



2019 Winter Championships

7 – 8 December 2019

Largs SC

Notice of Race

The organising authority is Largs Sailing Club in conjunction with RYA Scotland

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors should note that RYA events comply with the principles of the RYA Racing Charter as applicable to both organisers and competitors, details of the RYA Racing Charter can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020), or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/RACING/Pages/racingcharter.aspx>.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to boats (the word boat shall be taken to mean both boats and boards in the Notice of Race and any other documents relating to this event) of the Optimist, Topper, RS Feva, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Laser, 420, 29er, Techno classes belonging to, or under the control of, members of clubs affiliated to the RYA.
- 2.2 Entries will only be accepted on the event on-line entry available from RYA Scotland website on the Events Page and shall be received, together with the entry fee, on or before 1 December 2019. Entries will not be accepted after this date.
- 2.3 Medical forms form part of the on-line entry and are required to be completed for all competitors. Data Protection Act: This is a safety requirement and no medical data will be retained after the event.
- 2.4 All boats shall have an individual recognised sail number.

3 FEES

Required Fees are as follows:

Boat Type	Fee
Single Handed	£30
Double Handed	£40

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Registration:

Day	Date	Time	Location
Saturday	7 December 2019	09:00 to 10:00	Upstairs Lounge of SC

4.2 Competitors Briefing:

Day	Date	Time	Location
Saturday	7 December 2019	10:00	Upstairs Lounge of SC

4.3 Dates and Times:

Day	Date	Time of First Warning (Not before)	Number of Races
Saturday	7 December 2019	11:55	As many as conditions allow (max 8 per day)
Sunday	8 December 2019	10:25	As many as conditions allow (max 8 per day)

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website from 4 December 2019. Note that these may be subject to change. Questions about the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions prior to the event may be emailed to matt.toynbee@ryascotland.org.uk. Questions together with answers may be posted on the event website.

6 VENUE & RACE AREA

- 6.1 The venue will be Largs Sailing Club, located in Largs Yacht Haven, Irvine Road, Largs KA30 8EZ.
- 6.2 There may be two Race Areas, both of which will be located in the Largs Channel.

7 THE COURSES

The courses will be windward/leeward, trapezoid or "S" shaped courses. It is intended that racing will be in the "sprint" format with race duration target times between 10 and 20 minutes.

8 PROTESTS

The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

10 SUPPORT BOATS

Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters shall not communicate with competitors when afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

12 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes RRS Rule 40.

14 PRIZES

The prize giving will be held in Largs Sailing Club as soon as possible after racing ends on Sunday afternoon. Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class if sufficient numbers participate.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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."
- 15.2 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 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.

16 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.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 The Official Notice Board will be located in the downstairs corridor of Largs SC.
- 17.2 Further information is available from:

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