

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEST HIGHLAND YACHTING WEEK 2018

The Organising Authority of West Highland Yachting Week is Royal Highland Yacht Club and Oban Sailing Club acting through the Joint Regatta Committee.

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

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the website and will be available at the race office situated as follows:

a.m. Saturday 28 July to a.m. Monday 30 July	Craobh Marina
p.m. Monday 30 July to a.m. Wednesday 1 August	North Pier pontoon, Oban
p.m. Wednesday 1 August to a.m. Friday 3 August	Ledaig Pier, Tobermory
p.m. Friday 3 August	North Pier pontoon, Oban

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

For all races, changes made prior to 2 hours before the first start will be displayed at the Race Office and on the event website.

For all **Series** races, when it is necessary to make *last minute alterations* to the Sailing Instructions, alterations will be communicated by displaying Flag L on the relevant starting vessel, and by broadcast on the appropriate VHF Channel (see SI 6). For the Feeder Races, any change shall be treated as a *last minute alteration* as above.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No signals will be made ashore.

5 REGISTRATION & SCHEDULE OF RACES

To complete registration, a yacht must submit an entry form, the appropriate fee, and crew list, all accepted by the OA.

The Schedule is shown in the supplement.

Feeder races will be held on Friday 27 July and Saturday 28 July.

The **Series** will consist of six days of racing, Sunday 29 July to Friday 3 August.

On Sunday 29 July, Tuesday 31 July and Thursday 2 August yachts will be split into two fleets with separate start lines:

- **THE TUNNOCK'S FLEET** comprising Classes 0, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8, and
- **THE ARGYLL FLEET** comprising Classes 2, 4, 6 and 9, and on those days only, the fleets will race on separate courses.

6 CLASS FLAGS & VHF CHANNELS

Feeder Races will be run as a single class using CYCA handicaps. VHF Ch 77.

For the **Series**, yachts shall race in the following **provisional** classes. Class divisions will be confirmed on the regatta website – www.whyw.co.uk. They will also be displayed at the Race Office from Saturday 28 July.

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

Yachts shall display on their backstay, or other prominent position aft, the numeral pennant of their Class (minimum size 6" x 18"). [DP]
Communications will be on VHF Ch 77 and when sailing separate courses, VHF Ch 72 for the Argyll Fleet.

Rule 77 and World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 4.01 shall not apply. All yachts shall display a sail number on the mainsail, easily identifiable from the Official Boats, and this is the number to be shown on the entry form. Sail numbers on all headsails and spinnakers shall be the same as those on the mainsail, unless previously authorised by the Committee.

Yachts wishing to change class after the first race of the Points Series but before the second race shall apply to the Race Committee. If permission is given, then that yacht will be withdrawn from the Points Series relating to its original class, and points scores already allocated to the class the yacht is leaving will be recalculated. The yacht will then be entered into the Points Series for her new class with, for the purpose of points scoring, her first race being scored as DNC (Did Not Come) in the new class. A later or second change will not be permitted.

7 RACING AREAS, COURSES & MARKS

These will be described in the supplement.

8 THE START

An orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before the first warning signal of a starting sequence.

Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal, (5, 4, 1, go).

The Starting Line will be between an orange flag displayed on a committee vessel at the starboard end and an inflatable port-end black start mark unless described differently for specific races. A mark may be laid near the committee boat and yachts shall not pass between that distance mark and the committee boat. [DP]

The Race Committee may combine two or more classes in one start, and ignore a class with no entries, without leaving gaps in the subsequent starting sequences.

Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other classes. [DP]

In the Feeder Races, a yacht starting later than 30 minutes after her starting signal and, in all other races a yacht starting later than 15 minutes after her start will be scored DNC (Did Not Come) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

If there are two or more races in any day, the starting order of classes in subsequent races may not be the same as the previous race(s); boats should monitor VHF channels for announcements.

If any boat is identified as On Course Side at the start, the race committee may broadcast her sail number on the designated VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

The normal starting sequence will not be interrupted by a general recall. The First Substitute will be removed after 4 minutes. No additional sound signal will be given. This changes RRS 29.2.

The warning signal for the class which has had a general recall will be displayed at the starting signal of the last class to start. If more than one class is subject to a general recall, the warning signal for the second of these classes will be displayed at the starting signal of the first and so on. This changes RRS 29.2.

If a class subject to a general recall is the last or only class to start it will be restarted in accordance with RRS 29.2.

9 CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE & SHORTENING 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.

