

# St MARY'S LOCH SAILING CLUB ANNUAL REGATTA

Incorporating the Enterprise Scottish National Championship

30th/ 31st JULY 2022

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021 - 2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and the appropriate classes, except any of these that are changed by these sailing instructions (SIs)

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the clubhouse.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted at least 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the clubhouse flag mast.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in race signal AP.

4.3 Flag Y will not be displayed. Adequate personal buoyancy will be worn at all times when afloat. Wetsuits or drysuits are not considered adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 A briefing will be held at the clubhouse at 1200 hrs on Saturday.

5.2 Racing for all classes is scheduled as follows

Saturday	Race 1	first warning signal 1355 hrs
	Race 2	asap after race 1
	Race 3	asap after race 2
Sunday	Race 4	first warning signal 1025 hrs
	Race 5	asap after race 4

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be	Enterprise	Flag E
	Mirror	Flag M

### 7 COURSES

7.1 Courses will be advised at the 12.00 briefing.

7.2 All boats must go through the finish line on each windward leg. Boats must **not** pass through the finish line on any other leg of the course.

7.3 Competitors should allow themselves sufficient time to reach the race area which may be at the north end of the loch.

### 8 MARKS

8.1 Marks of the course will be yellow cylindrical marks or existing club race marks (orange spherical buoys.)

8.2 A sculpture, which includes up to 4 metal floats, has been placed on the East shore of the loch opposite the mouth of the Megget Water. Its outer end is marked by a yellow buoy: boats must not pass between this and the shore.

### 9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 (5, 4, 1, 0). Enterprises will start before Mirrors. This order will not be changed by a General Recall (see RRS 29.2). The start signal for the Enterprises will also be the warning signal for the Mirrors.

9.2 RRS 30.2 (Z Flag) or 30.4 (Black Flag) may be used during any start sequence at the discretion of the race officer.

9.3 The starting line will be between the mizzen mast of the committee boat and a green outer distance mark. An inner limit mark may be laid near the committee boat; boats may not pass between this and the committee boat.

9.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1.

### 10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between the mizzen mast of the committee boat and the green outer buoy. All boats must go through the finish line on each windward leg of the course.

10.2 When flag S is displayed at the committee boat all boats shall finish when the boat crosses the finish line. When flag S is displayed with a class flag, the instruction will apply to boats in that class only.

### 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

The protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42. (See RRS appendix P.)

### 12 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race is 1.5 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish, and boats which have been lapped by the leading boat will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) or, if circumstances allow and at the discretion of the race officer, may be scored as though they had finished in their current position. The Race Officer's decision shall be final. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

### 13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available from the race office. Protests shall be handed to the race officer within the protest time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Officer has returned to shore – this time limit will be posted on the notice board inside the clubhouse. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress.

13.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the clubhouse.

- 13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 13.5 A list of boats that, under SI 12, have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 13.6 For the purposes of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
- 13.7 Breaches of SIs 4.3 or 16 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 13.8 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision. This changes RRS 66.

#### **14 SCORING**

- 14.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

#### **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1 A boat that retires shall sign the retire sheet on the official notice board as soon as possible after coming ashore and no later than 30 minutes after the end of the last race of the day.
- 15.2 All boats leaving the race area during the race schedule shall make a safety boat or the committee boat aware they are leaving before heading for the shore.
- 15.3 It is a condition of entry that a competitor shall comply with the instructions of safety boat crews, whose priority is to help competitors in distress or danger before retrieving boats.

#### **16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed.

#### **17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected before racing, between races or after racing for compliance with the class rules and SIs.

#### **18 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 10% of boats in each fleet.

#### **19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4: Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

By leaving the shore, you confirm that your boat is fit for those conditions and that you are competent to sail and compete in them. If you decide to sail, you acknowledge that you have a continuing duty to review your decision as conditions change. You accept that the decision to sail in the conditions of the race is yours alone.

#### **20 INSURANCE**

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