or routine course keeping normally carried out under fully crewed circumstances.

- 19.5** [NP] An AIS Transponder is recommended.

- 19.6** Pyrotechnic signals shall be provided conforming to SOLAS LSA Code Chapter III Visual Signals and not older than the stamped expiry date (if any) or if no expiry date stamped, not older than 4 years.

Flares must comply with the SOLAS LSA Code Chapter III - Visual Signals

- 3.1 Rocket parachute flares
- 3.2 Hand flares
- 3.3 Buoyant smoke signals res

Pyrotechnic signals may be substituted by electronic flare signals.

- 19.7** [NP] The organizing authority will provide FOC, a YELLOWBRICK transponder for every yacht in every class. These track each yacht and provide real time tracking for the OA and is accessible to the public and skippers by using the yellow brick app. It is the responsibility of each skipper to collect and return these trackers from and to LYH reception. The skipper will be responsible for covering the cost of the unit in a situation where the unit gets lost or damaged. Any questions re the trackers should be dealt with by the Race Officer Pete Wright 07711 849 646. Trackers generously sponsored by Coastworks Ltd.

- 19.8** Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6. It is recommended that these Classes comply with Category 4

- 19.9** The Race Committee of Largs Regatta Festival & Fairlie Yacht Club reserves the right to re-allocate competing yachts to a Class other than that entered if deemed appropriate. Notice will be given of any changes. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that they race in the allocated class.

Yachts so effected will be permitted to withdraw their entry if desired, with refund of entry fee.

21 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

The substitution of the registered person in charge during the race is not permitted without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

[DP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the appropriate rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

Yachts entered in Class 1 may be inspected by Safety Equipment Advisors on behalf of the Organisers.

- 23** **SUPPLIED BOATS – Not applicable at this event.**

- 24** **OFFICIAL VESSELS – Not applicable at this event.**

- 25** **SUPPORT TEAMS – Not applicable at this event.**

26 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash should be retained onboard individual boats and disposed of in the receptacles provided on returning to port.

27 BERTHING – Not applicable at this event.

28 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS – Not applicable at this event.

29 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – Not applicable at this event.

30 PRIZES

The following Trophies shall be awarded.

Viking Sword Trophy	Class 1
Largs Chandlers Trophy	Class 2
Blue Whale Trophy -	Class 3
Largs Sailing Club Trophy	Class 4
Largs Yacht Haven Trophy	Class 5
Sailaway Trophy	Class 6
Scottish Sailing Institute Trophy	Class 7
Regattas Shield	Best performance by crew taking into account aggregate age (Either young or old).
Euroyachts Quaich	Best performance by a family crew.
H and N McLean Trophy	Boat making the fastest passage round Arran.
Rupert Trophy	Best performance by an all female crew.

30.1 The Prize giving will be held in Largs Sailing Club not before 12:00hrs on Sunday 7th Sept 2025.

31 RISK STATEMENT

31.1 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 hers alone."

31.2 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.

- () 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.
- () They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- () They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- () Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- () The provision of a race management team, committee boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- () The provision of any patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- () 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.

