

1. CHECKING IN

The Race Office will be open at Craobh Marina from Saturday morning. In order to avoid the congestion that could build up later, Skippers, or their representatives, are encouraged to visit as early as possible to check any changes to Sailing Instructions, amendments to List of Entries and Class splits (if necessary, an updated version will be provided), record any crew changes, and collect 'yacht packs' etc.

2. BERTHING

2.1 GENERAL

To maintain good relationships with other harbour users, and to ensure the smooth running of the event, yachts shall not moor alongside private vessels, nor pick up private moorings, without the owner's consent. See also local restrictions included in the following paragraphs.

2.2 GIGHA

The Gigha Trust (01583 505390) has improved visitor facilities in Ardminish Bay including new pontoons at the end of a fixed jetty, with toilets and showers at the jetty head and in the hotel by prior arrangement.

- a. Moorings: 22 mooring available all £15 per day.
- b. Pontoons space between 2.2 and 2.7m depth at MLWS; no power or Wi-Fi. £20 overnight

VHF Ch 14 (not 24hrs); www.gigha.org.uk

2.3 CRAOBH HAVEN

Craobh Haven Marina generally has the available capacity for the WHYW fleet, however some rafting may be necessary on instruction from the marina office. Competitors will receive a 25% discount on the published rates for the Saturday and Sunday nights; electricity at published rate. Car parking is Free of Charge. Toilets and showers included in berthing fee. Telephone: 01852 500222; VHF Ch 80; www.craobhmarina.co.uk

2.4 OBAN AREA

2.4.1 Oban Bay - General

Competitors should be aware of the "Code for Safe Navigation in and around Oban Bay" (available on www.obanharbour.scot), which has changed. In summary, the North and South entrances to Oban Bay are deemed to be "Narrow Channels" (IRPC Rule 9). A new Large Vessel priority channel is in operation. All vessels operating in the Bay should listen on VHF Ch 16 and 12 for shipping traffic.

2.4.2 Oban Bay Community Berthing

16 visitor moorings available on a first come basis, £15 per night, rated for 15T and are sized according to the row distance from the shore. The inner row is 6 x 10m moorings, the middle row is 5 x 12m, and the outer row is 5 x 14m. See www.obanbayberthing.co.uk. A half hour use of the landing stage pontoon for loading is included in the mooring fee along with tender tie-up, and the use of the Oban Sailing Club showers and toilets is available when the Club is open before and after racing. Water is available at the pontoon hose reel. NO overnight alongside berthing permitted at the landing stage.

Additionally, yachts shall respect the requirements of Oban Bay Community Berthing by not anchoring amongst the moored yachts off Oban Sailing Club (OSC).

2.4.3 Oban Sailing Club

Showers and bar open after racing whilst the fleet is in Oban. On final night, Club closes at 19.30hrs. To comply with the licensing laws, all bona fide competitors will be made temporary members of OSC for the duration of the Week. However, owners/skippers should note that this temporary membership does not constitute compliance with RRS 75.1 (Entering a Race).

2.4.4 Oban Marina (Kerrera)

It is noted that this facility is under new ownership and management as of 2017. Pontoons berths (subject to availability) for competitors at a reduced regatta rate of £2.00/m from wed 25 July to Sat 04 Aug inclusive. Electricity and water on berths. Toilets and showers (coin operated). Moorings also available. Hourly water taxi is available to 10.30pm, later on Tuesday evening. Waypoint restaurant is available at marina. Telephone: 01631 565333; VHF Ch 80; www.obanmarina.com

2.4.5 Oban North Pier Pontoons (transit marina)

The new short stay (3 day maximum) marina pontoons at the north end of the North Pier. 39 pontoon spaces up to 12m, plus breakwater space depending on weather conditions. Water and Electricity on pontoons, showers and toilets in new harbour office. Telephone 07388 808061, VHF Channel 12.

2.4.6 Dunstaffnage Marina

Competitors will receive a 15% discount on published rates, and this discount rate will apply for one week prior, the Event week, and one week after the Event to allow for boat positioning, as long as the Event entry is confirmed at time of booking. (Electricity is not discounted). Car parking is free of charge for one car only and will require the competitor to register at the marina shop with their WHYW Sailing Instructions. Toilets and showers included in berthing fee. Telephone: 01631 566555; VHF Ch 37; www.dunstaffnagemarina.co.uk

Transport: a regular bus service operated by West Coast Motors will run during WHYW between Oban (Sailing Club, Rail Station, North Pier) and Dunstaffnage Marina.

2.5 TOBERMORY

2.5.1 Mooring in Tobermory Bay

Available on a first come first served basis. Competitors are required to keep the fairways leading to all piers and pontoons clear, not to use private moorings (without the owner's or harbour master's agreement) nor attach lines to navigation marks, and to follow the instructions of the harbour master who may be on station in his launch to assist (VHF Ch 68 - Tobermory Harbour radio). There are 3 options:

- a. Pontoons: 48 – 56 berths, no rafting permitted. £2.80 per metre
- b. Moorings: 38 visitors moorings available, with rafting permitted if conditions allow, within weight limit and at own risk. Mooring cost: up to 7.5m - £14; Up to 15 tonnes - £17; 15 to 25 tonnes - £ 20; 25 to 50 tonnes - £35. If rafted, cost is shared between users. Please do not use private moorings without being directed to do so by the harbour master.
- c. Anchoring: designated area recently swept and believed clear of obstructions, £0.

2.5.2 Toilets and showers

Available in the Tobermory Harbour Association (THA) building at the head of the pontoon, opening extended to 24hrs during WHYW with access code. £1 coins required for showers. THA telephone: 01688 302876, 07917 832497; www.tobermoryharbour.co.uk

2.5.3 Water taxi

RIB water taxi service operated by a licensed commercial operator may be available; call 07900 607451 or contact "Tobermory Water Taxi" on VHF Ch 08.

3 CANAL TRANSIT CHARGES

Scottish Canals have offered a 10% discount for all WHYW competitors passing each way through the Crinan Canal. When booking identify yourself as a WHYW competitor. Competitors may be interested in participating in the Clyde Cruising Club cruise to Ardfarn from Rothesay on 13 Jul 18 and Ardfarn to Tobermory Race on 16 July 18 (see www.clyde.org), benefitting from competitors' discounts for a Crinan Canal transit licence, and then leaving their yachts in the Oban area until WHYW. Alternatively, if rounding the Mull, the Gigha Trust offers a useful stopover and a warm welcome with moorings in Ardmish Bay (see above).

4 DISCIPLINE

The particular attention of ALL competitors is drawn to RRS 69 which will be vigorously enforced.

5 ALCOHOL AND SMOKING

In the interests of public safety and the reputation of the sport, all competitors are reminded that they must respect the various Bye-laws relating to the consumption of alcohol out of doors, and the legislation relating to smoking, which may differ from those in other parts of the UK.

6 CAUTIONS

Shuna Sound: Competitors should avoid the fish farming activities off the west shore of Shuna.