

## Largs Sailing Club Wednesday Series 2021 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 Sunday Series 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](http://www.rya.org.uk) will apply.
- 1.3 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, 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).

### 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 Eligible boats may enter by completing the paper entry form available from the Race Officer (RO) prior to the start of each day's racing. Entry to a race may be made at any time prior to the first warning signal for that race.
- 4.3 Entries will be split into two classes depending on their preferred course.

**Class Short:** All dinghies with handicap greater than PY1207 and any other classes of dinghy or catamaran who choose this fleet for the duration of the series. This fleet sailing mainly shorter triangular/quadrilateral courses.

**Class Long:** Catamarans or dinghies with handicap less than or equal to PY 1207 who choose, as a class, to enter this fleet for the series. This fleet sailing mainly longer Windward-Leeward courses.

- 4.4 The OA reserves the right to amend and add /remove classes depending on numbers and types of boats participating.

## 5 FEES

No entry fee is payable for eligible members of Largs SC.

**6 CREW LIMITATIONS – Not applicable at this event.**

**7 ADVERTISING – Not applicable at this event.**

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

## 9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration will take place prior to the start of each day's racing.
- 9.2 The racing series are scheduled to take place on Wednesday evenings, split into two series with racing taking place on the dates listed below;

<i>Series Name</i>	<i>Mid Series</i>	<i>Late Series</i>
Dates	Wednesday 19 May Until Wednesday 30 June	Wednesday 7 July Until Wednesday 25 August Except Wed 28 July

- 9.3 Number of Races

<i>Class</i>	<i>Total Number of Races Mid Series</i>	<i>Total Number of Races Late Series</i>	<i>Number of Races Scheduled Per Day</i>	<i>Maximum Number of Races per Day</i>
Class Long	7	7	1	1
Class Short	7	7	1	1

- 9.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Class Long race each day is 1910, the Class Short warning signal will normally be made at the same time as the starting signal for Class Long.
- 9.5 No warning signal shall be made after 1940.

## 10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.

**11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT - Not applicable at this event.**

## 12 VENUE

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

## 13 THE COURSES

The courses are described in Largs SC Course Charts 2020, available on the Largs SC website <http://www.largssc.co.uk/racing>

## 14 PENALTY SYTEM

- 14.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1
- 14.2 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](http://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.
- 14.3 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> .

## 15 SCORING

- 15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- When 3 races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - When from 8 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
  - When 12 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 Competitors that undertake a "Duty" on a race day either as RIB helm/crew, RO or Assistant RO will be awarded average points (excluding discards) for the races that are completed on the day(s) that they undertake their Duty. The scoring abbreviation for this will be OOD. This changes RRS rule A10.
- Competitors may only receive an OOD score for a maximum of 2 races or 50% (rounded down) of the completed races in the series, whichever is fewest.
  - Where the number of duties completed exceeds the maximum number of OOD scores permitted for a series Competitors will be scored as Did Not Start.

**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 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.

## 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."

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.

## 23 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.

## 24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes, for the full season, will be awarded in one of two formats as decided by the OA, either;

- a) Series Prizes which will be awarded for each series to;
  - i. The three highest placed boats,
  - ii. The highest placed boat where all members of the crew are under 16 years of age on the date of the last race of the series,
  - iii. The highest placed boat in any class where more than three boats of the same class have started every race in the series unless they have already received a prize.
- b) Season Prizes will be awarded to
  - i. The highest placed boat in each series that has not already received a prize this season.
  - ii. The Highest places boat where all the members of the crew are under 16 years of age on the date of the last race of the series that has not already received a series prize this season.

24.2 The OA reserves the right not to award prizes if there are insufficient boats entered in any class for any series and may decide to award additional prizes.

## 25 FURTHER INFORMATION

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