When the shorten course signal is displayed by an Official Boat at or near a mark of the course or an inflatable mark laid for the purpose, not necessarily a previously defined mark of the course, then yachts shall finish the race between that mark and the Official Boat. This alters Rule 32.2. There are special rules for the Tunnock's Fleet race on Sunday 29 July, Tuesday 31 July and Thursday 2 August – see the specific instructions for that day's race.

10 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a blue flag on an Official Boat and a black inflatable mark laid for the purpose unless described differently for specific races.

Yachts should note their own finishing times and the names or sail numbers of the yachts finishing immediately ahead and astern. [DP]

11 PENALTY SYSTEM & ADVISORY HEARINGS

For all classes the rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

Exoneration Penalty. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, RRS 31 or RRS42 may accept an exoneration penalty according to Rule 44 (30%), after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 30% scoring penalty calculated as per rule 44.3(c). It is not available for a breach of RRS 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach. In these circumstances her penalty is to retire. This changes RRS 44.3.

When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted,

(a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(b) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

Advisory Hearings. When there is an incident that results in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat, Protest Committee or Race Committee may request an advisory hearing with the race office, and notify any boat involved in the incident. An Adviser will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the Race office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty of 30% when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire, or proceed to the protest hearing.

12 TIME LIMIT

If one yacht in a class finishes within the time limit prescribed for the race, that time limit is then extended by a further 30 minutes for all other yachts in that class. Yachts failing to finish within the time limit, or extended time limit if applicable, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. For the Tunnock's fleet on Sunday 29 July, Tuesday 31 July and Thursday 2 August, different time limits are described for these races.

13 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND RYA ARBITRATION

All Protests shall be lodged in accordance with Rule 61. However, at Oban only, if this is impossible due to scattered berthing locations, a yacht wishing to lodge a protest shall contact the Protest Committee Administrator by phoning 07503 967 564 within the Protest Time Limit, to set up lodging the Protest Form and arrangements for the Hearing.

The Protest Time Limit (Rule 61.3) shall be one hour after the published Race Time Limit (or its extension) for each Race Day. Protestors will be advised by email or SMS regarding the arrangements for submitting the full protest details (61.2).

The Protest Committee will notify all parties of the time and place of the Hearings by email or SMS, or by notice delivered by an Official Boat. This will include details of where and when to submit any supplementary information in support of a Protest.

Yachts aware that they are involved in a Protest must ensure that they contact the Race Office in person, by VHF on the relevant Race channel, or by phoning the Protest Committee Administrator 07503 967 564.

On the last day of the Series 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, or the decision relevant to the redress request was posted, in either case on the previous day;

- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day, or in the case of a request for redress from a decision of the protest committee, no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.

This changes Rule 62.2 and 66.

Breaches of SI 6 and SI 15 will not be grounds for protest by a yacht. This changes Rule 60.1(a).

RYA Arbitration: The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Rules Disputes procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Details available in the Race Office or from:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racingrules/Pages/default.aspx> (see Rules Disputes)

14 SCORING

Three days racing are required to be completed to constitute a Series. For the **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.

For the Tunnock's Fleet on Sunday 29 July, Tuesday 31 July and Thursday 2 August two races are scheduled and a yacht's score in each race will count towards the Series. However, for the purpose of awarding the Day's trophies and prizes, 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. Appendix A8 shall apply to the Series in the event of a tie; however, for the purpose of calculating a Day's result on the double race days, Appendix A8 will also be used, treating the two races of the day as a mini-series.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Notice of Race 4 (registration) is an essential safety requirement. [DP]

Boats should check in with the Race Committee each day before their first warning signal by passing by the Committee Vessel with mainsail hoisted, (starboard side if Committee vessel anchored). [DP]

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee by VHF before leaving the race area or by telephoning the Race Office 07444 218021. [DP]

All competitors shall regard the waters used for the Points Series racing as a "Narrow Channel" and shall observe the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972, Rule 9b, which states: "A vessel of less than 20 metres 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." [DP]

In particular competitors shall comply with Recommended Small Vessel Routes at Oban. <http://www.obanharbour.scot/navigation-marine-safety/navigation/> [DP]

16 OFFICIAL BOATS

Committee Vessels and other official boats will where practicable display a flag bearing IC third substitute. Committee Vessels may not be at anchor and may manoeuvre without warning. Boats shall not approach within 20 metres of any Committee Vessel unless it is a start mark or is displaying Flag M, Flag S, or a Blue flag. [DP]

17 PRIZES

In addition to Race Trophies, prizes will be given as follows:

Number of entries: 1 to 5 (1 prize) 6 to 9 (2 prizes) 10 and over (3 prizes)

18 RISK STATEMENT

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."

