



NOTICE OF RACE

HARKEN WINTER OPEN SERIES

28th Oct 2018 – 2nd December 2018

The organising authority is Largs Sailing Club (LSC).

1 RULES

1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

2.2 Where Supplied - Sponsors Bow Stickers shall be applied on both sides in a visible position approximately 300mm from the bow.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Series is open to dinghies or catamarans belonging to, or under the control of, members of the RYA or members of clubs affiliated to the RYA. Boats shall comply with their class rules in terms of measurement.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the appropriate entry form and sending it, together with the required fee (cheques payable to Largs Sailing Club), to:

Largs Sailing Club,
Largs Yacht Haven,
Irvine Road,
Largs
KA30 8EZ.

3.3 Eligible competitors that have returned the entry form and paid the appropriate fee will be granted temporary membership of LSC for the duration of the series.

4 FEES (Non-Refundable)

4.1 There will be no fee for paid up members of LSC.

4.2 Fees for non-members of LSC are:

<i>Dinghies & Catamarans</i>	<i>Fee</i>
2 or more crew	£50.00
Single handed	£35.00

4.3 Note that entry fees include berthing for non LSC members for the duration of the series, boats belonging to non-members of LSC are required to be removed no later than one weekend after the end of the series or full LSC membership fees will apply.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration: competitors may enter and register on the day by handing a completed entry form and entry fee if appropriate to the Race Officer (located upstairs in LSC) prior to taking part in the Series. Registration will take place from 08.30 on the first day of racing.

5.2 A competitors briefing shall take place at 09.30 on the first day of racing.

5.3 The First Warning signal shall not be before 10.30 on Sunday 28th Oct 2018.

5.4 Racing Schedule:

<i>Dates of Racing</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Rating System</i>	<i>Time of 1st Signal</i>	<i>Maximum No of Races Each Day</i>
SUNDAY(s) 28 th Oct Until 2 nd Dec 2018.	Class One Class Two	Portsmouth Yardstick	10.30hrs	3

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available from the LSC website: www.largssc.co.uk . Hard copies of the sailing instructions may be obtained from the Race Office on request, please contact LSC on 01475 670000 or by e-mail: secretary@largssc.co.uk .

7 VENUE

7.1 The venue will be Largs Sailing Club, located in Largs Yacht Haven.

7.2 The Race Area will be the Largs Channel.

8 THE COURSES and CLASSES

Class One: All dinghies with handicap greater than PY 1207 and any other classes of dinghy or catamaran who choose this fleet for the duration of the series. This fleet sailing mainly shorter triangular courses

Class Two: Cats or dinghies with handicap less than or equal to PY 1206 who choose, as a class, to enter this fleet for the series. This fleet sailing mainly longer Windward-Leeward courses.

9 PROTESTS

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

10 SCORING

10.1 Substitution of the person in charge of a boat shall not be permitted during the series, boats that do change their personnel during the series shall be scored as a separate entry, no additional fees are required.

10.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed there are no discards
- b) When from 7-9 races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores
- c) When 10-12 races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her scores excluding her 4 worst scores
- d) When 13-18 races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her scores excluding her 6 worst scores
- e) Where a competitor undertakes a race management duty that race is scored as the average points for that competitor's races in the series. A maximum of four races, or 50% of the completed races in the series, whichever is the fewer, may be scored in this way.
- f) Race positions will be calculated on the Average Lap basis.

11 PRIZES

11.1 The Prize giving will be held in Largs Sailing Club as soon as possible after racing concludes on Sunday 2nd Dec 2018. Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class, for the top three cadets and additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organisers.

12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 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."

12.2 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 the competitor's responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for this venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event

- h) Competitors agree that their personal information, as requested on the entry form, can be used by the club for race management and publicity purposes and that photographs taken during the event may also be used for publicity purposes.

13 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.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information is available from the event website: www.largssc.co.uk and by telephoning or e-mailing the following:

Largs Sailing Club Tel: 01475 670000, e-mail: secretary@largssc.co.uk