

Largs Sailing Club New Year Race 2024

7th January 2024

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority (OA) is Largs SC

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).

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The New Year Race 2024 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.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Largs SC website <http://www.largssc.co.uk/racing>. The sailing instructions may change some RRS.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at the Largs SC website <http://www.largssc.co.uk/racing>. There will be no physical notice board.
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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 series are open to dinghies and catamarans that are helmed by members of Largs SC whose membership falls into the categories stated below:
 - a) Individual Members
 - b) Family Members
 - c) Junior Members
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by registering at Largs Sailing Club from 0930 onwards on Sunday 7th January 2024. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 11h00 on Sunday 7th January 2024.
- 4.4 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 event.

5 FEES

- 5.1 No entry fee is payable for eligible members of Largs SC.
- 5.2 Fees for non-members of LSC are:

<i>Dinghies & Catamarans</i>	<i>Fee</i>
2 or more crew	£15.00

Single handed	£10.00
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6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration will take place prior to the start of racing.

6.2 Number of Races

<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 7th Jan 2024	One class	Portsmouth Yardstick	11.55hrs	2

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1155.

6.4 The warning signal for the second race will be immediately after the first race has completed.

6.5 No warning signal shall be made after 1400.

6.6 The Race Committee may create an additional class, on the day, at their discretion depending on the number of entries.

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Boats may be inspected at any time during the events. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their boat remains compliant with its class rules throughout each event.

7.2 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.

8 VENUE

8.1 The Venue will be Largs SC, located in Largs Yacht Haven.

8.2 The Race Area will be the Largs Channel

9 THE COURSES

a. The courses will be defined in detail in the Sailing Instructions and may include triangular or windward leeward configurations.

10 PENALTY SYTEM

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

10.2 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.

10.3 Protest hearings and RYA arbitration may take place virtually, competitors shall need to be able to access a device suitable for running popular commercially available video conferencing software. Further details will be published on the Largs SC website: <http://www.largssc.co.uk/racing>.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 Finishing positions shall take account of the number of laps actually sailed, and results shall be calculated on an 'average lap time' basis, using the Portsmouth Yardstick rating system.
- 11.3 If conditions dictate, the Race Committee may, at their discretion, take the results of a race from the times recorded for a previous round.

12 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 OA'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.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 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.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded immediately after racing.
- 15.2 The OA reserves the right not to award prizes if there are insufficient boats entered and may decide to award additional prizes.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further Information can be found on the Largs SC website: <http://www.largssc.co.uk/racing>