

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

The organising authority is Largs Sailing Club (LSC) in conjunction with Fairlie Yacht Club (FYC).

1 RULES

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

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board situated in the lower corridor of LSC.
- 2.2 The race office will be situated in LSC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day of racing.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of Racing

Saturday 02 SEP 2017 to Sunday 03 SEP 2017 Classes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

5.2 Number of Races: There will be one race for each class.

6 CLASS FLAGS AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

Long Course	Handicap	Class Flag	Start Time
Class 1	CYCA	Num Pennant 1	09:40
Short Course			
Class 2	CYCA	Num Pennant 2	09:45
Class 3	CYCA	Num Pennant 3	09:50
Class 4	CYCA	Num Pennant 4	09:55
Class 5	CYCA Restricted Sail	Num Pennant 5	10:00
Class 6	CYCA Restricted Sail	Num Pennant 6	10:05
"Up River" Course see SI 8 Below			
Class 7	CYCA Dayboats and Sportsboats	Num Pennant 7	10:10

- 6.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound) not less than 5 minutes before the first warning signal of a series of starts is displayed
- 6.2 The Organisers will publish the class divisions on the official notice board downstairs in Largs Sailing Club no later than 20:00 hours on Friday 01 SEP 2017, class divisions may also be published on the event website, www.largsregattaweek.co.uk.
Please check the class divisions on the official notice board prior to taking part in the event.
- 6.3 In any of the Restricted Sail Classes, spinnakers shall not be used, and only one headsail may be used at any one time except for cutter rigged (or similar) yachts that have 2 (or more) headsails recorded on their CYCA rating certificate who may fly the recorded number of headsails simultaneously.
- 6.4 Keelboat competitors shall display their class flag in a prominent position from their backstay (or starboard shroud for boats without a backstay) [DP].

7 RACING AREAS

The race area is the Firth of Clyde, the waters surrounding the Isle of Arran and Holy Island.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 **Long Course, Class 1 only** (Round Arran) – Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Little Cumbrae, Arran, Iron Rock Ledges Buoy, Pladda, and Holy Island to port, then Little Cumbrae to starboard and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 80nm)

- 8.2 **Short Course, Classes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only** (Round Holy Island) - Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Little Cumbrae, and Holy Island to port, then Little Cumbrae to starboard and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 30nm).
- 8.3 The course for Class 7 to sail shall be displayed on the LSC balcony railings which shall display letter "A" requiring Class 7 to sail the Ascog Patches course or letter "B" requiring Class 7 to sail the Cowal Safe Water Course or letter "C" requiring Class 7 to sail the Sugar Ship Course.
- 8.4 **Course A, Class 7 only** (Ascog Patches) - Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Ascog Patches Beacon to starboard, and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 23 miles).
- 8.5 **Course B, Class 7 only** (Cowal Safe Water) – Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Ascog Patches Beacon to starboard, Cowal safe water buoy to starboard, CPA Channel Mark "J" (Skelmorlie Bank) to starboard, and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 35 miles).
- 8.6 **Course C, Class 7 only** (Sugar Ship) – Largs to Largs passing the Island of Great Cumbrae to starboard, Ascog Patches Beacon to starboard, Cowal safe water buoy to starboard, the Sugar Ship (Captayannis) wreck to starboard, CPA Channel Mark "J" (Skelmorlie Bank) to starboard, and Great Cumbrae to port (approx 44 miles).
- 8.7 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the courses for Classes 1 – 6 and the diagrams in Appendix 2 show the courses for Class 7 only. The diagrams include the order in which marks/islands 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, and should not be used for navigation.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line shall be between the staff or mast displaying an orange flag on or near LSC and an orange inflatable race mark which may be attached to another (fixed), mark. An Inner Distance Mark (IDM), normally a narrow yellow inflatable, may be laid approximately on the start line. Boats shall not pass between the marina breakwater and the IDM [DP]. Additional marks on or near the start line should be ignored. The start line shall be crossed from North to South.

Beware of shallow water NE of the starting line and near the marina breakwater wall.

- 9.2 A countdown to starting signals and additional race information may be broadcast on **VHF Ch 72**. OCS infringements may also be broadcast on VHF Ch 72, failure to transmit this information shall not be grounds for redress.
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area [DP].