32 INSURANCE

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

**Competitors can collect their whisky
miniatures on finishing the race from
LSC.**

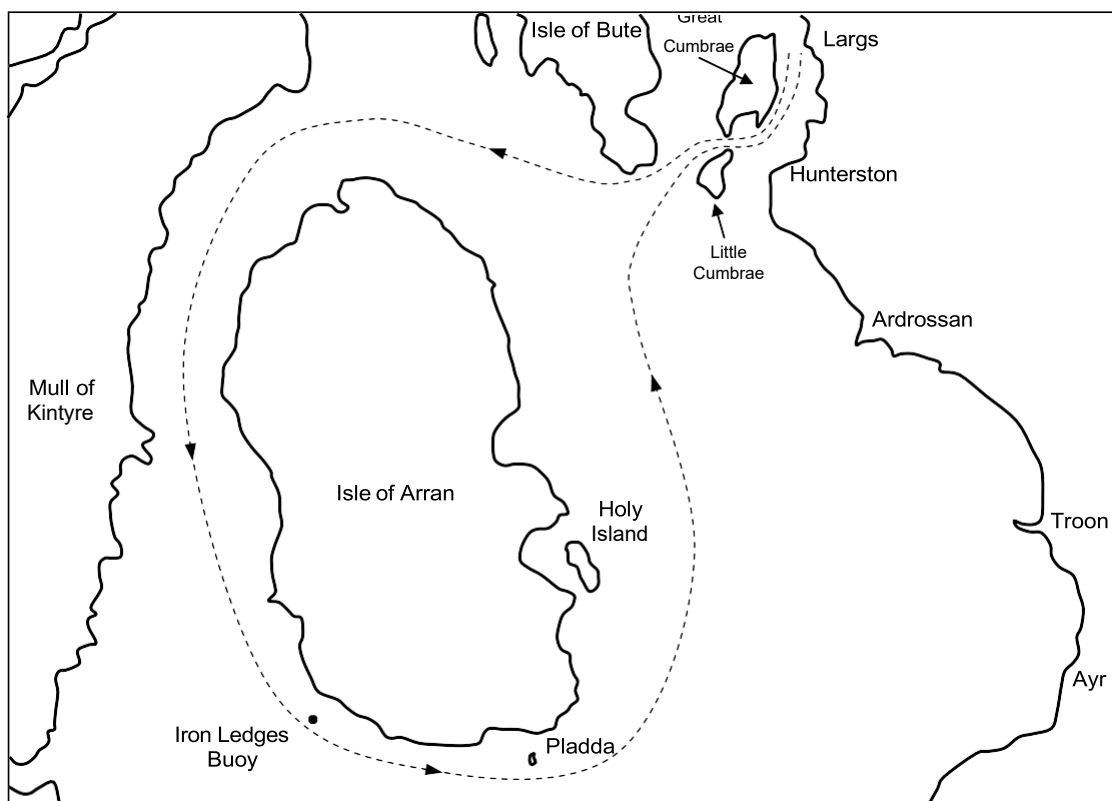
**Competitors' Complimentary Brunch
Served in Largs Sailing Club**

