

SCOTTISH OPEN WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016
LARGS SAILING CLUB
14-15 MAY 2016

The organising authority is Largs Sailing Club in conjunction with scotlandWindsurf and the Scottish Sailing Institute.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

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

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all Formula Windsurf, Raceboard, RS:X, Techno and Open Class windsurfers, as defined below:

Class	Equipment
Formula Windsurf	Approved board and any sail
Raceboard	Approved board and any sail up to 9.5m ²
RS:X	Boards that comply with the RS:X Class Rules
Techno	Techno board with 7.8 m ² sail, 6.8m ² sail and 5.8m ² (or smaller) sail
Open Class	Any board and any sail

2.2 All boards shall display an individual recognised sail number. Once registered, competitors shall not change their registered sail number without written permission from the Race Committee.

2.3 Eligible boards may enter at registration or by completing the appropriate entry form and sending it, together with the required fee (cheques payable to Largs Sailing Club) to:

Largs Sailing Club,
Largs Yacht Haven,
Irvine Road,
Largs
KA30 8EZ.

2.4 Entry forms may also be e-mailed to david@scottishsailinginstitute.co.uk payment can be made at registration or by bank transfer (see the entry form for details).

3 FEES

Required Fees are as follows:

Age Category	Fee
Junior (Under 17 years of age on 31 December 2016)	£25
All other	£30

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Registration (all competitors are required to register prior to taking part in the event):

Day	Date	Times	Location
Saturday	14 MAY 2016	09:30 to 11:00	Upstairs in Largs SC

4.2 Competitor Briefing:

Day	Date	Time	Location
Saturday	14 MAY 2016	11:00	Upstairs in Largs SC

4.3 Dates, Times and Number of Races:

Day	Date	Time of 1st Signal	Number of Races
Saturday	14 MAY 2016	12:55	Up to 5
Sunday	15 MAY 2016	10:55	Up to 4

4.4 Back to Back racing will be at the race officer's discretion with a maximum of 5 races to be completed back to back.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available to download from the event website www.scottishsailinginstitute.com.

6 VENUE

- 6.1 The venue will be Largs Sailing Club, located in Largs Yacht Haven.
- 6.2 The Race Area will be the Largs Channel – see Appendix A to this NOR.

7 THE COURSES

The courses are described in detail in the Sailing Instructions and include trapezoid, box and windward-leeward gate courses.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 7 or more races have been completed, a board's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 The Prize giving will be held in Largs Sailing Club as soon as possible after racing on Sunday
- 9.2 The Scottish Cup will be awarded to a Scottish competitor, decided by using the Scottish Sailing Institute scoring system.
- 9.3 If 1 or 2 races are completed, results will be published and prizes will still be awarded, however, the title of Scottish Champion shall be retained by the previous holder.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a board shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

11 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 Competitors aged 17 or under on 31st December 2016 shall wear a personal floatation device to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered to be personal floatation devices. This changes RRS Rules 1.2 and 40.
- 12.2 If flag Y is displayed ALL competitors shall wear a personal floatation device to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered to be personal floatation devices. This changes RRS Rules 1.2 and 40.
- 12.3 If flag V is displayed ashore all competitors shall wear wet suits or dry suits.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 13.2 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 board to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their board 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 board 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.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 The Event notice board will be in the downstairs corridor of Largs SC.
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15.3 Further information is available from:

Scottish Sailing Institute www.scottishsailinginstitute.com Tel: 01475 670011

Largs Sailing Club www.Largssc.co.uk, Tel: 01475 670000

Appendix A

