



LARGS REGATTA FESTIVAL

CUMBRAES WEEKEND

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd August 2026
Largs, Ayrshire, Scotland, KA30 8EZ

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is Largs Sailing Club

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 Rules of the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick scheme available at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/portsmouth-yardstick/> will apply
The Rules of the Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS) available at <https://www.schrs.com/> will apply.

2 CHANGES TO 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 official noticeboard is located on the Largs Regatta Festival website. www.largsregattafestival.com
There will be no physical notice board.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, 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

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Northwest corner of the Largs SC balcony.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Entrants shall register and receive a tally number from the desk located in the downstairs lobby of Largs Sailing Club. The registration will be open from 0900 - 1030 on Saturday and 0900-0930 on Sunday (for those not registered on Saturday).
- 6.2 Competitor's briefing will take place at 1030 on Saturday.
- 6.3 Number of Races:

Class	Total Number of Races	No Of Races Scheduled Saturday	No Of Races Scheduled Sunday
Catamarans	5	4	1
Long Course Handicap Dinghy	5	4	1
Short Course Handicap Dinghy	5	4	1

- 6.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday is not before 1155 and on Sunday not before 1055.
- 6.5 On Sunday no warning signal shall be made after 1500.
- 6.6 The Split between Fast and Slow Handicap Classes will be at the discretion of the race committee and be advised no later than 2000 on the day before racing.

7 CLASS FLAGS

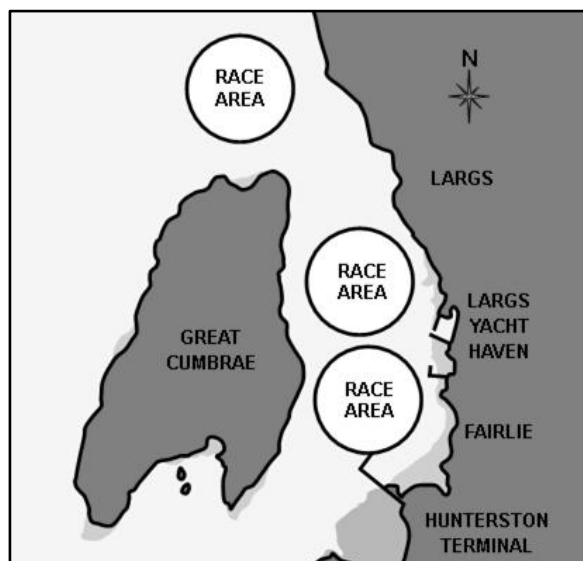
Class flags are as follows

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Class	Flag
Catamarans	G (Golf)
Long Course Handicap	J (Juliet)
Short Course Handicap	K (Kilo)

8 RACING AREA

The preferred racing area is in the Largs Channel, to the north of the yacht haven entrance. Please note that other fleets may be racing in the Largs Channel. If conditions dictate the RC may relocate to another race area by displaying flag L and proceeding to the new location.



9 COURSES

- 9.1 **Saturday Only:** The diagram(s) in SI Addendum 1 show the course(s), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 **Saturday Only:** The course to be sailed for Catamarans and the Long and Short Handicap Dinghy Classes will be displayed from the committee vessel prior to the race start.
- 9.3 **Saturday Only:** Catamaran results will be calculated using average lap times and so no predetermined number of laps will apply. Catamarans should continue to sail the course described in Addendum 1 until the Race committee displays flags C over F at gate 3s/3p (or mark 3 if a single mark is used). Catamarans should then sail to the finish line where their times will be recorded.
- 9.4 **Sunday Only:** The diagram and details of the courses for Sunday are at Addendum 2 & 3 the course chosen

for the day will be displayed from the club balcony.

- 9.5 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33

10 MARKS

Marks used are described in Addendum 1 (Saturday), and Addenda 2 & 3 (Sunday)

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

The entrance to the Largs Yacht Haven is designated as an obstruction; boats shall not pass between the red and white striped safe water mark and the entrance to the Marina.

