



LARGS REGATTA FESTIVAL 2018

25, 26 & 27 AUG 2018



DINGHY & CATAMARAN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

The organising authority is Largs Sailing Club (LSC) in conjunction with Fairlie Yacht Club (FYC).

1 RULES

The Regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. Bow stickers if supplied shall be affixed to the forward third of the hull on both sides of each boat. [DP]

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official regatta notice board situated in the lower corridor of LSC.
- 3.2 The race office shall be situated in the entrance hall of LSC.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change(s) to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than two hours before the first start on the day it shall take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals ashore shall be made from the flagpole located on the North West corner of the Largs SC balcony.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates of Racing:

- Saturday 25 AUG 18** Keelboats, Dinghy and Catamarans.
- Sunday 26 AUG 18** Keelboats, Dinghy and Catamarans.
- Monday 27 AUG 18** Keelboats, Dinghy and Catamarans.

6.2 Number of Races:

Date	Classes	1st Warning Signal not before	No of Races
Saturday 25 AUG 18	Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, RS200, Handicap Dinghy, Catamaran.	12:00	Up to 4
Sunday 26 AUG 18 Round Cumbræes Race	Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, RS200, Handicap Dinghy, Catamaran.	11.00	1
Monday 27 AUG 18	Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, RS200, Handicap Dinghy, Catamaran.	09:50	Up to 3

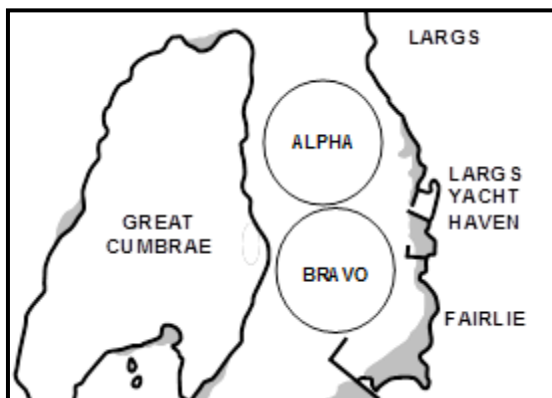
7 CLASS FLAGS AND RACE AREAS

- 7.1 The Organisers will publish the Handicap Dinghy class divisions on the official notice board downstairs in Largs Sailing Club no later than 20:00 hours on Friday 24 AUG 18, the class divisions may also be published on the event website. **Please check the class divisions on the official notice board prior to taking part in the event.**

Class	Race Area (Saturday and Monday Only)	Handicap System	Flag
Laser Standard	ALPHA	Level Rated	IC Flag E
Laser Radial		Level Rated	IC Flag G
Laser 4.7		Level Rated	IC Flag J
Alpha Handicap Dinghy		PY	IC Flag K
RS200	BRAVO	Level Rated	IC Flag Q
Bravo Handicap Dinghy		PY	IC Flag T
Catamaran		SCHRS	IC Flag V

- 7.2 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
- 7.3 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.

7.4 DINGHY & CATAMARAN RACE AREA DIAGRAM (Saturday and Monday only)



7.5 RACE AREAS SATURDAY AND MONDAY

- 7.5.1 Keelboats will race in the area to the north of Great Cumbrae.
- 7.5.2 Dinghies & Catamarans will race in the Largs Channel - see SI 7.1 for details.

7.6 RACE AREA SUNDAY

- 7.6.1 Racing for all classes will be around the Island(s) of Cumbrae.
- 7.6.2 All dinghy and catamaran classes will start at the same starting line on Sunday, the committee vessel will be located to the west of Largs Yacht Haven and will display Flag D.
- 7.6.3 Note that in marginal weather conditions, the dinghy and catamaran fleet may sail an alternative course in the Largs Channel.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 SATURDAY AND MONDAY

- 8.1.1 Course configurations for the dinghies and catamarans on Saturday and Monday are as described in Appendix 1.

