

The Arran Malt

SINGLE MALT
SCOTCH WHISKY

SCOTTISH TWO-HANDED RACE 3rd to 4th September 2022

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 Fairlie Yacht Club (FYC).

1 RULES

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

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Largs Regatta Festival website: www.largsregattafestival.com
- 2.2 The prescriptions of the RYA available at www.rya.org.uk will apply. The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) available at www.sailing.org will apply. The Clyde Yacht Club Association (CYCA) Handicap Rules available at www.cyca-online.org.uk will apply. The Multihull Offshore Cruising & Racing Association (MOCRA) Rating Rules available at <https://mocrasailing.org.uk/racing/> will apply.
- 2.3 By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the appropriate COVID-19 procedures that are in place at the time of the Event. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted on the website before 20:00 on Friday 2nd September. If it is necessary to make a change in the sailing instructions, Flag L will be displayed from the Flag Hoist on the hammerhead of Fairlie Quay pier and will also be repeated on VHF Ch77 from 09:00 on Saturday 3rd September. In each case it shall be the responsibility of the person in charge to acquaint themselves with the change.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of Racing

Saturday 3rd September to Sunday 4th September 2022 Classes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

5.2 **Number of Races:** There will be one race for each class.

6 CLASS FLAGS AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

Long Course	Handicap	Class Flag	Start Time
Class1 Monohull	CYCA	Num Pennant 1	09:40
Class2 Multihull	MOCRA	Num Pennant 2	09:40
Short Course			
Class 3	CYCA	Num Pennant 3	09:45
Class 4	CYCA	Num Pennant 4	09:50

Class 5	CYCA Restricted Sail	Num Pennant 5	09:55
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<i>“Up Firth” Course see SI 8 Below</i>			
Class 7	CYCA Dayboats and Sportsboats	Num Pennant 7	10:10

- 6.1 The Time Signal (an orange flag with one sound signal) will be given not less than 5 minutes before the first warning signal of a series of starts is displayed
- 6.2 The Organisers shall publish the class divisions on the Largs Regatta website www.largsregattafestival.com no later than 20:00 hours on Friday 2nd Sept. 2022.
Please check the class divisions prior to taking part in the event.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 Keelboat competitors shall display their class flag in a prominent position from their backstay Except Class 7 who shall display their Class flag from the port shroud at least 1.5 m above the deck. [DP].

7 RACING AREAS

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

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 **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)
- 8.2 **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).
- 8.3 The course to be sailed by **Class 7** shall be displayed by **COURSE LETTERS** on **ORANGE** squares displayed adjacent to the flag hoist on Fairlie Quay hammerhead. 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.
- 8.4 **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).
- 8.5 **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).
- 8.6 **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).
- 8.7 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.
- 8.8 **Alternative Courses**

If **International Code Flag F (ICF F)**  is displayed on the flag hoist on Fairlie Quay hammerhead, the courses to be sailed a class shall be as detailed in **APPENDIX 3**. An announcement will also be made by the Race Officer on VHF Ch77 prior to the Time Signal.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The Start line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the southern end of the hammerhead of Fairlie Quay and an orange inflatable mark. The orange inflatable mark should be left to starboard and Fairlie Quay to port. Additional marks on or near the start line should be ignored. The start line shall be crossed from North to South.
- 9.2 A countdown to starting signals and additional race information may be broadcast on **VHF Ch 77**. OCS infringements may also be broadcast on VHF Ch 77, failure to transmit this information shall not be grounds for protest.
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area [DP].

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The Finish Line shall be between an orange inflatable mark, positioned at approximately 55° 46'.59N, 004° 52'.17W and Largs Sailing Club flagstaff. The orange inflatable mark to be left 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 mid-channel mark for Largs Yacht Haven and the Fairlie Yacht Club starting grid. Competitors should be aware of shallow water to the north of the finishing line.
- 10.2 During the hours of darkness, the finish orange inflatable buoy positioned at approximately 55° 46'.59N, 004° 52'.17W shall be lit by solid orange lights.
- 10.3 Boats shall not re-cross the finish line after finishing [DP].
- 10.4 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 [DP].