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.
- (h) 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.

19 INSURANCE

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

SUPPLEMENT

FRIDAY 27 JULY - LARGS TO ARDRISHAIG FEEDER RACE

Organised in association with Fairlie Yacht Club

Greenock Tides
0103 BST 3.4 m
0633 BST 0.3 m
1315 BST 3.0 m
1840 BST 0.6 m

TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL: 0855 Flag A

STARTING LINE: Off Largs Marina, between an orange flag, on an Official Boat displaying a RED FYC flag and race mark K.

MARKS OF THE COURSE: Great Cumbrae and Isle of Bute shall be left to starboard.

INTERMEDIATE TIMING POINTS: There will be no shortening of the course for this race but, in the event of no boats completing the course before the time limit, a result will be calculated based on times reported at the last "Bearing Line" to be passed by the leading boat before the time limit. For other boats the time extension will apply as normal. All competing boats shall therefore take their own times when the bearings shown below are reached:

1. Rubh an Eun just east of Garroch Head (55°43.8'N, 5°00.2'W) bears 0°M
2. Sgat Mor beacon (55°50.8'N, 5°18.5'W) bears 075°M
3. North end of Barmore Island (55°53.7'N, 5°24.5'W) bears 250°M

FINISHING LINE: A projected line from the beacon on the southern side of the entrance to the Crinan Canal at Ardrishaig on a bearing of 90° true.

These times shall be lodged with the Race Office in writing, certified by the person in charge of the boat together with one other crew member, no later than 1900 on Saturday 28 July. If the written statement cannot be delivered by this time, then boats may submit their times to the Race Office by VHF Channel 77, or by phone to 07444 218 021, with the written confirmation to be delivered to the Race Office by 1000 hours on Sunday 29 July. The Declaration Form is downloadable from the event website.

Yachts are reminded that when recording their own finishing times they should also note the names of the yachts finishing immediately ahead and astern.

PROTESTS: Any intention to protest shall be intimated during the phone call submitting timings, and the protest form shall be submitted as soon as possible after arrival at Craobh Marina.

DISTANCE: About 27 miles.

TIME LIMIT for all yachts will be 1800 hours.

SATURDAY 28 JULY - GIGHA TO CRAOBH FEEDER RACE

Oban Tides
0105 BST 1.2m
0659 BST 3.6m
1325 BST 1.0m
1920 BST 3.9m

TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL: 0955 Flag A

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Last minute alterations, including possible alterations to the starting procedure will be announced on VHF Channel 72 from 0830 onwards.

STARTING LINE: Between an orange flag on an Official Boat and Sgeir Nuadh port navigation buoy (red) in approx. position 55°41.8'N, 5°42.1'W.

CAUTION: Attention is drawn to Badh Rock marked by a starboard navigation buoy (green) in approx. position 55°42.3'N, 5°41.2'W, located approx. 0.5NM north of the start line.

FINISHING LINE: Between two black inflatable marks laid for the purpose off the entrance to Craobh Marina. An Official Boat may be stationed on the extension of the line, but not necessarily at anchor.

Yachts are reminded that, in accordance with SI 13, they are required to note their own finishing times and the names or sail numbers of the yachts finishing immediately ahead and astern.

MARKS OF THE COURSE & INTERMEDIATE TIMING POINTS: There will be no shortening of the course for this race but, in the event of no boats completing the course before the time limit, a result will be calculated based on times reported at the last "Bearing Line" to be passed by the leading boat before the time limit. For other boats the time extension will apply as normal. All competing boats shall therefore take their own times when the bearings shown below are reached:

1. Skervuile light 55°52.4'N, 5°49.8'W which shall be left to port bears 270°M
2. Ruadh Sgeir light 56°04.3'N, 5°39.7'W which shall be left to starboard bears 90°M
3. Reisa an t-Struith light 56°07.8'N, 5°38.8'W which shall be left to starboard bears 90°M

These times shall be lodged with the Race Office in writing, certified by the person in charge of the boat together with one other crew member, no later than 1900 on Saturday 28 July. If the written statement cannot be delivered by this time, then boats may submit their times to the Race Office by VHF Channel 77, or by phone to 07444 218 021, with the written confirmation to be delivered to the Race Office by 1000 hours on Sunday 29 July. The Declaration Form is downloadable from the event website.

DISTANCE: About 31 miles.

TIME LIMIT for all yachts will be 1900 hours.