8.2 SUNDAY

- 8.2.1 Course configurations for all Classes on Sunday are as described in Appendices 2 and 3.

8.3 COURSE SIGNALS: The committee vessel shall display a letter on a coloured background (see table below) to indicate the courses to be sailed.

Class	Letter Colour	Background Colour
Keelboat Class 1	Black	White
Keelboat Class RC35	Black	Yellow
Keelboat Class 3	Black	Pink
Keelboat Class 4	Black	Light Blue
Keelboat Class 5 - Sunday Only.	White	Dark Blue
Dinghy & Catamaran	Black	Green

8.4 Appendices 1, 2 and 3 indicate the courses, including the order in which marks/islands are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. They do not accurately indicate the angle or distance between legs.

9 MARKS

9.1 SATURDAY AND MONDAY.

- 9.1.1 **ALPHA RACE AREA:** Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be pink inflatable cylinders with a black band. The start/finish mark will be a blue inflatable cylinder.
- 9.1.2 **BRAVO RACE AREA:** Marks 1 and 3 will be yellow inflatable cylinders, mark 2 will be a pink inflatable cylinder with a black band. The start/finish mark will be a blue inflatable cylinder.

9.2 SUNDAY.

- 9.2.1 Marks for all Classes on Sunday are as described in Appendix 2 and 3.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between the mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a blue inflatable. An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid approximately on the line. Boats shall not pass between the committee vessel and the IDM [DP].
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area [DP].
- 10.3 After a general recall the first substitute will be removed one minute before the starting signal for the next class. No sound signal will be given. This changes RRS 29.

10.4 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.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12 SHORTENED COURSE

In addition to RRS 32.2 the Round Cumbrae Race may be shortened at approximately 90 degrees to an island. Competitors shall finish between the adjacent island and the vessel displaying Flag S.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between the mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a blue inflatable.

13.2 All dinghy and catamaran classes will finish at the same finishing line on Sunday. The finishing committee vessel, except when the course is shortened under SI 12.1, will be located to the west of Largs Yacht Haven and will display Flag D.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 SATURDAY AND MONDAY:

Class	Time Limit
All Classes	90 mins after the start of each race

14.2 SUNDAY:

Class	Time Limit
All Classes	1600hrs

14.3 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.4 If no boat within a Class finishes within the time limit, the times of the previous round completed by the leading boat may be used to calculate results. Subsequent retirements or rule infringements shall be disregarded.

15 PROTESTS

15.1 The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures may be available.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the Protest Committee desk in Largs SC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or 60 minutes after the race committee signals "no more racing today", whichever is later. On Saturday, the protest time limit will be extended to 90 minutes after the last boat has finished or 90 minutes after the race committee signals "no more racing today", whichever is later. The time limit will be posted on the Notice Board at the conclusion of racing.

15.4 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.

15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.6 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.

15.7 On the last day of the Regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS Rule 66.

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

16 SCORING

16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.2 Finishing positions shall take account of the number of laps actually sailed, and shall be calculated on an 'average lap time' basis. If conditions dictate the race committee may, at their discretion, take the results of a race from the times recorded for a previous round.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 NAVIGATION MARKS: Channel marker buoys may be left on either hand unless they are a designated mark of the course (see Appendices to these sailing instructions for details). The CPA South Cardinal 'No 38' - *Tan Spit Buoy* to the south

west of Great Cumbrae, and CPA Red Can - 'HUN 3' at the north east of Great Cumbrae shall be passed on their proper side.

17.2 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.

17.3 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].

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the appropriate class 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 [DP].

19 PRIZES

19.1 The main prize giving will take place in the Largs Regatta Festival Marquee following completion of racing on Monday 27 AUG 2018. Prizes will be awarded for a series of races combining Saturday, Sunday and Monday's results.