11 TIME LIMITS

Class	Time Limit
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	09:00hrs Sunday 4 th SEPT 2022
7	19:00hrs Saturday 3 rd SEPT 2022

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

12 RETIRALS

Any boat retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Ch 77, or by telephoning the Race Officer on 07711 849646. [DP]

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

13 PROTESTS.

- 13.1 The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures may be available.
- 13.2 Competitors should inform the Race Committee of any protest they wish to lodge within 30 minutes of finishing.
- 13.3 Protest forms are available for download from World Sailing:
https://www.sailing.org/raceofficials/eventorganizers/regatta_protest_forms.php,
or from www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk > Racing > Information.
Protests should be delivered to a Race Committee Member (07711 849646 for location), LYH reception 0900 -1700, or emailed to secretary@fairlieyachtclub.org.uk within the time limit.
- 13.4 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.
- 13.5 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.
- 13.6 Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 13.7 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.
- 13.8 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 66.
- 13.9 The Protest Committee may impose a penalty that is less than DSQ for boats that have been found to break RRS 55. [DP]

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 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 "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 CalMac facilities at Largs and Cumbrae.

14.2 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.

14.3 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

Classes SHALL COMPLY with the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations as follows: -

CLASS 1 and MOCRA multihulls shall comply with **CATEGORY 3** of the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations. In addition, each yacht in Class 1 shall be required to carry a liferaft and/or dinghy suitable of carrying the entire crew. 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. At least one spare lifejacket shall be carried for each crew member.

It is recommended that yachts in **CLASSES 2,3,4,5,6** comply with **CATEGORY 4** of the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.

Category 3 and 4 regulations may be obtained from <http://www.sailing.org/specialregs>

The Race Committee of 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.

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

15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 15.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any yacht to verify that regulations have been complied with. Yachts entered in Class 1 may be inspected by Safety Equipment Advisors on behalf of the organisers.
- 15.2 Any 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 inspector/measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

16 PRIZES

The following Trophies shall be awarded.

Viking Sword Trophy	Class 1 - CYCA Round Arran
Largs Yacht Haven Trophy	Class 2 – MOCA Round Arran
Largs Chandlers Trophy -	Class 3 – CYCA Round Holy Isle
Blue Whale Trophy	Class 4 – CYCA Round Holy Isle
Largs Sailing Club Trophy	Class 5 – CYCA Restricted Sail Round Holy Isle
Scottish Sailing Institute Trophy	Class 7 – Up Firth Courses
Regattas Shield	Best performance by crew taking into account aggregate age (Either young or old).
Euroyachts Quaich	Best performance by a family crew.
Maritime Craft Services Cup	Boat making the fastest passage round Arran.
Rupert Trophy	Best performance by an all female crew.

- 16.1 The Prize giving will be held in Largs Sailing Club not before 12:00hrs on Sunday 4th SEPT 2022.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 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."
- 17.2 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, committee boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - (f) 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.

(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.