SATURDAY 28 JULY - OBAN TO CRAOBH FEEDER RACE

Oban Tides	
0105	BST 1.2m
0659	BST 3.6m
1325	BST 1.0m
1920	BST 3.9m

TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL: 0755 Flag A

STARTING LINE: In Oban Bay, between an orange flag on an Official Boat, and a black inflatable mark laid for the purpose, in the vicinity of the Sgeir Rathaid south cardinal mark (56°24.8'N, 5°29.3'W). The Official Boat shall be left to starboard.

In the event of adverse weather conditions the Starting Line may be moved down the course. The way will be led by an Official Boat.

MARKS OF THE COURSE:

- (1) Island of Kerrera shall be left to starboard.
- (2) Easdale Island shall be left to port.
- (3) Island of Luing shall be left to port.
- (4) Ardluing Buoy (56°11.1'N, 5°38.7'W) shall be left to port.
- (5) An orange inflatable mark laid in approx. position 56°09.7'N, 5°38.4'W, south of Ardluing Buoy shall be left to port.
- (6) Island of Shuna shall be left to port.

FINISHING LINE: Between two black inflatable marks laid for the purpose off the entrance to Craobh Marina. An Official Boat may be stationed on the extension of the line, but not necessarily at anchor.

DISTANCE: About 19 miles.

TIME LIMIT for all yachts will be 1900 hours.

SUNDAY 29 JULY – CRAOBH RACES

Oban Tides
0142 BST 1.2m
0735 BST 3.7m
1359 BST 1.0m
1955 BST 3.9m

THE TUNNOCK'S FLEET – Classes 0, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL: 1025 and classes will start in the order above for the first race.

A second Race will be started as soon as possible after the first race. The second race may not have the same course configuration as race 1 or starting order of classes and yachts should monitor VHF Ch 77.

RACING AREA: Racing will take place in the area south of Shuna Island. Admiralty chart 2326 covers this area. Competitors are warned that the starting line may be up to 4 miles south west of the entrance to Craobh Marina and should allow adequate time to reach the area.

CAUTION: Particular attention should be paid to Hutcheson Rock (56°10.05'N, 5°7'W) when approaching or leaving the racing area. A blue inflatable mark will be laid close to the north side of Hutcheson Rock and should be treated as a north cardinal.

COURSES: For courses to be sailed, see Addendum.

TIME LIMIT: There will be a time limit of 1700 hours.

For the first race, and altering Rule 35 and Appendix A4.1 and A5, if the race committee considers that any yachts still racing are delaying the start of a second race, and the majority of yachts in their class has finished, they may declare the time limit for the race closed. This will be broadcast on VHF channel 77, and a Committee vessel flying Flag H will attempt to contact any yachts considered to be racing at the time. Those yachts not yet finished shall be scored points equal to the average they would have received had they finished, with any fractions being rounded up.

THE ARGYLL FLEET – Classes 9, 6, 4 and 2

Oban Tides
0142 BST 1.2m
0735 BST 3.7m
1359 BST 1.0m
1955 BST 3.9m

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL: 1025 and classes will start in the order above.

STARTING AREA: West of the entrance to Craobh Marina.

RACING AREA: The course will be set in Loch Shuna, Shuna Sound, and Loch Melfort, and will be signalled from the Official Start Boat with a RED or GREEN flag. Admiralty Chart 2326 covers this area.

MARKS OF THE COURSE - RED COURSE:

- (1) Eilean Creagach shall be left to starboard.
- (2) An orange inflatable mark laid south of Campbell Rock (56°14.75'N, 5°33.5'W) shall be left to port.
- (3) An orange inflatable mark laid in Fearnach Bay in approx. position (56°15.7'N, 5°30.2'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (4) An orange inflatable mark laid south of Campbell Rock (56°14.75'N, 5°33.5'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (5) Scoul Eilean (56°14.5'N, 5°36.1'W) shall be left to port.
- (6) Leaving Shuna to port, an orange inflatable mark laid off Kilchattan Bay in approx. position 56°13.17'N, 5°37.5'W shall be left to port.
- (7) Shuna Point (56°11.75'N, 5°36.6'W) shall be left to port.
- (8) Rubha Salach (56°13.8'N, 5°36.1'W) shall be left to port.
- (9) An orange inflatable mark laid off Kilchattan Bay in approx. position 56°13.17'N, 5°37.5'W shall be left to port.
- (10) Shuna Point (56°11.75'N, 5°36.6'W) shall be left to port.
- (11) A blue inflatable mark laid off Craobh Marina in Loch Shuna shall be left to port.

Classes 4, 6 and 9 shall omit Marks 8, 9 and 10.

For the first round only, Mark 11 is not a mark of the course.