**Sunday 30 August 2026, 10:00 – 12:00hrs
Prize giving not before but as soon as after 1200hrs.**

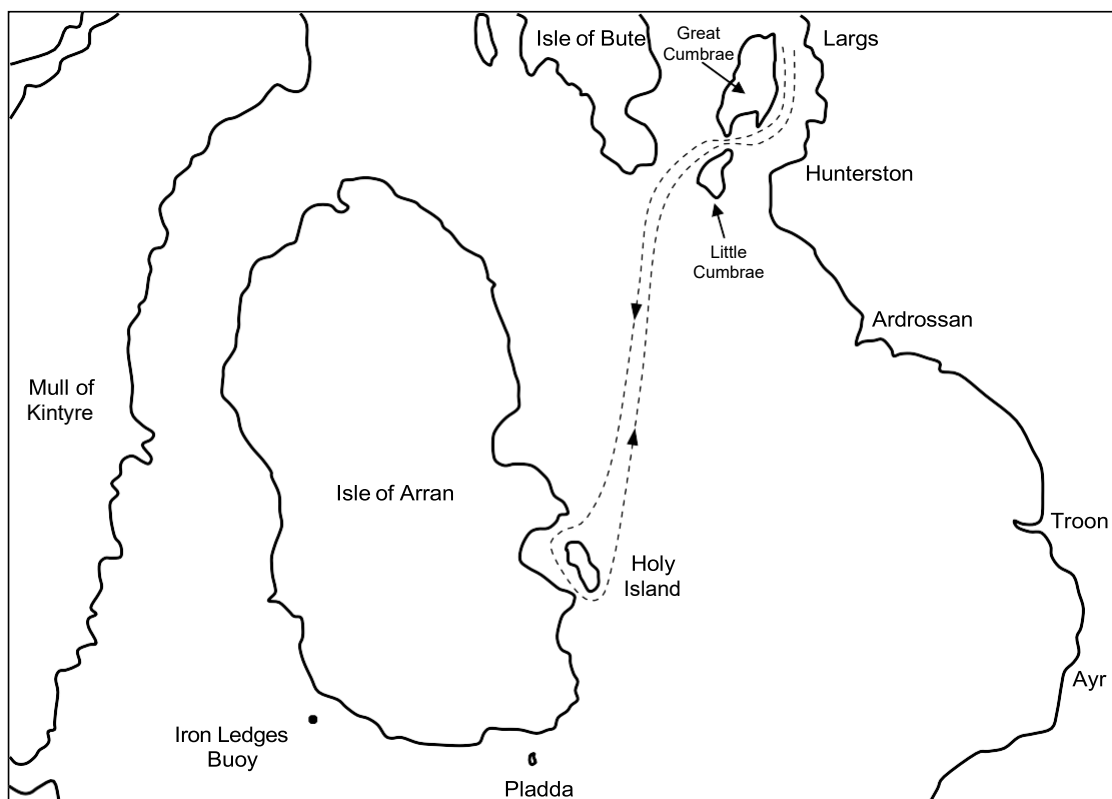


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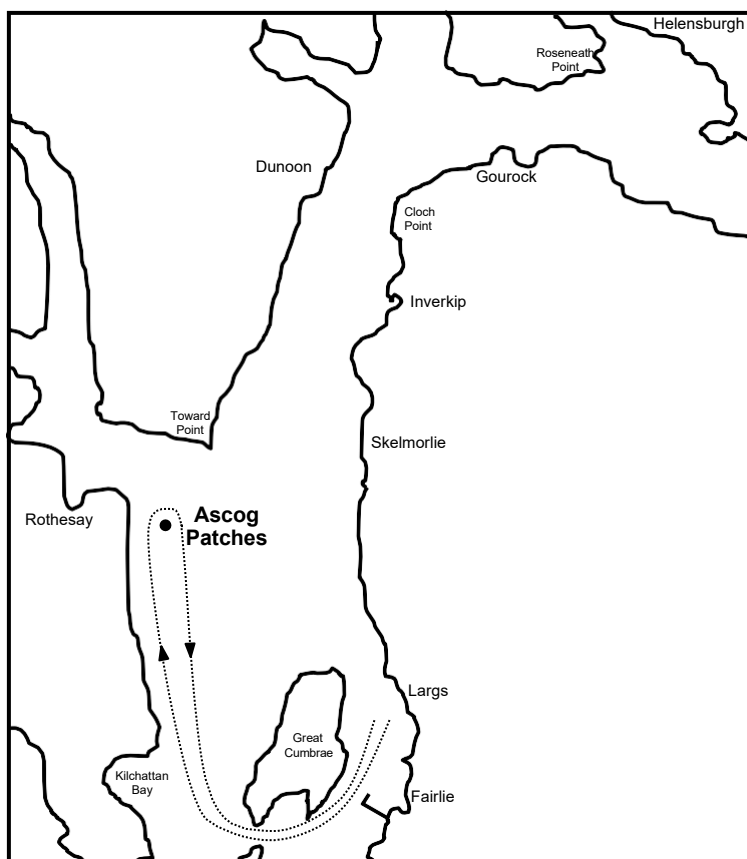
The Long Course – Round the Isle of Arran – Applies to Class 1 Only



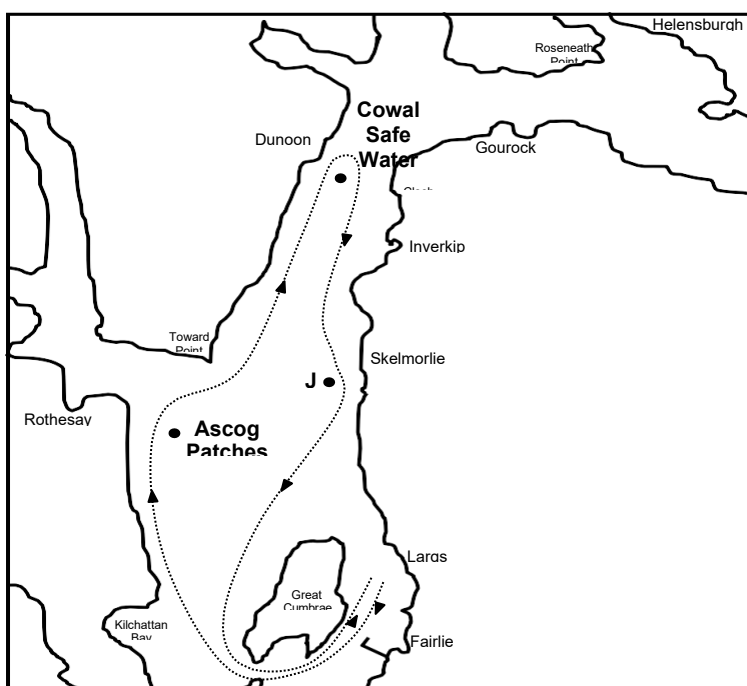
The Short Course – Round Holy Island – Applies to Classes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Only



Course A - Ascog Patches
Applies to Class 7 and as an Alternative Course for All Classes