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The Finishing Line shall be between the starting light cluster on LSC balcony, and an orange inflatable mark, to the west of LSC clubhouse. The finishing line shall be crossed from South to North. It is strongly recommended that competitors alter course to the west immediately after finishing to avoid shallow water NE of the finishing line.
- 10.2 During the hours of darkness, the finish buoy may be internally lit.
- 10.3 Boats shall not re-cross the finish line after finishing [DP].
- 10.4 All competing yachts shall identify themselves by calling the Race Committee on VHF Ch 72 approximately 5 minutes from the finish line. In addition, yachts finishing during the hours of darkness shall illuminate their sail number to assist identification. After finishing and once clear of the finishing area and in safe water, competing yachts shall report to the Race Committee on VHF Ch 72 to ensure correct identification and recording of their finishing time. In addition, boats should take their own finishing time, and where possible, the identity of boats immediately ahead and astern [DP].

11 TIME LIMITS

Class	Time Limit
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	09:00hrs Sunday 03 SEP 2017
7	19:00hrs Saturday 02 SEP 2017

- 11.1 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12 RETIRALS

Any boat retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee, on VHF Ch 72, or by telephoning 01475 670022, or Via Largs Yacht Haven on 01475 675333 [DP].

THE RACE COMMITTEE MUST BE INFORMED IF A BOAT RETIRES AND AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SHOULD BE RECEIVED. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SAFETY MATTER.

13 PROTESTS.

- 13.1 The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures may be available.
- 13.2 Competitors should inform the Race Committee of any protest they wish to lodge within 30 minutes of finishing [DP].
- 13.3 Protest forms are available at the Protest Committee desk in Largs SC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 13.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished or the race time limit. The protest time limit shall be posted on the Notice Board at the conclusion of racing.
- 13.5 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 heard in the protest hearing room located upstairs in Largs SC. Parties to each protest are requested to remain in the vicinity.

- 13.6 Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 13.7 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.
- 13.8 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision. This changes RRS Rule 66.
- 13.9 The Protest Committee may impose a penalty that is less than DSQ for boats that have been found to break RRS 55. [DP]

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 Clydeport Operations Limited Restrictions. [DP]

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 by-law 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.

14.2 SAILING DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS

Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules contained in RRS Part 2 shall cease to govern the race, which shall be continued under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Navigation lights shall be shown during the hours of darkness.

14.3 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

Classes SHALL COMPLY with the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations as follows:-

CLASS 1 shall comply with **CATEGORY 3** of the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.

In addition, each yacht in Class 1 shall be required to carry a liferaft and/or dinghy suitable of carrying the entire crew. Sigma 33's shall comply with their class rules with the addition of carrying a liferaft and/or dinghy suitable of carrying the entire crew. Where an inflatable dinghy is used in place of a life raft a suitable pump shall be carried to enable the inflation of such a dinghy.

At least one spare lifejacket shall be carried for each crew member.

Category 3 regulations can be obtained upon request.

It is recommended that yachts in CLASSES 2,3,4,5,6 & 7 comply with CATEGORY 4 of the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.

14.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to withdraw any entry that it deems unsuitable for the race on grounds of safety.

15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

15.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any yacht to verify that regulations have been complied with. All yachts entered in Class 1 shall be inspected by Safety Equipment Advisors on behalf of the organisers.

15.2 Any boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the appropriate class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee inspector/measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

16 PRIZES

The following Trophies shall be awarded.

Viking Sword Trophy	Class 1
Largs Chandlers Trophy	Class 2
Blue Whale Trophy -	Class 3
Largs Sailing Club Trophy	Class 4
Largs Yacht Haven Trophy	Class 5
Sailaway Trophy	Class 6
Scottish Sailing Institute Trophy	Class 7
Mallie Trophy	Best performance by crew taking into account aggregate age (Either young or old).
Euroyachts Quaich	Best performance by a family crew.
Maritime Craft Services Cup	Boat making the fastest passage round Arran.
Rupert Trophy	Best performance by an all female crew.
Yacht of the Week (Keelboats)- HUNTERSTON WHEEL	Awarded to the boat which, in the opinion of the organising committee has produced the best performance during Largs Regatta Week. Boats shall compete in Cumbraes Weekend, Midweek Series & The Scottish Two-Handed Race to qualify for this trophy.

16.1 The Prize giving will be held in Largs Sailing Club not before 12:00hrs on Sunday 03 SEP 2017.

17 RISK STATEMENT

17.1 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."