MARKS OF THE COURSE - GREEN COURSE:

- (1) Shuna Point (56°11.75'N, 5°36.6'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (2) An orange inflatable mark laid off Kilchattan Bay in approx. position 56°13.17'N, 5°37.5'W shall be left to starboard.
- (3) Rubha Salach (56°13.8'N, 5°36.1'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (4) Shuna Point (56°11.75'N, 5°36.6'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (5) An orange inflatable mark laid off Kilchattan Bay in approx. position 56°13.17'N, 5°37.5'W shall be left to starboard.
- (6) Scoul Eilean (56°14.5'N, 5°36.1'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (7) An orange inflatable mark laid south of Campbell Rock (56°14.75'N, 5°33.5'W) shall be left to port.
- (8) An orange inflatable mark laid in Fearnach Bay in approx. position (56°15.7'N, 5°30.2'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (9) An orange inflatable mark laid south of Campbell Rock (56°14.75'N, 5°33.5'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (10) Eilean Creagach shall be left to port.
- (11) A blue inflatable mark laid off Craobh Marina in Loch Shuna shall be left to starboard.

Classes 4, 6 and 9 shall omit Marks 1, 2 and 3.

For the first round only, Mark 11 is not a mark of the course.

Caution: Competitors should note hazards within three cables of Scoul Eilean, and avoid the fish farming activities off the west shore of Shuna.

FINISHING LINE: Off Craobh Marina, between a blue flag on an Official Boat and Mark 11.

DISTANCE: About 18 miles for Class 2, and 13 miles for Classes 4, 6 and 9.

TIME LIMIT for all classes will be 1700.

MONDAY 30 July – CRAOBH TO OBAN PASSAGE RACE sponsored by Owen Sails

Oban Tides	
0218 BST	1.2m
0808 BST	3.7m
1431 BST	1.1m
2029 BST	3.9m

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL: 1155 and classes will start in order - Class 9; Class 8; etc in succession

STARTING AREA: In Loch Shuna. The Starting Area might be up to 3 miles from the entrance to Craobh Marina. Competitors should ensure that they leave harbour in sufficient time.

MARKS OF THE COURSE:

- (1) An inflatable mark may be laid approximately three quarters of a mile to windward of the Starting Line. If so signalled, this shall be the first mark of the course. Its use shall be signalled before the first Warning Signal by displaying Flag W together with a RED or GREEN Flag, indicating whether the mark shall be left to port or starboard.
- (2) An orange inflatable mark laid in approx. position 56°10.62'N, 5°38.02'W, south of Ardluing Buoy shall be left to starboard.
- (3) Ardluing Buoy (56°11.1'N, 5°38.7'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (4) The island of Luing shall be left to starboard.
- (5) The island of Dubh Sgeir (56°14.8'N, 5°40.1'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (6) The island of Fladda (56°14.0'N, 5°40.8'W) shall be left to port.
- (7) Easdale Island (56°17.5'N, 5°39.5'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (8) Insh (Sheep) Island (56°19.0'N, 5°40.0'W) shall be left to port.
- (9) An orange inflatable mark laid in approx. position 56°21.0'N, 5°36.0'W shall be left to port.
- (10) The island of Kerrera shall be left to starboard.
- (11) An orange inflatable mark laid south-west of the northern entrance to Oban Bay shall be left to starboard.

FINISHING LINE: South-west of the northern entrance to Oban Bay, between a blue flag on an Official Boat and a black inflatable mark laid for the purpose to the east of Mark 11.

DISTANCE: About 20 miles.

TIME LIMIT for all classes will be 1900.

TUESDAY 31 JULY – FIRTH OF LORN RACES sponsored by Scottish Sea Farms

Oban Tides
0253 BST 1.2m
0838 BST 3.6m
1500 BST 1.1m
2100 BST 3.8m

THE TUNNOCK'S FLEET – Classes 0, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL: 1025 and classes will start in the order above for the first race.

A second Race will be started as soon as possible after the first race. The second race may not have the same course configuration as race 1 or starting order of classes and yachts should monitor VHF Ch 77.

RACING AREA: Racing will take place in the area between Maiden Island (56°25.9'N, 5°29.5'W), Sgeir nan Gael (56°27.3'N, 5°36.3'W), Rubha Garbh-àird (56°28.5'N, 5°27.5'W), and the entrance to Dunstaffnage Bay (56°27.4'N, 5°26.1'W). Admiralty chart number 2378 will be particularly helpful. Competitors are warned that the Starting Line may be up to 4 miles from the entrance to Oban Bay and should allow adequate time to reach the area.