12 THE START

- 12.1 **Saturday Only:** Races will be started as follows:

<i>Minutes before starting Signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class flag displayed	One	Warning Signal
2	Preparatory flag displayed	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting Signal

- 12.2 **Saturday Only:** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals shortly before the first warning signal of a series of starts is made..

- 12.3 **Saturday Only:** The intended starting order for the first race on Saturday is as follows:

Start 1 Catamarans
Start 2 Long Course Handicap
Start 3 Short Course Handicap

The starting order may change for subsequent races.

- 12.4 **Saturday Only:** 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 three 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 three 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.

- 12.5 **Saturday Only:** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the and the course side of the starting mark described in Addendum 1.

- 12.6 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

- 12.7 **Sunday Only:** The starts for races on Sunday will be combined and started from the balcony of Largs SC using lights as shown in the table below.

<i>Minutes before starting Signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
6	All lights on club house balcony (Yellow, Green, Red, Blue)	One	Pre-warning signal.
3	Yellow light on	One	Warning Signal – All Classes
2	Yellow and Blue light on	One	Preparatory Signal – All Classes
1	Yellow light on and Blue light off	One	One minute – All Classes
0	All lights off.	One	Starting Signal – All Classes

- 12.8 **Sunday Only:** in addition to signals made ashore (see SI 5) other relevant Race Signals will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Northwest corner of the Largs SC balcony using the class flags described in SI 7 where appropriate.

12.9 **Sunday Only:** The starting line is between the flagpole displaying an orange flag on the Largs SC balcony and the course side of the starting mark described in either Addenda 2 or 3.

12.10 **Sunday Only: INDIVIDUAL RECALL:**

In the case of an individual recall on Sunday Flag X will not be displayed. When a boat is subject to an individual recall the yellow class light will be re-illuminated and one additional sound signal shall be made. The light shall be displayed until the hull of each such boat has been completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions until all such boats have complied with Rule 30, but no later than two minutes after the start. If rule 29.2, 30.3 or 30.4 applies this SI does not apply. This changes RRS 29.1.

12.11 **Sunday Only: GENERAL RECALL:**

If a class is subject to a general Recall the First Substitute flag will not be displayed. If the race committee intend to signal a general recall the yellow class light will be made to flash repeatedly and 2 additional sound signals will be made. The yellow flashing light will be switched off one minute before the new warning signal. This changes RRS 29.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made, on the first lap only, without signaling the change. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing lines are as described in the addenda to these sailing instructions.

14.2 If no boat within a class finishes within the time limit, the times of the previous round completed by the leading boat on Saturday, or times taken at a previous mark on Sunday may be used to calculate results. Subsequent retirements or rule infringements shall be disregarded. The decision by the race committee to use (or not to use) this procedure shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS rule 28.1 and RRS Rule 60.1(b).

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 **Saturday Only:** Time limits for all competitors and target times for the lead boat are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Race Target Time</i>	<i>Race Time Limit</i>	<i>Finishing Window</i>
All Classes	40 min	90 min	30 min

The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.2 **Sunday Only:** The time limit for all competitors on the Sunday race is 1600hrs. Boats that fail to finish before the time limit will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.3 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 RRS Appendix T applies.

17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

17.3 Hearing request forms are available from the Largs sailing Club Office.

18 SCORING.

18.1 Dinghies will be scored using the Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) rating system. Corrected times will determine race rankings.

18.2 Catamarans will be scored using the Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS). Rankings will be based on corrected times calculated using the average lap system.

