

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

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 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 not less than one hour before the first start on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 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 Classes: Fast and Slow Handicap Dinghy.

5.2 Number of Races: There will be up to three races sailed back to back.

6 CLASS SIGNALS AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

<i>Dates of Racing</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Handicap</i>	<i>Class Light</i>	<i>1st Start Time</i>	<i>No of Races</i>
Saturday 02 SEP 2017	Slow Handicap Dinghy	PY	Yellow	1200	Up to 3
	Fast Handicap Dinghy	PY	Green	1205	Up to 3

6.1 The Organisers may combine, divide or add classes depending on the number of entries, please check the classes prior to taking part in the event.

7 RACING AREAS

The race area is the Largs Channel.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 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.

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

9 MARKS

Mark descriptions are as shown in Appendix 1.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting lines are as shown in Appendix 1.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area [DP].

10.3 Starting signals for dinghies are as shown in Appendix 1

10.4 INDIVIDUAL RECALL: The appropriate class light will be re-illuminated until all premature starters have returned or for 4 minutes. One additional sound signal will be made. Flag X shall not be displayed. This changes RRS 29.1.

10.5 GENERAL RECALL: The appropriate class light will be re-illuminated along with the rotating blue light until all competitors have returned or for 4 minutes. Two additional sound signals will be made. Flag 1st Substitute will not be displayed. This changes RRS 29.2.

10.6 If there is more than one class racing the normal starting sequence shall not be interrupted by a general recall. The warning signal for the class which has had a general recall will be five minutes before its starting signal and will normally be displayed at the starting signal of the last class to start correctly in the schedule. If more than one class is subject to a general recall, the second of these classes shall start five minutes after the first and so on. If a class

subject to general recall is the last or only class to start, the next signal will be the new warning signal which will normally be displayed five minutes after the original starting time. This changes RRS 29.2.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12 SHORTENED COURSE

12.1 Shortly before the finish, flag S and the rotating blue light will 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.

12.2 If conditions dictate the race committee may, at their discretion, take the results of a race from the times recorded for a previous round.

13 FINISHING LINE

Finishing lines are as shown in Appendix 1.

14 TIME LIMIT

The time limit shall be 90 minutes after the start of each race. Boats that do not finish before the time limit shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.1 If no boat within a Class finishes within the time limit, the times of the previous round completed by the leading boat may be used to calculate results. Subsequent retirements or rule infringements shall be disregarded.

15 RETIRALS

Any boat leaving the course area shall notify the Race Committee when ashore [DP].

16 PROTESTS.

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

16.2 Competitors should inform the Race Committee of any protests immediately after finishing [DP].

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

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

16.5 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.

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

16.7 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.

16.8 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.

16.9 The Protest Committee may impose a penalty that is less than DSQ for boats that break RRS 55 [DP].

17 SCORING

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

17.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, without exclusion. This changes RRS A2.

17.3 Results will be calculated using average lap times and the Portsmouth Yardstick system.

18 PRIZES

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

18.2 The LARGS 'LIFEBOAT CREW' TROPHY for the Dinghy or Catamaran of the week will be awarded to the boat which, in the opinion of the organising committee has produced the best performance during Largs Regatta Week. Boats shall compete, with the same helm, in Cumbraes Weekend, the Midweek Series and the Hems Kalis Dinghy Series to qualify for this trophy which will be presented in Largs Sailing Club at 1200hrs on **Sunday 03 SEP 2016**.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 **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 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.

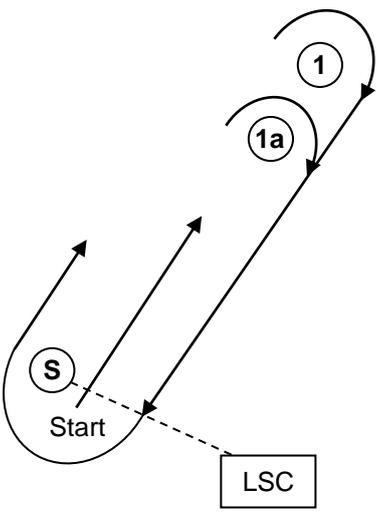
- 19.2 Catamaran and dinghy classes shall sign a tally sheet before the race indicating their intention to go afloat, and after racing indicating that they are safely ashore. The sheet shall be located with the Race Officer in the LSC building. [DP]
- 19.3 Competitors that fail to tally correctly may be subject to protest by the Race Committee only. Any points penalty imposed by the Protest Committee shall be applied to the first race competed on the day the infringement took place. This changes RRS Rule 60.1 [DP].

20 RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1 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."
- 20.2 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.

21 INSURANCE

- 21.1 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.