18 COVID-19

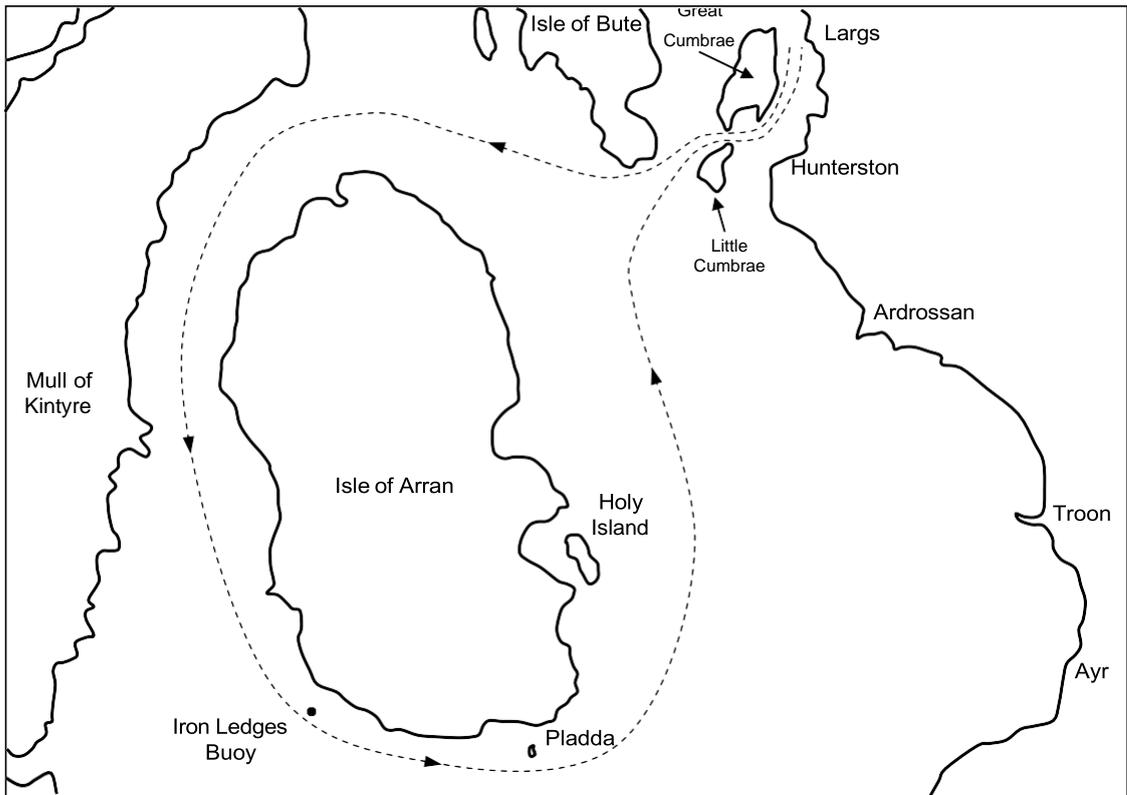
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19 INSURANCE

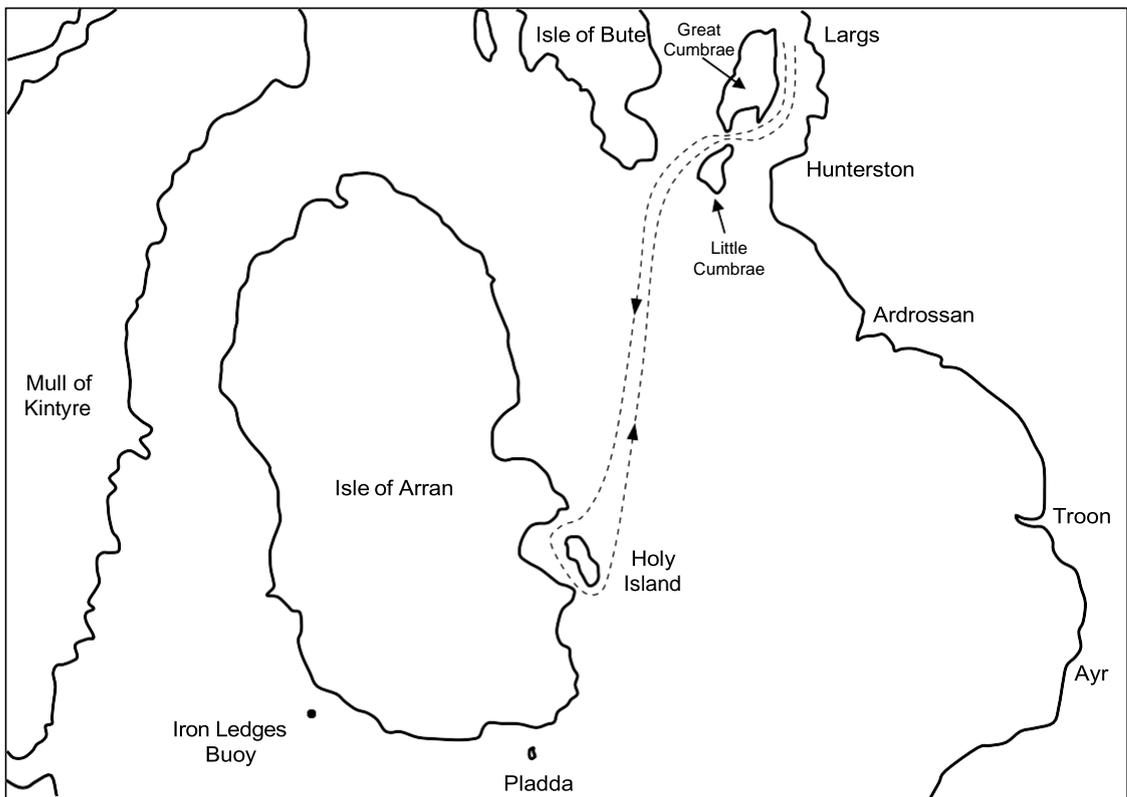
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