18.3 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.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [NP] [DP] A tally system will be used during the Regatta; To check-out competitors shall collect a wristband before entering the slipway indicating that they intend to go afloat. At the end of racing
- 19.2 (or retiring) the wristband must be handed back to the same point from which it was collected (i.e., the slipway used for launching for the relevant class). The ashore hand in shall be made no later than the protest time limit. Competitors that fail to tally correctly may be subject to protest by the Race Committee, the Protest Committee may impose a penalty that is less than DSQ for boats that have been found to infringe, any points penalty shall be applied to the first race completed on the day the infringement took place. This changes RRS Rule 63.1.
- 19.3 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by competitors at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. A wetsuit or dry suit is not adequate personal buoyancy; this changes RRS Rule 40.
- 19.4 [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee immediately on coming ashore.
- 19.5 [NP] [DP] 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 must 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 must 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 Byelaw 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

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of the helm during the regatta will be scored as a separate entry unless written permission is obtained from the Race Committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of the registered boat during the regatta will be counted as a separate entry unless written permission is obtained from the Race Committee. It is the responsibility of the competitor making the substitution to ensure that this is communicated to the Race Committee.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by a member of the Race Committee for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions
- 21.2 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the event documentation.
- 21.3 [DP] [NP] Sponsor's stickers must be displayed on every competing boat on the hull at the bow just below the deck line.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS – Not applicable at this event.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS – Not applicable at this event.

24 SUPPORT TEAMS – Not applicable at this event.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

26 BERTHING – Not applicable at this event.

27 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS – Not applicable at this event.

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

29 PRIZES

- 29.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each Class for the Series. The number of prizes awarded may

vary, at the discretion of the OA, depending on the number of entries within each class.

- 29.2 The ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE ROSEBOWL will be awarded to the yacht, dinghy or catamaran that, in the opinion of the Largs Regatta Festival Committee, has produced the best overall performance of all boats during Largs Regatta Festival.
- 29.3 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.

30 RISK STATEMENT

- 30.1 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.

31 INSURANCE

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



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Addendum 1 - Saturday's Courses

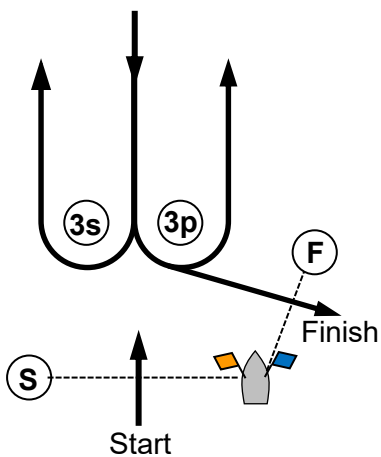
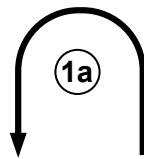
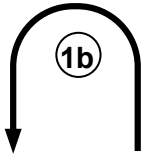
LONG COURSE HANDICAP DINGHY

