

LARGS REGATTA FESTIVAL ARRAN MALT SCOTTISH TWO-HANDED RACE

29 and 30 August 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is 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 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://mocra-sailing.org.uk/racing/> will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available before 16:00 on Friday 21 August 2026 on the event website www.LargsRegattaFestival.com. The sailing instructions may change some RRS.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at the event website www.LargsRegattaFestival.com. There will be no physical notice board.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels, M1(37A), M2(P4), 72, 77.
- 3.3 [NP] The race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel and details of regular scheduled communication (if any) will be stated in the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal and 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 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Event is open to boats with a valid CYCA handicap or MOCRA rating crewed by two adults aged 18 years or older.
- 4.2 The Event is open to boats with a valid CYCA handicap or MOCRA rating crewed by two adults aged 18 years or older sailing in the restricted sail configuration (see SI 4.5).
- 4.3 Boats that do not have guard rails all-round the vessel shall not be eligible to compete in Classes 1-6, and will be invited to race in Class 7, unless they are eligible for the MOCRA Multihull Class.
- 4.4 Proposed Classes.
 - 4.4.1 The Long Course, around the Isle of Arran (approximately 80 nautical miles)

Class	Anticipated Handicap Band
Class 1 – long course Round Arran	All valid CYCA handicaps
MOCRA Multihull – long course Round Arran	All valid MOCRA ratings

4.4.2 The Short Course, around Holy Island (approximately 40 nautical miles)

Class	Anticipated CYCA Handicap Band
Class 2 (CYCA)	<16.5
Class 3 (CYCA)	16.5 to less than 20.5
Class 4 (CYCA)	>20.5
Class 5 (CYCA) Restricted Sail	<16.5
Class 6 (CYCA) Restricted Sail	16.5 or greater

4.4.3 The Clyde Course: Largs to Largs via fixed marks in the Firth of Clyde to the North of the Cumbrae Islands. Details of this course shall be available in the sailing instructions.

Class	Anticipated CYCA Handicap Band
Class 7 – dayboats and sportsboats	All valid CYCA handicaps

- 4.5 In the Restricted Sail classes 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.
- 4.6 The OA may amalgamate, combine, cancel, divide, subdivide or rearrange classes at its sole discretion, and shall publish the class divisions on the event website no later than 2000 on Friday 28 August 2026.
- 4.7 Boats may enter the event by registering online and paying the appropriate fees via the Event website www.LargsRegattaFestival.com
- 4.8 To be considered an entry in the event, all boats in all classes shall have a valid CYCA handicap and complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

5.1 Required Fees are as follows:

Boats	Entry Fee
All Eligible Vessels	£45

- 5.2 Entries received after 1700 Wednesday 26th August 2026 may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be subject to a late entry fee of £10.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 The Crew Number and Crew Weight Limitations as stated in the MOCRA ratings rule shall not apply.
- 6.2 The crew number for each entry shall be 2 persons.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – Not applicable at this event.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 There will be one race for each class starting on Saturday 29 August 2026, with the first warning signal not before 0925.
- 9.2 The time limit will be 0900 on Sunday 30 August 2026, except for Class 7 where the time limit will be 2000 on Saturday 29 August 2026

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 [NP] [DP] Keelboats and MOCRA Multihulls shall submit or verify the existence of a valid rating/handicap certificate no later than Friday 29th August 2025. Copies of certificates shall be emailed to dave@largsyachthaven.com

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time during the Event. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

10.3 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.

It is recommended that all participants shall use AIS. It is intended that a fleet tracking system will be used by Class 1 competitors in order that real time tracking is available via the internet. Details will be made available at a later date and in the Sailing Instructions.

Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

It is recommended that these Classes comply with Category 4

Yellow Brick electronic tracker units shall be issued to all participants in all classes. Please collect your tracker unit and instructions on Friday 28 August 2026 from Largs Yacht Haven reception.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT - Not applicable at this event.

12 VENUE

The Race Area will be the Firth of Clyde in the waters around the Cumbrae Islands, the Isle of Arran and Holy Island.

13 THE COURSES

13.1 Long Course (Arran) – Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Little Cumbrae, Arran, Iron Ledges Buoy, Pladda, and Holy Island to port, then Little Cumbrae to starboard and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 80nm).

13.2 Short Course (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)

13.3 Dayboats & Sportsboats – Largs to Largs via fixed marks in the Firth of Clyde to the North of the Cumbrae Islands. Details of this course shall be available in the sailing instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for full information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rules). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

14.2 Protest hearings and RYA arbitration may take place virtually and competitors shall need to be able to access a device suitable for running popular commercially available video conferencing software. Further details may be published on the on-line noticeboard on the event website.

15 SCORING

The Low Points Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS – Not applicable at this event.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS – Not applicable at this event.

18 BERTHING – Not applicable at this event.

19 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS – Not applicable at this event

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

21 DATA PROTECTION

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the

legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 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."

- 22.2 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, inspection 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.

23 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.

24 PRIZES

24.1 The following Trophies will 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 a crew, taking into account aggregate age
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.

24.2 The Prize giving and brunch will be held at 12:00hrs on Sunday 7th September 2025 in Largs Sailing Club.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 Further information is available from the Event website www.LargsRegattaFestival.com and by telephoning or e-mailing the following:

Largs Yacht Haven Tel: 01475 675333, or email to dave@largsyachthaven.com



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