

WEST HIGHLAND YACHTING WEEK

Friday 28 July – Friday 4 August 2017

Craobh, Oban, Tobermory

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 West Highland Yachting Week is organised by a Joint Regatta Committee (JRC) of the two constituent clubs (Royal Highland Yacht Club and Oban Sailing Club), and a Race Committee appointed by the JRC.

2 RULES

2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) (except RRS 70.5); the Prescriptions of the RYA; IRC Rules Parts A, B and C; World Sailing Regulations, Appendix B (Special Regulations for Inshore Racing), and Regulation 20 (Advertising Code); the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association (CYCA) Handicap System; Class Rules for One Designs; and this Notice of Race (NOR), all as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI). This alters RRS 63.7.

2.2 The following RRS will be changed: RRS 29.2, 35, 44.1, 52, 62.2, 66 and 77.

3 ADVERTISING

3.1 Advertising may be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulations Appendix 1, Regulation 20.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The Regatta is open to yachts in the following provisional classes:

Class	Handicap Band	Race Flag
0	IRC rated to a minimum TCC of 0.850 and a minimum SSS of 10	Pennant 0
1	CYCA handicaps 10.0 minutes and below	Pennant 1
2	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps below 12.25 minutes.	Pennant 2
3	CYCA handicaps over 10.0 minutes to below 12.25 minutes	Pennant 3
4	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps 12.25 to 13.75 minutes	Pennant 4
5	CYCA handicaps 12.25 to 15.25 minutes	Pennant 5
6	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps over 13.75 to 16.75 minutes	Pennant 6
7	CYCA handicaps over 15.25 minutes to below 18.75 minutes	Pennant 7
8	CYCA handicaps 18.75 to 28.0 minutes	Pennant 8
9	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps over 16.75 to 28.0 minutes	Pennant 9

For Sunday 30 July and Thursday 3 August: Classes 0, 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 form the Tunnock's Fleet and Classes 2, 4, 6, 9 form the Argyll Fleet.

4.1.1 In Feeder Races only all yachts shall race in a single class using CYCA handicaps.

4.1.2 Yachts with a valid IRC or CYCA certificate with a handicap outside these ranges may be accepted as entries at the discretion of the JRC.

4.2 Whilst racing, all yachts shall display on their backstay, or other prominent position aft, the numeral pennant of their Class (minimum size pennant 6" x 18"). This class pennant is to be flown above all other flags or pennants.

4.3 The following restrictions shall apply to yachts entering Restricted Sail classes during the Points Series but not for the Feeder Races:

4.3.1 A headsail may but a spinnaker shall not be set, both as defined in RRS 50.4.

4.3.2 A headsail shall be attached to a permanent forestay (or forestays in the case of a cutter) along the whole luff; sails shall not be flown loose luffed.

4.3.3 Only one headsail may be flown at any one time from any forestay, except when changing sail so long as both headsails are on the same stay and are hoisted together for the shortest possible time consistent with changing sail.

4.3.4 Mizzen staysails shall not be set.

4.4 Entries shall be made by Friday 14 July with the required fee using the entry form on the event website (preferred method) or by requesting a paper form to be returned to: JRC, WHYW, Dalriada, Ardentallen, Oban PA34 4SF. Late entries or alterations to entries may be accepted at the discretion of the JRC.

4.5 The JRC reserves the right to refuse any entry.

4.6 Class divisions will be reviewed on Saturday 15 July. These divisions will be shown on the event website www.whyw.co.uk and official noticeboard at Craobh Marina. The JRC reserves the right to cancel, combine, divide, alter or add to these Classes. Those wishing to race in IRC should note that if fewer than 7 entries for an IRC class are received by the closing date for entries (14 July), that class will be abandoned and those entries already received will be invited to transfer to a CYCA class, in which case they would need to have a valid CYCA handicap.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees shall be £30 for all yachts for the Feeder Races (except Largs to Ardrishaig which will be free). For all other races fees shall be as follows:

Yachts under 25ft LOA	£42 per race day or £210 for the Series
Yachts 25ft to 35ft LOA	£47 per race day or £235 for the Series
Yachts over 35ft to under 40ft LOA	£52 per race day or £260 for the Series
Yachts 40ft and over LOA	£58 per race day or £290 for the Series

5.2 Late entry fees shall be £5 per race day or £25 for the Series. If cancellation of an entry is received by the closing date for entries (14 July), the entry fee will be refunded, less an administrative charge of £25. Only in exceptional circumstances will other refunds be made.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND REGISTRATION

6.1 The following Feeder Races may be run:

6.1.1 Largs to Ardrishaig, all classes start on Friday 28 July at 0900

6.1.2 Gigha to Craobh, all classes start on Saturday 29 July at 1000

6.1.3 Oban to Craobh, all classes start on Saturday 29 July at 1000

6.2 The Points Series.

6.2.1 Programme (first Class start):

Sunday 30 July Craobh Races Spinnaker (Tunnock's Fleet) – 2 races Restricted Sail (Argyll Fleet) – 1 race	Start 1030 Start 1030
Monday 31 July Craobh to Oban Passage Race	Start 0800
Tuesday 1 August Round Lismore Race	Start 1100
Wednesday 2 August Oban to Tobermory Passage Race	Start 0930
Thursday 3 August Sound of Mull Races Spinnaker (Tunnock's Fleet) – 2 races Restricted Sail (Argyll Fleet) – 1 race	Start 1030 Start 1100
Friday 4 August Tobermory to Oban Passage Race	Start 0930

6.2.2 On Sunday 30 July and Thursday 3 August there will be two separate race areas for the Tunnock's Fleet and the Argyll Fleet respectively.

