

Harken Largs SC Winter Open Series 2021

Notice of Race

The Organizing 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

- a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- b. The prescriptions of the RYA available at www.rya.org.uk will apply.

2. [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

- a. By taking part in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with **Largs SC's COVID-19 procedures**. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Largs SC website <https://www.largssc.co.uk/node/672> . The sailing instructions may change some RRS.

4. COMMUNICATION

- a. The online official noticeboard is located at the Largs SC website <https://www.largssc.co.uk/node/672> . There will be no physical notice board.
- b. [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.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. 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.
- b. Eligible boats may enter by registering at Largs Sailing Club from 0900 onwards on Sunday 24th October 2021 (preferably in Cash) Cheques can be accepted but there is currently no facility for payments by card. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 10h00 on Sunday 24 October 2021. Late entry will be accepted up until 11h00 on each race day up to the end of the series.
- c. 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.

6. FEES

- a. Entry Fees for non-members of LSC are as follows:

Dinghies and Catamarans	Entry Fee
2 or more crew	£60
Single handed	£40

- b. There will be no fees for paid up members of LSC
- c. 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 at the end of the series or full LSC membership fees will apply.

7. CREW LIMITATIONS – Not applicable at this event.

8. ADVERTISING

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

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

10. SCHEDULE

- a. 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.
- b. A competitors briefing shall take place at 10.00 on the first day of racing
- c. Racing Schedule:

Dates of Racing	Total Number of Races	Rating System	Time of First signal	Maximum Number of Races per Day
Sunday 24 th Oct 2021 Until 28 Nov 2021	Up to 18	Portsmouth Yardstick	Not before 1055	3

- d. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday 24th October 2021 is not before 1055.
- e. No warning signal shall be made after 1500.

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- a. 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.
- b. 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.

12. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT - Not applicable at this event.

13. VENUE

- a. The Venue will be Largs SC, located in Largs Yacht Haven.
- b. The Race Area will be the Largs Channel.

14. THE COURSES

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

15. PENALTY SYTEM

- a. The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1
- b. 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.
- c. 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/node/652> .

16. SCORING

- a. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. When up to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- c. When from 7 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- d. When from 10 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 4 worst scores.
- e. When 13 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 6 worst scores.

17. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- a. [DP] Support Boats shall register with the organising authority and pay any appropriate charges
- b. [DP] Support Boats maybe subject to controlled entry to the race area, further details will be included within the Sailing Instructions.
- c. [DP] All support boat helms shall attend safety boat briefings details of which will be provided upon registration.
- d. [DP] To ensure fairness to all competitors, all support boats may be required to carry drinks, snacks and spares for competitors who do not have their own support boat

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

19. BERTHING

20. [DP] Boats shall be kept in the assigned boat park for the duration of the event.

21. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS – Not applicable at this event.

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

23. DATA PROTECTION

- a. 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.

24. RISK STATEMENT

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

25. 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.

26. PRIZES

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.

27. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further Information can be found on the Largs SC website: <https://www.largssc.co.uk/node/67>