17.2 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:

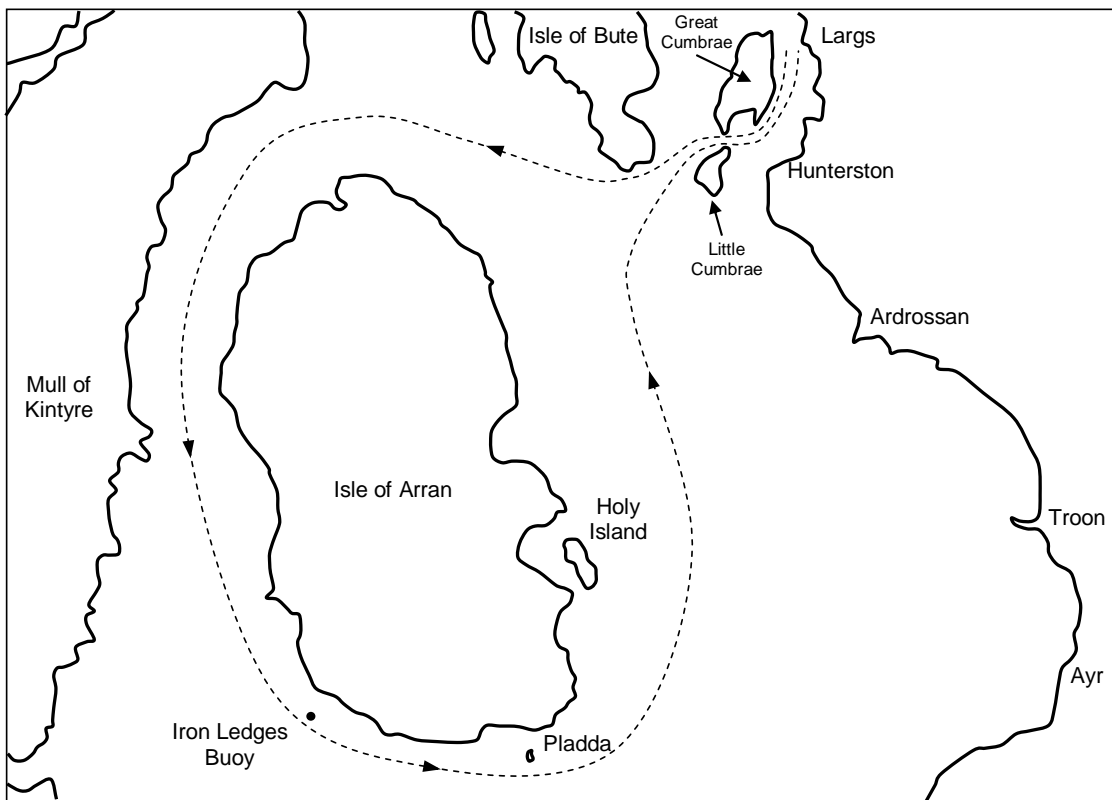
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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.