The LARGS 'LIFEBOAT CREW' TROPHY for the Dinghy or Catamaran of the Event will be awarded to the dinghy or catamaran which, in the opinion of the Largs Regatta Festival Committee has produced the best performance during Largs Regatta Festival

19.2 A separate prize giving will take place in the marquee on Sunday 26 AUG 2018 for the Round Cumbrae Race winners and for the travelling dinghy classes winners.

20 RISK STATEMENT

20.1 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."

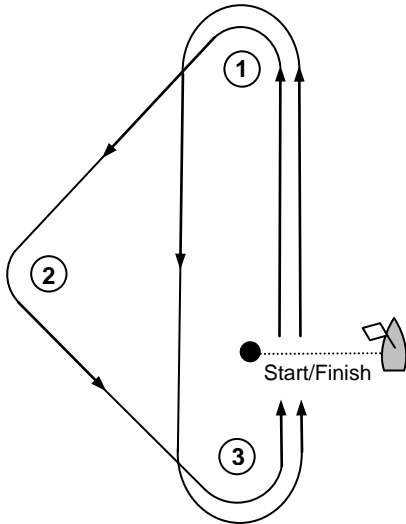
20.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (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.

21 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.

DINGHY & CATAMARAN COURSES SATURDAY AND MONDAY ONLY



Race Area ALPHA Courses

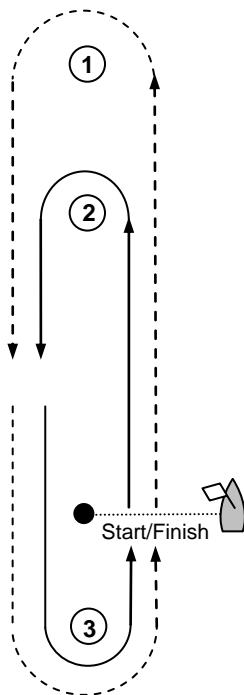
Laser Standard, Radial, Laser 4.7:

Start, 1, 2, 3, (Start/Finish), 1, 3, (Start/Finish), repeat both rounds until Flag S is displayed.

Alpha Handicap Fleet:

Start, 1, 2, 3, (Start/Finish), repeat until Flag S is displayed.

Boats shall not pass through the Start/Finish line on the “downwind” leg ie when sailing between marks 1 and 3 or 2 and 3.



Race Area BRAVO Courses

Bravo Handicap Fleet:

Start, 1, 3, (Start/Finish), repeat until Flag S is displayed.

Catamaran:

Start, 1, 3, (Start/Finish), repeat until Flag S is displayed.

RS200:

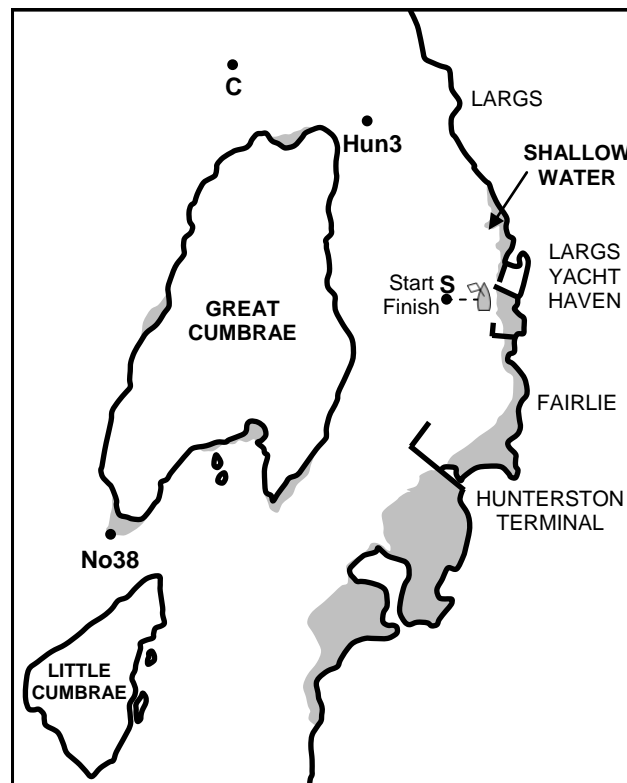
Start, 2, 3, (Start/Finish), repeat until Flag S is displayed.

