



LARGS SAILING CLUB NEW YEARS RACE



5th Jan 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organising authority is Largs Sailing Club (LSC).

1 RULES

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

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official regatta notice board situated in the lower corridor of LSC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change(s) to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than one hour before the first start on the day it shall take effect. It is the responsibility of the helm to acquaint themselves with the change.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals ashore shall be made from the flagpole located on the North West corner of the LSC balcony.

5 CLASS SIGNALS AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

<i>Dates of Racing</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Handicap</i>	<i>Class Light</i>	<i>1st Warning Signal Not Before</i>	<i>No of Races</i>
Sunday 5 th Jan 2020	One Class Start	PY	Yellow	10:55	Up to 3

6 RACING AREAS

6.1 The race area is the Largs Channel.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 (LSC Course Charts 2019) show the courses, including the order in which marks 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.

7.2 Competitors must pass the Marina Safewater Mark on its western side at all times.

7.3 The course to be sailed will be indicated by a black letter(s) on a white background displayed from the Largs SC Balcony.

8 MARKS

8.1 Mark descriptions are as shown in Appendix 1.

9 THE START

9.1 The starting lines are as shown in Appendix 1.

9.2 Races started ashore will use the LSC starting light system as shown below. This changes RRS Rule 26.

LIGHT SIGNAL					
TIME	YELLOW	GREEN	RED	BLUE	
6 min	FLASH	FLASH	FLASH	OFF	Pre-Warning Signal
5 min	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	Warning Signal
4 min	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	Preparatory Signal
1 min	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	One Minute Signal
START	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	START

9.3 **INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** The appropriate **class light** shall **FLASH** until all premature starters have returned or for 4 minutes. One additional sound signal shall be made.

9.4 **GENERAL RECALL:** The appropriate **class light and the blue light** will **FLASH** until all competitors have returned or for 4 minutes. Two additional sound signals shall be made.

10 SHORTENED COURSE

10.1 Shortly before the finish, flag S shall be displayed on the balcony and the blue light shall be displayed from the LSC balcony along with two sound signals. Boats shall finish the race when they pass through the finish line at the end of their current lap. If conditions dictate the race committee may, at their discretion, take the results of a race from the times recorded for a previous round.

11 FINISHING LINE

11.1 The finishing line will be between Mark P and the light cluster on the LSC clubhouse from the direction of the last mark rounded as described in Appendix 1 (2019 Course Charts)

12 TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit shall be 75 minutes after the start of each race. Boats that do not finish before the time limit shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS Rule 35.

12.2 If no boat within finishes within the time limit, the times of the previous round completed by the leading boat may be used to calculate results at the discretion of the race committee. Subsequent retirements or rule infringements shall be disregarded.

13 RETIRALS

13.1 Any boat leaving the course area shall notify the Race Committee when ashore.

14 PROTESTS.

14.1 The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

14.2 Competitors should inform the Race Committee of any protests immediately after finishing.

14.3 Protest forms are available at the race office, downstairs in LSC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.4 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.5 Notices shall be posted 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. Hearings shall be held in the jury room, located at LSC.

14.6 Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.7 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.

14.8 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

15 SCORING

15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When racing has been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.2 Results shall be calculated using average lap times and the Portsmouth Yardstick system.

15.3 Substitution of the helm of a boat shall not be permitted during the series, boats that do change their helm during the series shall be scored as a separate entry, no additional fees are required

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 The Prize giving will be held in Largs Sailing Club as soon as possible after racing ends..

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 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 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.

- 17.2 Catamarans and dinghies shall sign a tally sheet before the race indicating their intention to go afloat, and after racing that they are safely ashore. The tally sheet shall be located with the Race Officer upstairs in the LSC building.
- 17.3 Competitors that fail to tally correctly may be subject to protest by the Race Committee only, 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 competed on the day the infringement took place. This changes RRS Rule 63.1

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 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."
- 18.2 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:
- 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;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 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;
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 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.

Appendix

1.LSC Course Charts 2019:

http://www.largssc.co.uk/sites/default/files/LSC%20Course%20Chart%20%202019_0.pdf