6.3 The JRC reserves the right to make any alteration to this Schedule of Races and SI it considers necessary.

6.4 **CREW LIST:** Yachts shall register by the start of their first race by submitting to office@whyw.co.uk, or by handing into the Race Office, a Crew List detailing names, addresses, email address and emergency contact information. Similar details of any additions or deletions shall be registered before they race. Failure to maintain the Crew List shall incur a penalty decided by the Protest Committee. The Crew List form can be accessed from the Notice of Race page of the website.

7 SAIL NUMBERS

7.1 RRS 77 and ORC Special Regulation 4.01 will not apply. All yachts shall display a sail number on the mainsail, easily identifiable from the Committee boat, and this is the number to be shown on the entry form. Sail numbers on all headsails, including spinnakers, shall be the same as those on the mainsail unless previously authorised by the JRC.

8 MEASUREMENTS

8.1 All yachts shall have before the start of their first race a valid **CYCA handicap** issued to that individual yacht and not just to another yacht of the same class, or shall have lodged an official application to the CYCA. All handicaps will be checked against the CYCA website.

8.2 CYCA Handicap Certificates shall be obtained from: Hon Sec CYCA, HSC Clubhouse, Rhu Road Lower, Helensburgh, G84 8QT; Tel: +44(0)1436 673424; Email: office@cyca-online.org.uk. Late applications may not be processed in time, though they may be prepared to issue a temporary handicap. Application forms can be downloaded from the CYCA website at: www.cyca-online.org.uk.

8.3 Those wishing to race in IRC shall register before the start of their first race by submitting electronically to office@whyw.co.uk, or on paper to the address in 4.4 above, or to the Race Committee at Craobh Marina a copy of their rating certificate.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 SI will be published on the event website as soon as they are finalised, and will be sent with other event information to entrants during July. Amendments to SI, including any changes to class divisions, will be published on the event website as and when they are made. They will also be displayed on the official noticeboard from Saturday 29 July.

9.2 The List of Entries (regularly updated) will be available on the event website.

10 THE COURSES

10.1 Courses to be sailed will be detailed in the SI.

11 POINTS SERIES SCORING

11.1 The Series will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A, except as amended by the SI. Yachts entering the Points Series shall enter all the races of the Series. Six days of racing are scheduled, of which three days are required to be completed to constitute a Series.

11.2 For the Points Series each yacht's score will be the sum of her scores for all races except that if five or more races are completed in a class, each yacht shall exclude her worst score. The Feeder Races will not count towards the Series.

11.3 Yachts not entering the full Points Series prior to the start of the first race of the Series will not be awarded points. However, for any particular race entered they will be awarded a place according to their result and will be eligible for that day's race prizes.

11.4 It is planned to run two races for the Tunnock's Fleet on Sunday 30 July and Thursday 3 August, and a yacht's score in each race will count towards the Points Series. However, for the purpose of awarding trophies and prizes for the day a yacht's score will be the sum of her scores in both races. If only one race is completed then the score for that race will give the result.

12 PRIZES

12.1 A list of prizes will be on the event website.

13 CREW LIMITS AND MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

13.1 IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "There is no weight limit and no restriction on maximum number of crew or changes to the crew."

13.2 All yachts shall comply with **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B (Special Regulations for Inshore Racing)**.

13.3 Anchors shall not be carried over the bow stemhead fitting.

13.4 All yachts shall have on board a working VHF transceiver which has Channels 16, 37, 69, 72 and 77.

13.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any yacht to verify that the regulations have been complied with. Failure to accept inspection or to rectify shortcomings identified by inspection will be assessed by the Race Committee which may protest the boat under the RRS. This does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NOR.

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 of the RRS which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone", and to WSO Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...".

14.2 Sailing is by 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 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. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and
- h. **Insurance.** Their boat is adequately insured, including racing risks, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.

15 ARBITRATION & EXONERATION

15.1 An Exoneration Penalty and a modified version of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall be available.

15.2 The Sailing Instructions will change RRS 44.1 so that the penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe).

16 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

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

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 See the event website www.whyw.co.uk, or contact: The Secretary, Joint Regatta Committee, Dr D Newton, The Graylings, Port Appin, PA38 4DE; Tel: +44(0)1631 730584; Email: office@whyw.co.uk