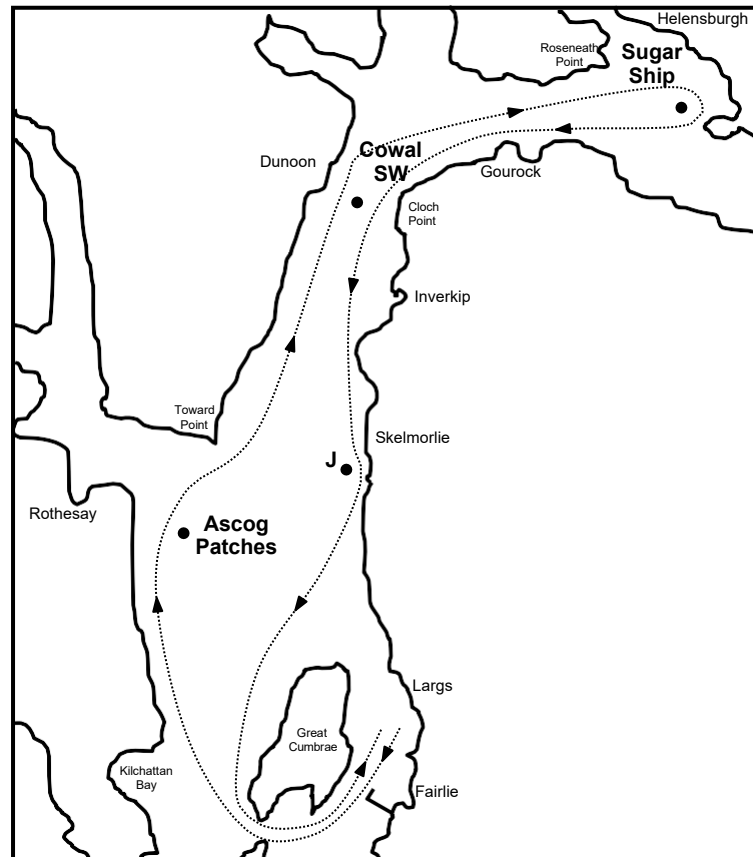


Course B – Cowal Safe Water
Applies to Class 7 and as an Alternative Course for all Classes



