

WEST HIGHLAND YACHTING WEEK

Friday 26 July – Friday 2 August 2019

Craobh, Oban, Tobermory

NOTICE OF RACE

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 NoR means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the Prescriptions of the RYA, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) and CYCA Handicap System.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. [DP]

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Regatta is open to boats in the following classes:

CYCA Spinnaker Classes. Boats with a valid CYCA certificate with a handicap range of 0.00 to 22.00 minutes.

CYCA Restricted Sail Classes. Boats with a valid CYCA certificate with a handicap range of 0.00 to 22.00 minutes.

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

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

3.1.2 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.

3.1.3 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.

3.1.4 Mizzen staysails shall not be set.

3.2 Boats with a valid CYCA certificate with a handicap outside these ranges may be accepted as entries at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

3.3 Individual races within the Series are open to boats with valid CYCA and IRC handicaps as set out in NoR 3.1.

3.4 Feeder races are open to boats with a valid CYCA handicap as set out in NoR 3.1 CYCA Spinnaker Classes.

3.5 Class divisions will be decided after close of entry and will be shown on the event website www.whyw.co.uk.

3.5 Classes may be altered, divided and amalgamated or boats moved between classes at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

3.7 Entries shall be made with the entry fee using the entry form on the event website (preferred method) or by requesting a paper form to be returned to: JRC, WHYW, Cairnmore, Rowan Road, Oban PA34 5TY.

3.8 Entries received after the **closing date Friday 12 July** or alterations to entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

4 FEES

4.1 Entry fees shall be £40 for all boats for the Feeder Races (except Largs to Ardrishaig which will be free). For all other races fees shall be as follows:

	Per Race day	For the Series
Boats under 25ft LOA		
If received before 31 May	£46	£233
If received between 31 May & 13 July	£56	£278
If received after 13 July	£61	£305
Boats 25ft and over but under 30ft LOA		
If received before 31 May	£49	£247
If received between 31 May & 13 July	£60	£299
If received after 13 July	£65	£326
Boats 30ft and over but under 40ft LOA		
If received before 31 May	£58	£289
If received between 31 May & 13 July	£69	£347
If received after 13 July	£75	£373
Boats 40ft and over LOA		
If received before 31 May	£63	£315
If received between 31 May & 13 July	£77	£383
If received after 13 July	£82	£310

4.2 If cancellation of an entry is received by the closing date for entries, the entry fee will be refunded, less an administrative charge of £50. No other refunds will be made.

5 REGISTRATION

5.1 Boats shall register by the start of their first race by submitting electronically;

a crew list including emergency contact details, the names of all crew under 18 and other contact information as set out in the relevant form on the website by 17.00 on Thursday 25 July 2019. [DP]

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The following Feeder Races may be run:

Largs to Ardrishaig, all classes start on Friday 26 July at 09.00
Gigha to Craobh, all classes start on Saturday 27 July at 09.00
Oban to Craobh, all classes start on Saturday 27 July at 13.00
Feeder Race scores will not count towards the Series.

6.2 Series schedule and first warning signal.

Sunday 28 July Craobh Races	
Spinnaker (Tunnock's Fleet) – 2 races	10.25
Restricted Sail (Argyll Fleet) – 1 race	10.25
Monday 29 July Craobh to Oban Passage Race	09.55
Tuesday 30 July Firth of Lorn Races	
Spinnaker (Tunnock's Fleet) – 2 races	10.25
Restricted Sail (Argyll Fleet) – 1 race	10.25
Wednesday 29 July Oban to Tobermory Passage Race	11.55
Thursday 1 August Sound of Mull Races	
Spinnaker (Tunnock's Fleet) – 2 races	10.25
Restricted Sail (Argyll Fleet) – 1 race	10.55
Friday 2 August Tobermory to Oban Race	07.55

7 CREW LIMITS AND MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

7.1 All boats shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B; in Appendix B 5.01 the personal flotation device shall be replaced by an inflatable lifejacket defined in the starred sections of 5.01 of the main regulations. In addition, all boats shall carry a marine **VHF transceiver** complying with 3.29.05 of the main regulations. [DP]

7.2 Boats shall not carry anchors that project ahead of the bow. [DP]

7.3 Sail numbers, any boat unable to comply with RRS 77 must seek dispensation prior to the start of their first race. [DP]

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 SIs will be published on the event website on or before close of entries. Amendments to SIs, including class divisions, will be published on the event website as and when they are made.

9 VENUE and THE COURSES

9.1 The Series will start at Craobh Marina, move to Oban, Tobermory and return to Oban with courses between and nearby these venues. Courses to be sailed will be detailed in the SIs.

10 POINTS SERIES SCORING

10.1 Three races must be completed to constitute a Series.

10.2 When *four or less* races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When *five or more* races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.3 Boats not entering the 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.

10.4 Two races are intended for the Tunnock's Fleet on Sunday 28 July, Tuesday 30 July and Thursday 2 August, and a boat's score in each race will count towards the Points Series. However, for the purpose of awarding trophies and prizes for the day a boat'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.

11 ARBITRATION & EXONERATION

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

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

12 PRIZES

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

12.2 The final prize giving is scheduled for 17.00 on Friday 2 August or earlier if possible.

13 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

13.1 Competitors by completing the entry form and process grant to the Organising Authority 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.

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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.

15. INSPECTIONS

15.1 The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the owner/skipper.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 The owner/skipper is required to ensure that the yacht has adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party and passenger claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000 or equivalent.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 Further information including social arrangements can be found on the event website www.whyw.co.uk, or contact: The Secretary, Joint Regatta Committee, Cairnmore, Rowan Road, Oban Argyll PA34 5TY Email: office@whyw.co.uk