CAUTION: Particular attention should be paid to the isolated danger of Bogha Garbh-àird (56°28.4'N, 5°27.8'W) south of Camas Nathais Bay.

COURSES: For courses to be sailed, see Addendum.

TIME LIMIT: There will be a time limit of 1700 hours.

For the first race, and altering Rule 35 and Appendix A4.1 and A5, if the race committee considers that any yachts still racing are delaying the start of a second race, and the majority of yachts in their class has finished, they may declare the time limit for the race closed. This will be broadcast on VHF channel 77, and a Committee vessel flying Flag H will attempt to contact any yachts considered to be racing at the time. Those yachts not yet finished shall be scored points equal to the average they would have received had they finished, with any fractions being rounded up.

TUESDAY 31 JULY – FIRTH OF LORN RACES

THE ARGYLL FLEET – Classes 9, 6, 4 and 2

Oban Tides
0253 BST 1.2m
0838 BST 3.6m
1500 BST 1.1m
2100 BST 3.8m

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL 10.25 and classes will start in the order above, but note that there will be a gap of 10 minutes between the starting signal for Class 4 and the Warning signal for Class 2.

STARTING AREA: South-west of the northern entrance to Oban Bay. The Starting Line may be situated up to three miles from Oban Bay, and competitors should, therefore, ensure that they leave harbour in sufficient time.

CAUTION: Particular attention should be paid to the isolated danger of Bogha Nuadh 56°21.8'N, 5°37.8'W.

COURSE: The course to be sailed for Classes 9, 6 and 4 shall be announced on VHF Channel 72 approximately four minutes before the Warning Signal for Class 9.

The course to be sailed for Class 2 shall be announced on VHF Channel 72 approximately four minutes before their Warning Signal.

The announcements will comprise a list of numbers representing the marks to be rounded together with their required side. The principal Official Boat will call another boat and repeat the message whereupon the other boat will repeat the message back. There will be no visual course signals.

LIST OF MARKS:

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| (1) | Bach Island | 56°22.9'N, 5°35.9'W |
| (2) | Black inflatable mark east of Bogha Nuadh | 56°21.7'N, 5°37.0'W |
| (3) | Black inflatable mark off Maol Ban | 56°20.3'N, 5°44.4'W |
| (4) | Insh (Sheep) Island | 56°19.0'N, 5°40.0'W |
| (5) | Orange inflatable mark north of Insh Island | 56°20.3'N, 5°39.1'W |
| (6) | Orange inflatable mark off Ardencaple Bay | 56°19.5'N, 5°36.6'W |
| (7) | Orange inflatable mark off Loch Feochan | 56°21.6'N, 5°33.1'W |
| (8) | Cutter Rock shall be left to port. | 56°22.7'N, 5°32.25'W |

SUPPLEMENTARY MARKS : Depending on conditions, the above list of marks may be supplemented and which will be numbered 9 successively. The location and description of supplementary mark(s) will be identified by a bearing (True) and approximate distance from the preceding mark, or by a Lat/Long reference included in the course announcements.

FINISHING LINE: In the Sound of Kerrera, between a blue flag on an Official Boat positioned east of Sgeirean Dubha (56°22.8'N, 5°32.2'W), and a black inflatable mark laid for the purpose. The Official Boat shall be left to port.

TIME LIMIT: There will be a time limit of 1700 hours.

WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST - OBAN TO TOBERMORY PASSAGE RACE

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL: 0755 and classes will start in order - Class 9; Class 8; etc in succession

Oban Tides	
0325 BST	1.3m
0905 BST	3.5m
1526 BST	1.2m
2131 BST	3.7m

STARTING LINE: In the vicinity of Lismore Light, between an orange flag on an Official Boat and the course side of an inflatable mark laid at the port end of the Starting Line. On or near the Line, a Distance Mark will be laid and shall be left to starboard.

Note: The Starting Area might be up to 4 miles from the entrance to Oban Bay. Competitors should ensure that they leave harbour in sufficient time.

MARKS OF THE COURSE:

- (1) An orange inflatable mark approximately three quarters of a mile upwind of Start Line when laid in accordance with SI 9.
- (2) Lismore Light (56°27.3'N, 5°36.4'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (3) An orange inflatable mark (56°32.1'N, 5°51.0'W) south-west of Sgeir Savary shall be left to port.
- (4) An orange inflatable mark (56°32.5'N, 5°53.1'W) south of Fuinary Rocks shall be left to port.
- (5) Calve Island (56°37.0'N, 6°02.0'W) shall be left to port.
- (6) An orange inflatable mark (56°37.7'N, 6°01.6'W) shall be left to port.