Course C – Sugar Ship

Applies to Class 7 and as an Alternative Course for all Classes



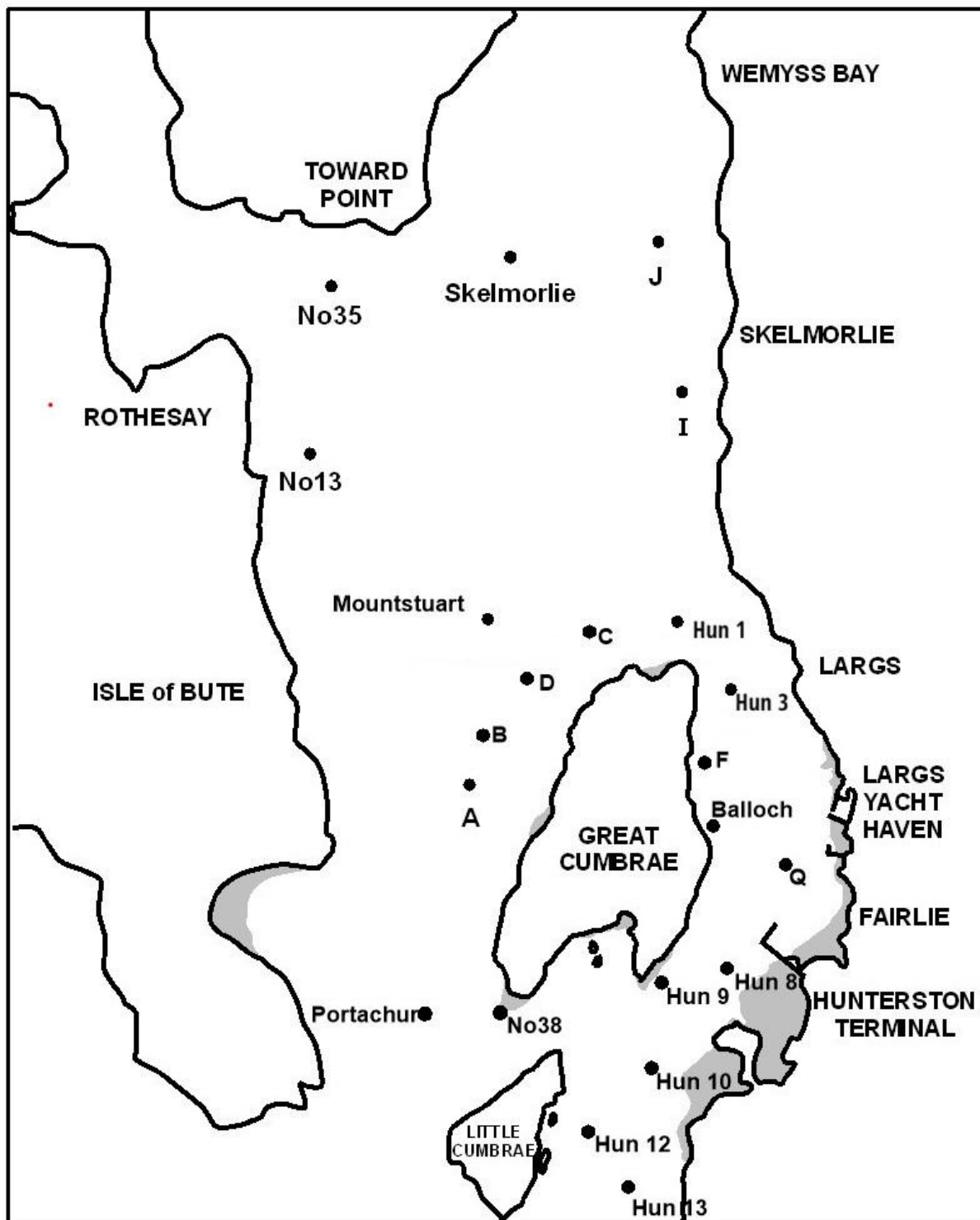
Approximate Locations of Race Marks

Ascog Patches Isolated Danger Piled Beacon No.13	55° 49.7'N, 005° 00.3'W
Cowal Safe Water Mark Buoy.	55° 55.9'N, 004° 54.8'W
CPA Channel Mark "J"	55° 51.53'N, 004° 54.7'W
Sugar Ship (Captayannis) wreck	55° 58.5'N, 004° 44.5'W

A3:

If ICF FOXTROT is displayed from the Committee Vessel and/or the Flag Hoist on Largs Sailing Club the courses to be sailed will be broadcast for Each Class or Group of Classes on VHF 77 utilising the course chart in **Appendix 3** and Marks listed in **Appendix 4**.

Appendix 3: COURSE CARD FOR TWO HANDED SPECIAL COURSES
(To be used in conjunction with Appendix 4 List of Designated Race Marks)
The course to be sailed will be advised by the Race Officer on VHF Ch 77



Appendix 4: List of Designated Race Marks

Designated Race Mark	Approximate Position
"X" Laid Orange Inflatable Race Mark.	To be announced on VHF Ch 77 by RO.
Great Cumbrae	As per UKHO Chart
Little Cumbrae	As per UKHO Chart
"A" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 46'.5 W 004° 57'.8
"B" Navigation Buoy (yellow)	N 55° 47'.1 W 004° 57'.5
"Balloch" FYC Orange Race Mark	N 55° 46'.2 W 004° 53'.7
"C" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 48'.1 W 004° 55'.3
"D" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 47'.9 W 004° 56'.3
"F" FYC Orange Race Mark	N 55° 46'.7 W 004° 53'.8
"Hun 1" Navigation Buoy (yellow)	N 55° 48'.1 W 004° 54'.2
"Hun 3" Navigation Buoy (red) – ALWAYS PASS TO THE PROPER SIDE	N 55° 47'.6 W 004° 53'.5
"Hun 8" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 44'.8 W 004° 53'.7
"Hun 9" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 44'.6 W 004° 54'.4
"Hun 10" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 44'.2 W 004° 54'.9
"Hun 12" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 43'.5 W 004° 55'.6
"Hun 13" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 42'.5 W 004° 55'.2
"I" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 50'.3 W 004° 54'.3
"J" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 51'.5 W 004° 54'.7
"Mountstuart" Safe Water Buoy (red white)	N 55° 47'.9 W 004° 57'.6
"Portachur" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 44'.3 W 004° 58'.5
"Q" FYC Orange Race Mark (in place of HUN 5)	N 55° 45'.67 W 004° 52'.30
"Skelmorlie" Red/White safe water mark	N 55° 51'.65 W 004° 56'.33
"No 13" Isolated Danger Beacon (black red black)	N 55° 49'.7 W 005° 00'.3
"No 35" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 51'.0 W 005° 00'.0
"No 38" South Cardinal – ALWAYS PASS TO THE PROPER SIDE	N 55° 44'.3, W 004° 57'.1

Note: FYC= Fairlie Yacht Club local laid mark.