18 INSURANCE

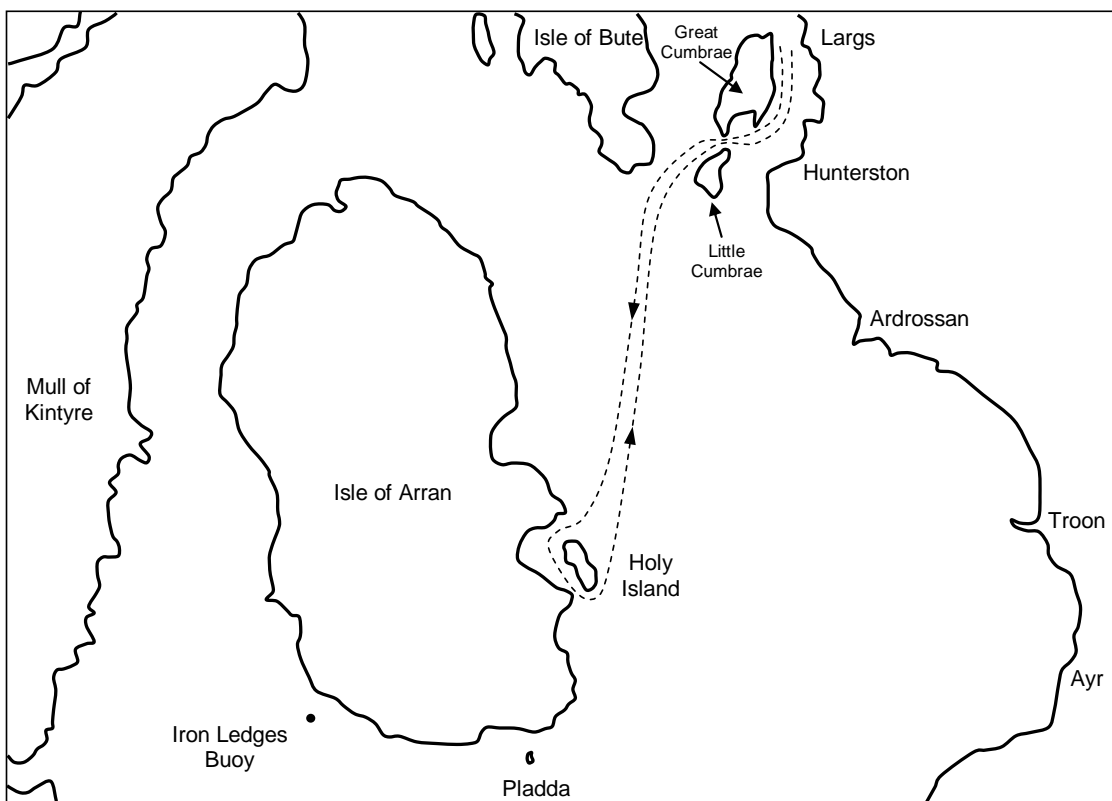
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 000 000 per event or the equivalent.

COMPETITORS COMPLIMENTARY BRUNCH SUNDAY 03 SEPTEMBER 2017 10:30 – 12:00

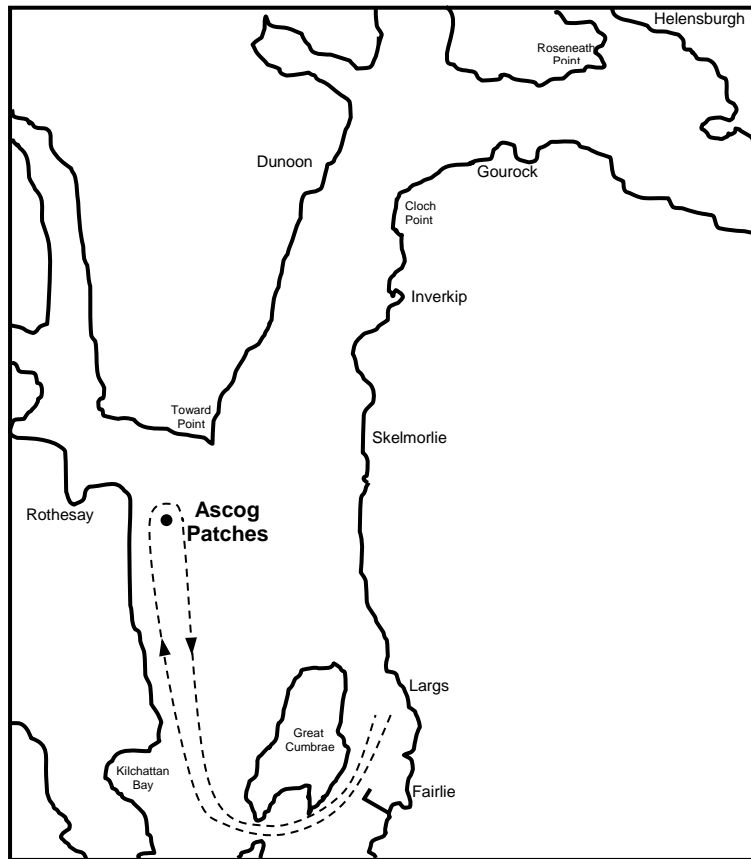
The Long Course – Round the Isle of Arran - Class 1 Only