Course 2

Start – 1b, (3s/3p), 1b, (3s/3p) – Finish

Course 3

Start – 1b, (3s/3p), 1b, (3s/3p) , 1b, (3s/3p) – Finish



SHORT COURSE HANDICAP DINGHY

Course 2

Start – 1a, (3s/3p), 1a, (3s/3p) – Finish

Course 3

Start – 1a, (3s/3p), 1a, (3s/3p) , 1a, (3s/3p) – Finish

CATAMARAN

All Courses

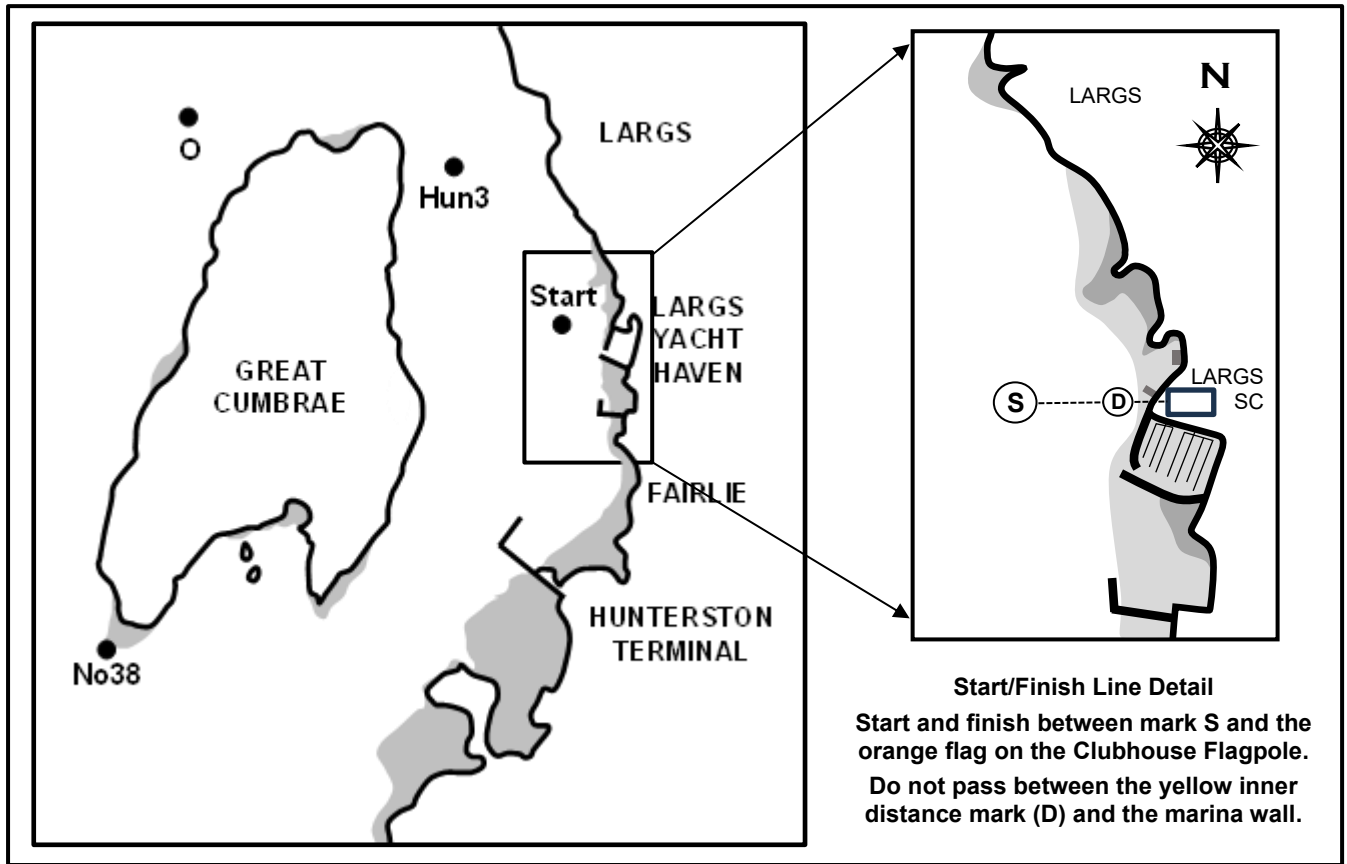
Start – 1b, (3s/3p) repeat until Flag C over F is Displayed at the Gate – Finish

Marks

S	Orange Inflatable
F	Blue Inflatable
1b, 3s, 3p	Pink Inflatable
1a	Orange Inflatable

