

WEST HIGHLAND YACHTING WEEK

Saturday 27 July – Friday 2 August 2024
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 shall apply.
- 1.3 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) shall apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions shall 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. There will be no physical notice board.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio.
- 3.3 The Race Committee (RC) shall use VHF radio to communicate to boats. Details of channels will be in the SIs. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 3.4 The channels and details of any regular scheduled communication shall be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to boats in the following classes:
Fleet 1, CYCA Spinnaker Classes. Boats with a valid CYCA certificate with a handicap range of 0.00 to 24.00 minutes.
Fleet 2, 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.
 - 4.1.6 Boats with a valid handicap in other handicap systems, minimum 7, including MOCRA, may enter in either fleet and be provided a start(s).
- 4.2.1 The **Series** runs from Sunday 28 July to Friday 2 August.
- 4.2.2 The **Passage Races** in the Series on Monday 29 July, Wednesday 31 July and Friday 2 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 for entries, Sunday 21 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

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

WHYW, the Series	Early bird entry by 1 May	Series Fee
Boats under 30ft LOA	340	370
Boats 30ft to 40 LOA	380	420
Boats over 40ft LOA	420	460
Passage Races only		
Boats under 30ft LOA	170	190
Boats 30ft to 40 LOA	190	210
Boats over 40ft LOA	210	230

5.3 Entry for a day will be £75, £85, or £90 for boats of those lengths

6 CREW LIMITATIONS - Not needed at this event

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] 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 classes start on Saturday 27 July at 09.55
Oban to Craobh, all classes start on Saturday 27 July. at 09.55
Feeder Race scores will not count towards the Series.

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

9.3.1 **Boats with spinnakers** will race in one fleet. (Spinnaker)

9.3.2 **All other boats** will race in a separate fleet. (Restricted)

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

Sun 28 Jul Craobh Races, one race scheduled Spinnaker classes, two races scheduled	10.25
Mon 29 Jul Craobh-Oban Passage Race	08.25
Tue 30 Aug Round Lismore Race, one race Spinnaker classes, up to 2 races	10.25
Wed 31 Jul Oban-Tobermory Passage Race	11.55
Thu 1 Aug Atlantic Races, one race scheduled Spinnaker classes, 2 races scheduled For all classes races maximum 3	10.25
Fri 5 August Tobermory-Oban Passage Race	07.55

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 [DP] 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.

10.4 [DP] Boats will not carry anchors that project ahead of the hull or permanent bow appendage.

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 will be mostly passage style round fixed and inflatable marks and for classes with spinnakers, 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). 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 mini series will be eligible for the special trophies except the Peter Cox Memorial Trophy.

25 **CODE OF CONDUCT**

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure may be misconduct.

26 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information can be found on the event website www.whyw.co.uk