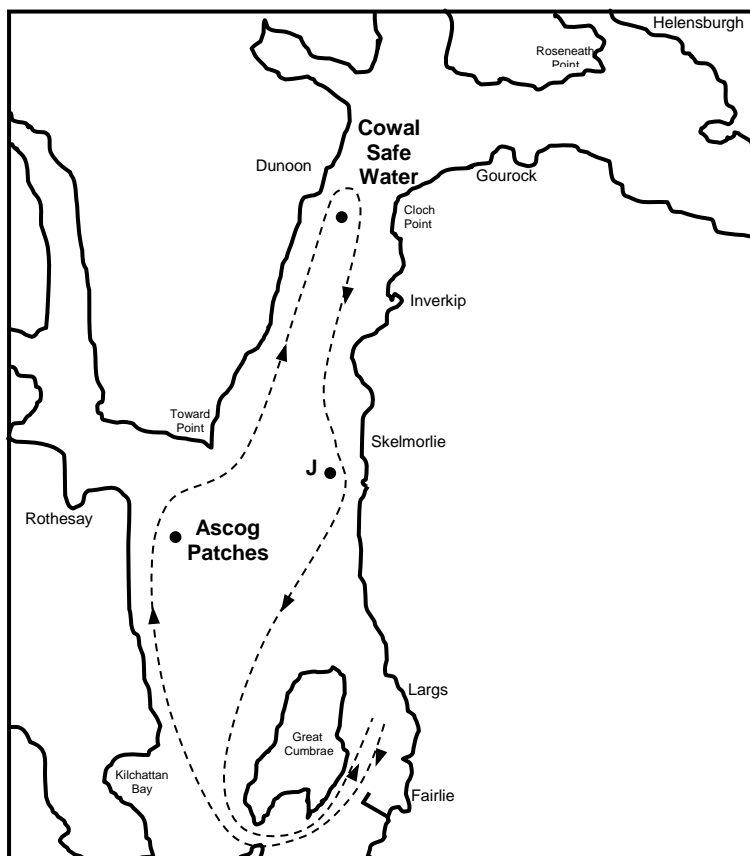
The Short Course – Round Holy Island - Classes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Only



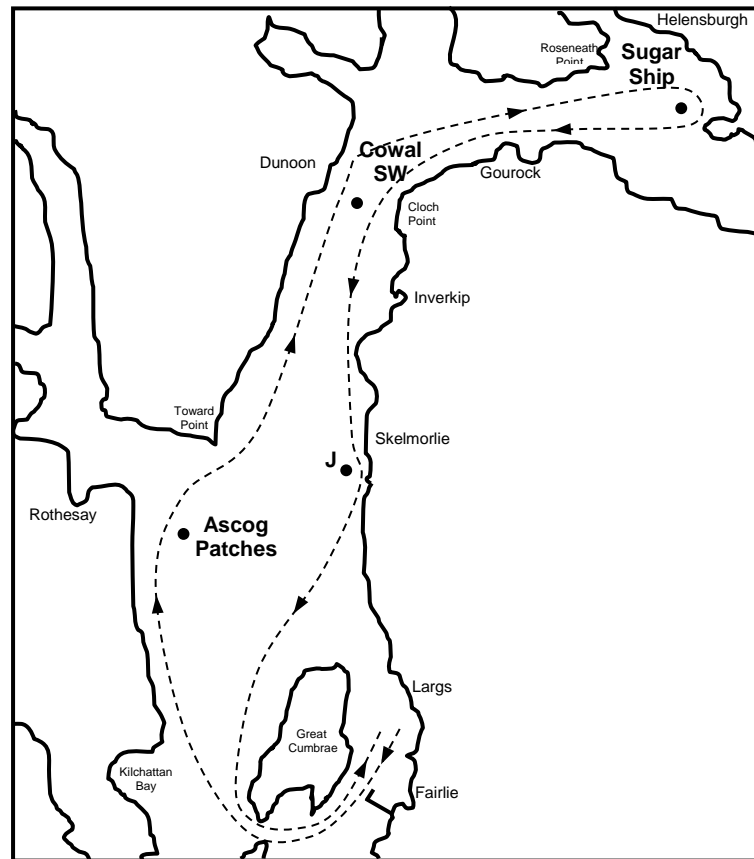
Course A – Ascog Patches - Class 7 ONLY



Course B – Cowal Safe Water - Class 7 ONLY



Course C – Sugar Ship – Class 7 Only



Approximate Locations of Race Marks

Ascog Patches Isolated Danger Piled Beacon No.13	55° 49.7'N, 005° 00.3'W
Cowal Safe Water Mark Buoy.	55° 55.9'N, 004° 54.8'W
CPA Channel Mark "J"	55° 51.53'N, 004° 54.7'W
Sugar Ship (Captayannis) wreck	55° 58.5'N, 004° 44.5'W