A gate may be replaced by a single mark that shall be passed to port

Addendum 2 – Sunday Round Cumbrae Courses

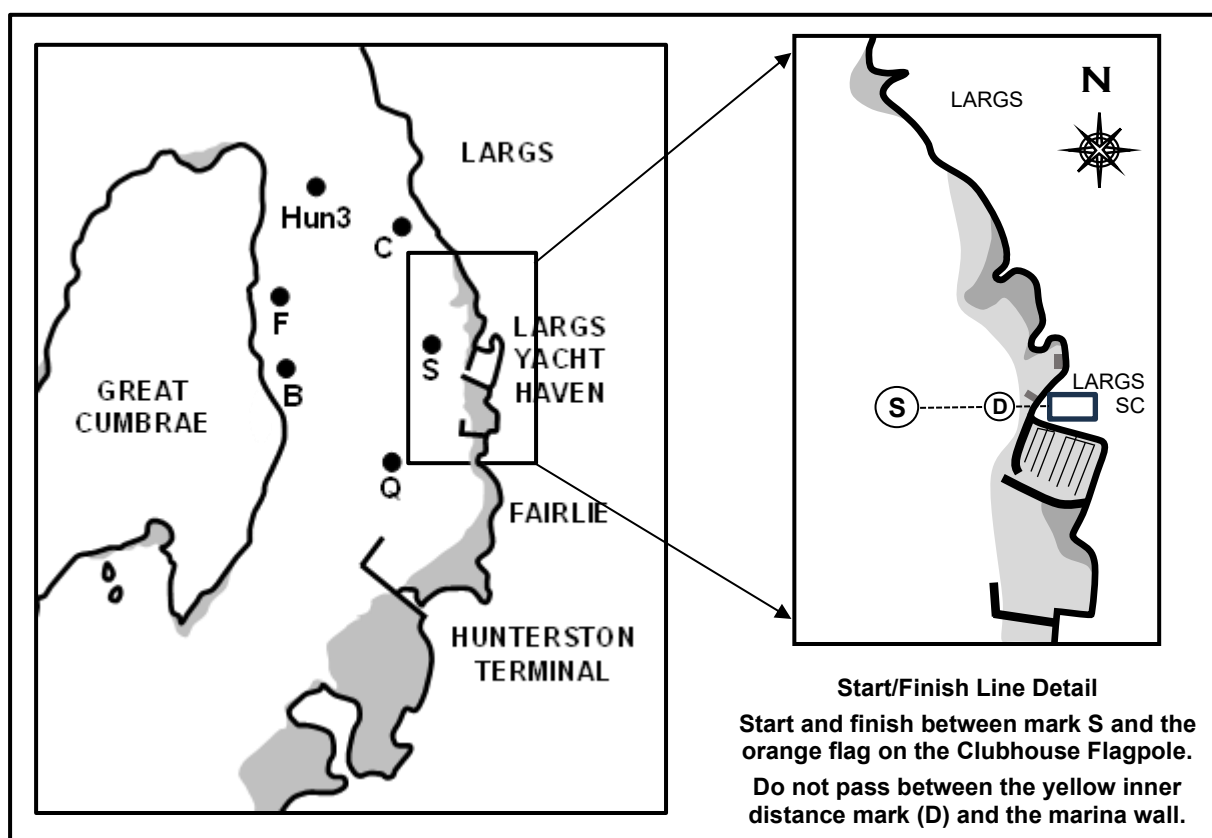


COURSE 1 North About Great Cumbrae	
Mark/Island	Direction
Start	South to North
Great Cumbrae	Pass to Port
Hun3	Pass to Port
O	Pass to Port
No38	Pass to Port
Finish	South to North

COURSE 2 South About Great Cumbrae	
Mark/Island	Direction
Start	North to South
Great Cumbrae	Pass to Starboard
No38	Pass to Starboard
O	Pass to Starboard
Hun3	Pass to Starboard
Finish	North to South

Marks (all positions are approximate)	
"D" Yellow Inner Distance Start Line Mark	West of LYH
"Hun3" Navigation Buoy (Red)	N55°47.60, W04°53.51
"No38" South Cardinal Buoy	N55°44.43, W04°57.13
"O" Pink Inflatable Race Mark	N55°47.63 W04°55.18
"S" Pink Inflatable Race Mark	West of LYH

Addendum 3 – Sunday Alternative Courses



Note: These courses will only be used if adverse weather does not allow the Cumbrae Course to be sailed.

Course 3 - all marks (except D) to be passed to port

Start – C, Hun3, F, B, Q, Start/Finish Line, C, Hun3, F, B, Q - Finish

Course 4 - all marks (except D) to be passed to starboard

Start – Q, B, F, Hun3, C, Start/Finish Line, Q, B, F, Hun3, C, - Finish

Mark	Description
B	Orange FYC Race Mark off Ballochmartin Bay
C	Orange FYC Race Mark off Cairnies Quay
D	Yellow Inner Distance Start Line Mark
F	Orange FYC Race Mark off Fairhaven House
Hun3	Red Navigation Buoy 'Hun3'
Q	"Q" FYC Orange Race Mark (in place of HUN 5)
S	Pink Inflatable Race Mark