FINISHING LINE: Situated between Mark 6 and Tobermory Bay, between a blue flag on an Official Boat and a black inflatable mark laid for the purpose.

DISTANCE: About 23 miles.

TIME LIMIT for all classes will be 1700.

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST– SOUND OF MULL RACES

Oban Tides

0355 BST 1.4m

0936 BST 3.4m

1556 BST 1.3m

2204 BST 3.6m

THE TUNNOCK'S FLEET – Classes 0, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL: 1025 and classes will start in the order above for the first race.

A second Race will be started as soon as possible after the first race. The second race may not have the same course configuration as race 1 or starting order of classes and yachts should monitor VHF Ch 77.

RACING AREA: Racing will take place in the area between Sorne Point (56°38.6'N, 6°11.8'W), An Acairseid Bay (56°41.4'N, 6°11.5'W), Mingary Bay (56°41.3'N, 6°04.0'W) and Rubha nan Gall (56°38.3'N, 6°03.9'W). Admiralty charts 2392 and 2394 will be particularly helpful. Competitors are warned that the starting line may be up to 6.5 miles from the entrance to Tobermory Bay to the north west and should allow adequate time to reach the area.

CAUTION: Particular attention should be paid to the New Rocks (56°39.2'N, 6°1.9'W) when approaching or leaving the racing area.

COURSES: For courses to be sailed, see Addendum.

TIME LIMIT: There will be a time limit of 1700 hours.

For the first race, and altering Rule 35 and Appendix A4.1 and A5, if the race committee considers that any yachts still racing are delaying the start of a second race, and the majority of yachts in their class has finished, they may declare the time limit for the race closed. This will be broadcast on VHF channel 77, and a Committee vessel flying Flag H will attempt to contact any yachts considered to be racing at the time. Those yachts not yet finished shall be scored points equal to the average they would have received had they finished, with any fractions being rounded up.

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST – SOUND OF MULL RACES

Oban Tides

0355 BST 1.4m

0936 BST 3.4m

1556 BST 1.3m

2204 BST 3.6m

THE ARGYLL FLEET – Classes 9, 6, 4 and 2

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL 10.25 and classes will start in the order above, but note that there will be a gap of 10 minutes between the starting signal for Class 4 and the Warning signal for Class 2.

STARTING AREA: Off the north end of Calve Island.

COURSE: The course to be sailed for Classes 9, 6 and 4 shall be announced on VHF Channel 72 approximately four minutes before the Warning Signal for Class 9.

The course to be sailed for Class 2 shall be announced on VHF Channel 72 approximately four minutes before their Warning Signal.

The announcements will comprise a list of numbers representing the marks to be rounded together with their required side. The principal Official Boat will call another boat and repeat the message whereupon the other boat will repeat the message back. There will be no visual course signals.

LIST OF MARKS:

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| (1) | Black inflatable mark north-west of the northern point of Calve Island | 56°37.6'N, 6°2.8'W |
| (2) | Orange inflatable mark in the Sound of Mull | 56°37.8'N, 6°1.5'W |
| (3) | Blue inflatable mark off Kilchoan | 56°40.1'N, 6°07.2'W |
| (4) | Blue inflatable mark west of Sron Beag | 56°41.0'N, 6°11.0'W |
| (5) | Orange inflatable mark west of Ardmore Point | 56°39.1'N, 6°10.5'W |
| (6) | Orange inflatable mark off Quinish Point | 56°38.4'N, 6°14.1'W |
| (7) | Orange inflatable mark east of Ardnacross Buoy | 56°35.2'N, 5°59.6'W |
| (8) | Orange inflatable mark off Morvern shore | 56°34.9'N, 5°57.8'W |
| (9) | Orange inflatable mark north-west of Green Isle (E.Glasa) | 56°32.3'N, 5°54.9'W |
| (10) | Orange inflatable mark off Rubha nan Gall | 56°38.6'N, 6°4.0'W |

Ardnacross Red Buoy (56°35.0'N, 5°59.1'W) shall be passed on its correct side by all competing boats.

Supplementary Marks: Depending on conditions, the above list of marks may be supplemented and which will be numbered 11 successively. The location and description of supplementary mark(s) will be identified by a bearing (True) and approximate distance from the preceding mark, or by a Lat/Long reference included in the course announcement.

CAUTION: Particular attention should be paid to the dangers of Little Stirk (56°38.8'N, 6°1.4'W), Sligneach (56°40.2'N, 5°59.6'W), Red Rocks (56°38.8'N, 6°1.4'W) and New Rocks (56°39.2'N, 6°1.9'W).