Boats shall not pass through the Start/Finish line on the “downwind” leg ie when sailing between marks 1 and 3 or 2 and 3.

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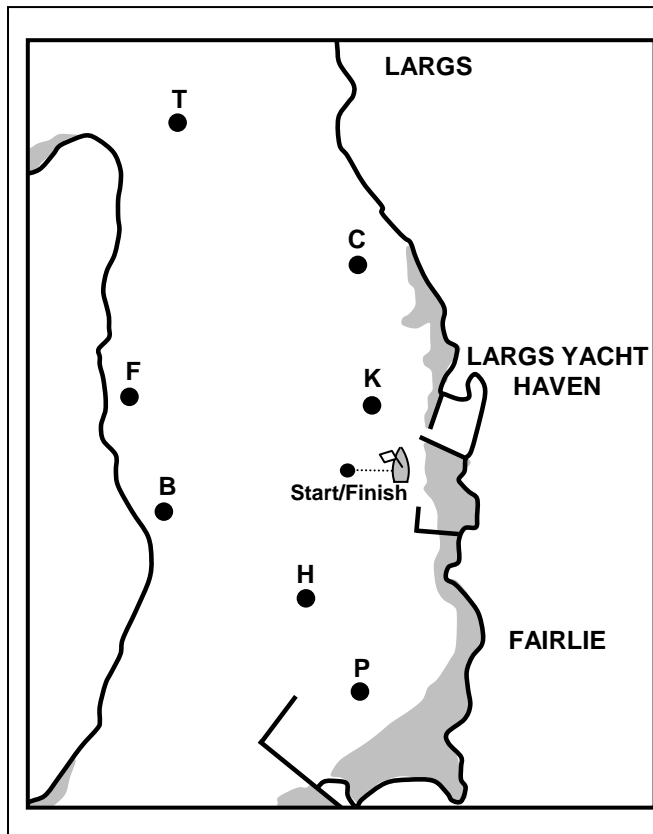
COURSE C <i>North About Great Cumbrae</i>	
Mark/Island	Direction
Start Line	South to North
Great Cumbrae	Leave to Port
Hun3	Leave to Port
C	Leave to Port
No38	Leave to Port
Finish Line	South to North

COURSE D <i>South About Great Cumbrae</i>	
Mark/Island	Direction
Start Line	North to South
Great Cumbrae	Leave to Starboard
No38	Leave to Starboard
C	Leave to Starboard
Hun3	Leave to Starboard
Finish Line	North to South



Marks <i>(all positions are approximate)</i>	
"C" Navigation Buoy (Green)	N55°48.1, W04°55.3
"Hun3" Navigation Buoy (Red)	N55°47.6, W04°53.5
"No38" South Cardinal Buoy	N55°44.4, W04°57.1
"S" Blue Inflatable Cylinder	West of LYH

DINGHY & CATAMARAN ALTERNATIVE COURSES SUNDAY ONLY
TO BE USED IN ADVERSE WEATHER



COURSE X

Start-K-C-T-F-B-H-Start/Finish-K-C-T-F-B-H-Finish

ALL MARKS TO BE PASSED TO PORT

COURSE Y

Start-H-B-F-T-C-K-Start/Finish-H-B-F-T-C-K-Finish

ALL MARKS TO BE PASSED TO STARBOARD

Mark	Description
B	Orange Can off Ballochmartin Bay
F	Orange Can off Fairhaven House
H	Green Navigation Buoy "Hun 5"
K	Orange/Green Can off Largs SC
C	Orange Can off Cairnies Quay
T	Red Navigation Buoy "Hun 3"

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