

# WEST HIGHLAND YACHTING WEEK

Saturday 29 July – Friday 4 August 2023  
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 '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Prescriptions of the RYA available at [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk) will apply.
- 1.3 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) will apply.
- 1.4 The CYCA Handicap System available at [www.cyca-online.org.uk](http://www.cyca-online.org.uk) will apply.
- 1.5 Local COVID-19 restrictions will apply as modified by RYA Scotland and sportcotland guidelines.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the event website on or before close of entries. The SIs may change some RRS.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at the event website [www.whyw.co.uk](http://www.whyw.co.uk). There will be no physical notice board.
- 3.2 [NP] The race committee may make broadcasts to boats on VHF radio. The channel and details of regular scheduled communication (if any) will be stated in the SIs.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 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 24.00 minutes.  
**CYCA Restricted Sail Classes.** Boats with a valid CYCA certificate with a handicap range of 0.00 to 24.00 minutes. The following restrictions shall apply to yachts entering Restricted Sail classes during the Points Series but not for the Feeder Races:
  - 4.1.1 A headsail may be set but a spinnaker shall not be set, both as defined in RRS 50.4.
  - 4.1.2 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.
  - 4.1.3 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.
  - 4.1.4 Mizzen staysails shall not be set.
  - 4.1.5 Boats with a valid CYCA certificate with a handicap outside these ranges may be accepted as entries at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

- 4.2.1 The **Series** runs from Sunday 30 July to Friday 4 August.
- 4.2.2 The **Passage Races** in the Series on Monday 31 July, Wednesday 2 August and Friday 4 August are available to enter as a mini series of three races in classes separate to the Series.
- 4.2.3 **Individual Races** in the Series are open to boats with valid CYCA handicaps as set out in NoR 4.1.
- 4.2.4 Class divisions will be decided after close of entry and will be shown on the event website.

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

- 4.4 Feeder races are open to boats with a valid CYCA handicap as set out in NoR 4 and there are no sail restrictions.

- 4.5 Entries shall be made with the entry fee using the entry form/system on the event website (preferred method) or by requesting a paper form to be returned to: JRC, WHYW, Aros, Fairfield Gardens, Kilcreggan, Argyll G84 0HS.

- 4.6 Entries received after the **closing date Sunday 23 July** will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Alterations to entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

### 5 FEES

- Entry fees shall be £40 for all boats for the Feeder Races. For all other races fees shall be as follows:

WHYW, the Series	Early bird entry by 31 March	Series Fee	Daily
Boats under 30ft LOA	320	350	70
Boats 30ft to 40 LOA	360	400	80
Boats over 40ft LOA	400	440	88
<b>Passage Races only</b>			
Boats under 30ft LOA	160	180	
Boats 30ft to 40 LOA	190	210	
Boats over 40ft LOA	220	240	

### 6 CREW LIMITATIONS - Not needed at this event

### 7 ADVERTISING

- Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

### 8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES Not needed at this event

### 9 SCHEDULE

#### 9.1 Feeder Races:

- Gigha to Craobh, all boats start on Saturday 29 July at 09.55  
Oban to Craobh, all boats start on Saturday 29 July. at 13.25  
Feeder Race scores will not count towards the Series.

- 9.2.1 **In the Series. Boats with spinnakers** will race in one fleet, the Tunnock's Fleet.

- 9.2.2 **Restricted Sail boats** will race in separate fleet.

- 9.3 Boats shall register by the start of their first race of the series 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.

#### 9.4 Series schedule and first warning signal.

<b>Sun 30 Jul</b> Craobh Races Both Fleets 1 race scheduled, maximum 2	10.25
<b>Mon 31 Jul</b> Craobh-Oban Passage Race	10.25
<b>Tue 2 Aug</b> Lynn of Lorne Races Both Fleets up to 2 races scheduled, maximum 3	10.25
<b>Wed 3 Aug</b> Oban-Tobermory Passage Race	11.55
<b>Thu 4 Aug</b> Atlantic Races Both Fleets up to 2 races scheduled, maximum 3	10.25
<b>Fri 5 August</b> Tobermory-Oban Passage Race	08.55

## 10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat will ensure a valid CYCA handicap is registered on the CYCA database prior to the start of their first race.

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

10.3 Boats will 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 3.29.5 of the main regulations.

10.4 Boats will not carry anchors that project ahead of the hull.

10.5 Sail numbers; any boat unable to comply with RRS 77 must seek dispensation prior to the start of their first race.

## 11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT - Not needed at this event

## 12 VENUE

The Series will start at Craobh Marina, move to Oban, Tobermory and return to Oban with courses between and nearby these venues.

## 13 COURSES

Courses for the Restricted Sail fleet will be mostly passage style round fixed and inflatable marks and for the Tunnock's fleet, a combination of similar courses and Windward/Leeward style courses round inflatable marks. The sailing instructions will describe the marks to be used in detail and courses will be described on the day over VHF.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The penalty for a breach of a rule, other than a rule of Part 1 and 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

14.2 The Two-Turns penalty shall be replaced by the One-Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

14.3 The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Meeting and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to [www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes)). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

## 15 POINTS SERIES SCORING

15.1 Three races must be completed to constitute a Series. In the Passage Race mini-series, one race must be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.3 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.

## 16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS, 17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS, 18 BERTHING, 19 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS, 20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – All not applicable at this event

## 21 DATA PROTECTION

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy.

When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## 22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 Rule 3 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."

22.2 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 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, inspection 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 drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## 23 INSURANCE

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

## 24 PRIZES

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

24.2 Boats entering the Passage Race miniseries will be eligible for all the special trophies except the Peter Cox Memorial Trophy.

## 25 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be found on the event website [www.whyw.co.uk](http://www.whyw.co.uk)