FINISHING LINE: In Tobermory Bay, between a blue flag on an Official Boat and an orange inflatable mark laid for the purpose.

TIME LIMIT for all classes will be 1700 hours.

FRIDAY 3 AUGUST - TOBERMORY TO OBAN PASSAGE RACE sponsored by Thomas Tunnock Ltd

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL: 09.55 and classes will start in order – Class 9; Class 8 etc in succession

Oban Tides
0429 BST 1.5m
1013 BST 3.3m
1634 BST 1.4m
2244 BST 3.4m

STARTING AREA: Off the north end of Calve Island.

MARKS OF THE COURSE:

- (1) An orange inflatable mark laid approx. 200m north-west of the northern point of Calve Island shall be left to starboard.
- (2) Calve Island (56°37.0'N, 6°02.0'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (3) An orange inflatable mark (56°32.5'N, 5°53.1'W) south of Fuinary Rocks shall be left to starboard.
- (4) An orange inflatable mark (56°32.3'N, 5°51.0'W) south-west of Sgeir Savary shall be left to starboard.
- (5) Yule Rock buoy (56°30.0'N, 5°44.0'W) shall be left to starboard.
- (7) An orange inflatable mark laid north of Maiden Island shall be left to starboard.

FINISHING LINE: Off Maiden Island, between a blue flag on an Official Boat and a black inflatable mark laid for the purpose.

DISTANCE: About 23 miles.

TIME LIMIT for all classes will be 1700.

ADDENDUM

COURSES FOR TUNNOCKS FLEET

Sunday 29 July - Craobh Races
 Tuesday 31 July – Firth of Lorn Races
 Thursday 2 August– Sound of Mull Races

The race type for each race will be shown by a code flag flown on the Principal Official Boat and announcements will normally be made on VHF.

Course diagrams are for illustrative purposes only and do not reflect the actual number of rounds to be sailed by the different classes.

COURSE A (Code Flag A):

The diagram opposite shows the course to be sailed. This diagram is for illustrative purposes only and does not reflect the number of rounds to be sailed. The order of the marks to be rounded is:

Classes 0, 1, 3 & 5 : Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

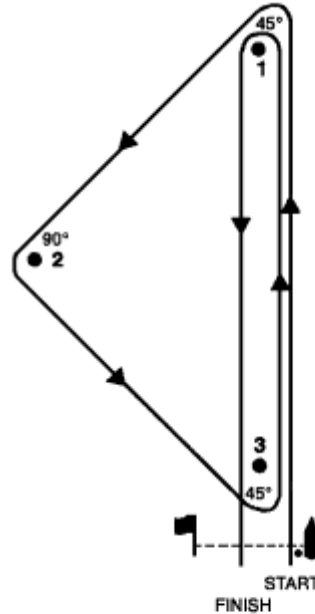
Classes 7 & 8 : Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, Finish

All marks are to be left to port. Mark 3 is not a mark of the course during the first windward leg. Marks 1 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys; Mark 2 will be a black inflatable buoy.

STARTING LINE: Between an orange flag on an Official Boat and the course side of an inflatable mark laid at the port end of the Starting Line. On or near the Line, a Distance Mark will be laid and shall be left to starboard.

SHORTENING COURSE: In alteration to RRS 32.2, if the Race Committee shortens the course in the vicinity of Mark 3, this mark will be the last mark of the course for relevant classes and boats will leave it to port and will finish at the Finishing line as described below. The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat in each relevant class reaches Mark 3.

FINISHING LINE: To leeward of Mark 3, between a blue flag on an Official Boat and a black inflatable mark laid for the purpose.



COURSE B (Code Flag B):

The diagram opposite shows the course to be sailed. The order of the marks to be rounded is:

Classes 0, 1, 3 & 5 : Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Classes 7 & 8 : Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

All marks are to be left to port. Mark 3 is not a mark of the course during the first windward leg. Marks 1 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys; Mark 2 will be a black inflatable buoy.

STARTING LINE: Between an orange flag on an Official Boat and the course side of an inflatable mark laid at the port end of the Starting Line. On or near the Line, a Distance Mark will be laid and shall be left to starboard.

SHORTENING COURSE; In alteration of RRS 32.2, if the Race Committee shortens the course in the vicinity of Mark 3. This Mark will be the last mark of the course for relevant classes and boats will leave it to port and will finish at the Finishing Line as described below. The Shortened Course shall be signalled before the first boat in each relevant class reaches Mark 3.

FINISHING LINE: To leeward of Mark 3, between a blue flag on an Official Boat and a black inflatable mark laid for the purpose.