COURSE A
Windward Leeward
(Starboard Rounding)

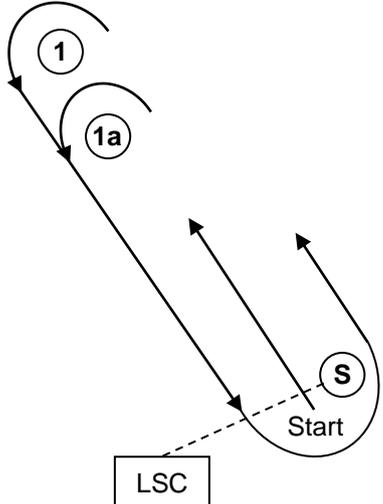
Start Line
Between LSC Light Cluster and S

FAST HANDICAP: Start-1 (Stbd)- S (Stbd)

SLOW HANDICAP: Start-1a (Stbd)- S (Stbd)

Repeat until Flag S is displayed.

Finish Line
Between LSC Light Cluster and S



COURSE B
Windward Leeward
(Port Rounding)

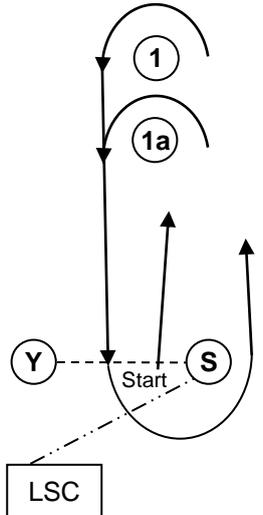
Start Line
Between LSC Light Cluster and S

FAST HANDICAP: Start-1 (Port)- S (Port)

SLOW HANDICAP: Start-1a (Port)- S (Port)

Repeat until Flag S is displayed.

Finish Line
Between LSC Light Cluster and S



COURSE C
Windward Leeward
(Port Rounding)

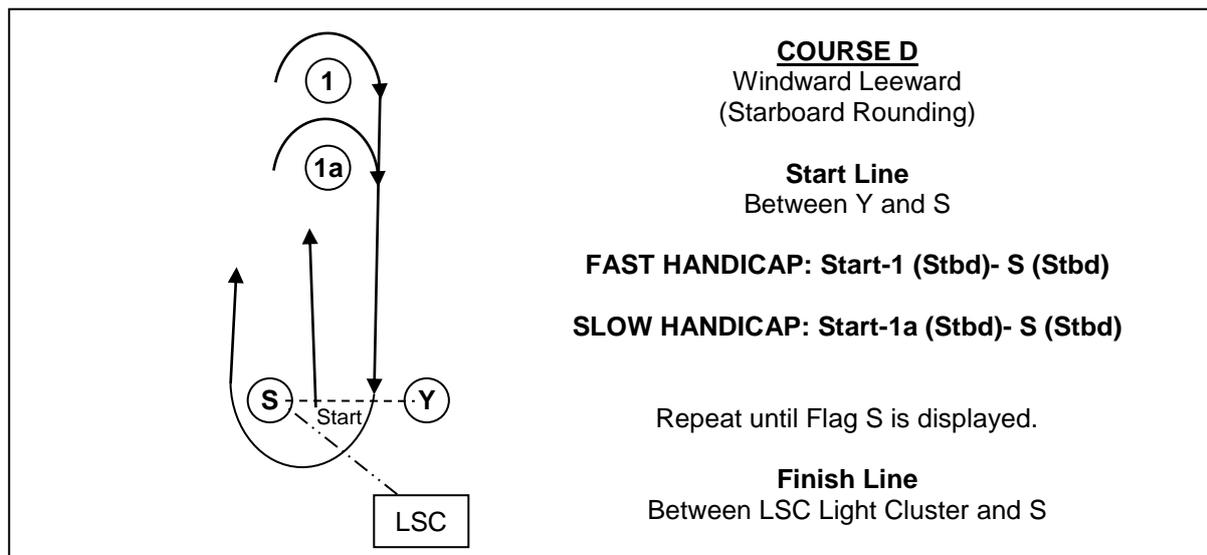
Start Line
Between Y and S

FAST HANDICAP: Start-1 (Port)- S (Port)

SLOW HANDICAP: Start-1a (Port)- S (Port)

Repeat until Flag S is displayed.

Finish Line
Between LSC Light Cluster and S



Mark	Description
1	Orange Inflatable
1a	Orange Inflatable
S	Orange Inflatable
Y	Narrow Yellow Inflatable

Dinghy Starting Times and Light Signals

	LIGHT SIGNAL		CLASS START
	ON	OFF	
-10min	Y, G		10 min to Start 1
-5min	Y	G	
-4min	B		
-1min		B	
Start 1	G	Y	Slow Handicap Dinghy
-4min	B		
-1min		B	
Start 2		G	Fast Handicap Dinghy

Y = Yellow
G = Green
B = Blue

SIGNALS WILL BE MADE FROM THE LSC BALCONY.
WHEN A COURSE IS SHORTENED FLAG S WILL BE
DISPLAYED ALONG WITH THE ROTATING BLUE LIGHT