Competitors' Complementary Brunch
Served in Largs Sailing Club
Sunday 4th September 2022, 10:30 – 12:00hrs

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

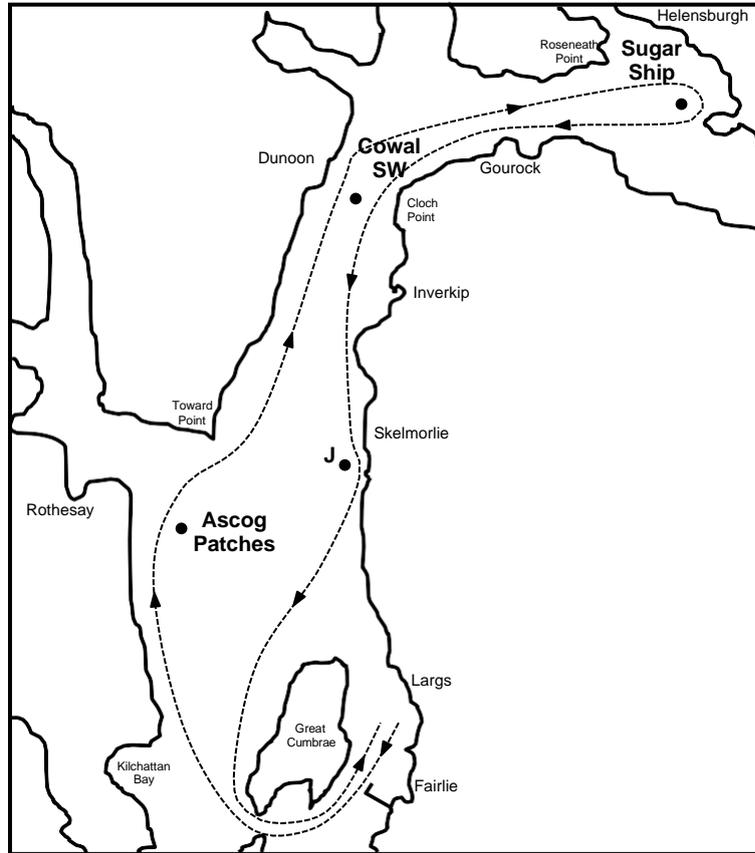


The Short Course – Round Holy Island – Applies to Classes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Only



Course 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

- 1) If **ICF F**  is flown from the Flag Hoist on Fairlie Quay Pier, the Courses to be sailed may, at the discretion of the race officer, be as follows:
 - a. Class 1 may sail Course C.
 - b. All Classes 2, 3, 4, and/or 5 may sail Course B.
- 2) The Race Officer shall announce any requirement to competitors to sail these courses.