

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Challenger Travellers

15/16th September 2018

1. RULES The Regatta will be governed by ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, and the rules of the Challenger Class Association.

All Challengers must have a grab line of free specification fixed to each sponson and a tow line of free specification fixed to the bow and long enough to be led back to the cockpit and handled by the sailor.

Rule 40, Personal Buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst on the water or pontoons.

Rule 41, outside help - is modified to permit a boat to receive outside help from a safety boat for any reason other than added propulsion.

Rule 44, taking a penalty - modified from two turns to one turn for RRS Part 2 infringements

Rule 49, crew position - modified so that helm and buddy should remain seated in their normal positions within the main hull or on a buddy seat except in an emergency

2. ENTRIES

The event is open to the Challenger Class of boats.

Class will include:-

- Gold Fleet - Able-bodied sailors and sailors with a disability, sailing solo.
- Bronze Fleet - Sailors with a disability, sailing with a mandatory pillion buddy.
- Able-bodied sailors are only eligible for sailing solo in the Gold fleet.

If 2 or fewer sailors register for any fleet, the organisers reserve the right to consolidate that fleet with another.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS will be posted on the notice board in the club house entrance.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the advertised time of the first race affected by said change.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE will be displayed on the flagpole at the club house.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES Five races are scheduled for the regatta of which three races shall be completed to constitute a valid series. (In addition there may be a race for helpers). The schedule will be as per the Notice of Race. Any changes will be announced at the briefing. One race result may be discarded if four or more races are completed.

7. CLASS FLAG will be **Flag H**. Gold, and Bronze competitors will have a common start.

8. SCORING SYSTEM The Low Point scoring system, Rule A4.1 will apply.

8.1 Results will be declared for each class together with an overall winner.

9. RACING AREA will be on the waters of Loch Linnhe off Lochaber Yacht Club.

10. COURSES

10.1 Courses will be triangular and make use of LYC markers. **The course to be used will be identified at the briefing together with other relevant information. See descriptions below.**

2. The start/finish line will be between the clubhouse flag mast and mark A.
3. An Inner Distance mark may be used.

11. MARKS The course marks will be conspicuous plastic drums unlike any others in the vicinity. They may have attached a large inflated buoy. **A diagram showing the positions of marks is shown below.**

12. STARTING PROCEDURE Races will be started using Rule 26. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM The penalty for a (Part 2) rule infringement is a one turn penalty including one tack and one gybe. This changes rules 44.1 and 44.2.

14. TIME LIMIT A boat failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat has finished will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rules 35 and A4.

15. PROTESTS Protests shall be in writing and delivered to the Race Office within one hour after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day.

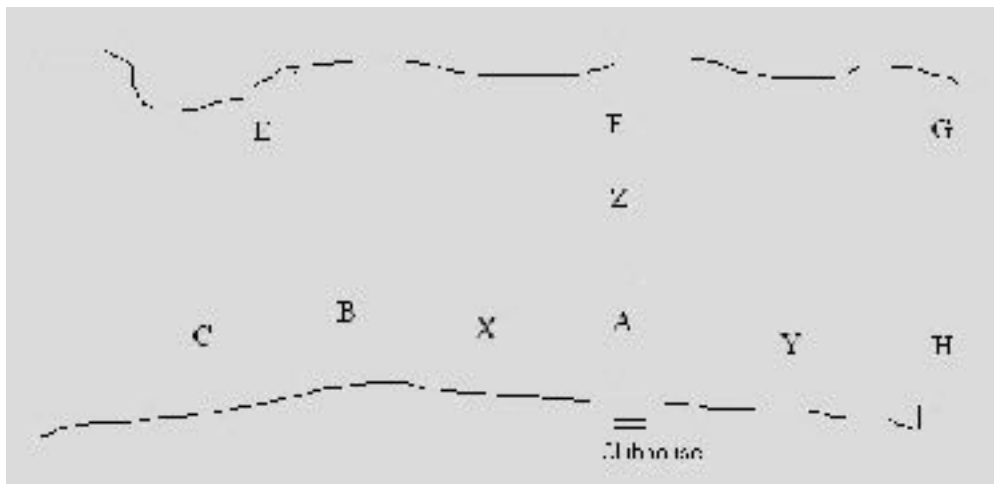
16. SAFETY (CHANGE TO RULE 40) Effective personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors and buddies at all times whilst on the water, and, unless self-inflating, must be kept inflated, except by permission of the Race Committee. All in-water launch/recovery personnel shall wear a buoyancy aid as a minimum.

No boat will be allowed to take part, which, in the view of the Race Committee or official appointed by them is not seaworthy or has inadequate buoyancy. (See disclaimer at 18 below)

17. RESCUE CRAFT (CHANGE TO RULE 41) A boat may receive help from a rescue craft for any reason other than additional propulsion. Once assistance has been accepted, the instructions of the rescue crew must be obeyed.

18. DISCLAIMER Lochaber Yacht Club and Sailability Scotland SCIO, on behalf of themselves and their representatives disclaim any and every responsibility for any loss, injury or inconvenience to boats, persons and associated equipment and possessions, howsoever arising, directly or indirectly, ashore or afloat, from the use of the slip-ways, premises and the handling of attendant vessels or from their rules, policy or ruling during races and related activities.

19. COURSE MARKS The diagram below gives the approximate positions of racing marks. Marks C, E, Z and G may not be in place.



COURSES Courses to be sailed will be indicated by a letter boards displayed on the race office balcony at beginning of the start procedure. Green letters indicate marks to be left to Starboard; Red letters marks to be left to Port.

LOCAL CONDITIONS – Tides

Tide Times	Saturday 15th Sept	High Water	1000 hrs	3.4m
		Low Water	1640 hrs	1.2m
BST	Sunday 16th Sept	High Water	1045 hrs	3.2m

Tidal streams in Loch Linnhe can be strong and difficult to predict. Helms are advised to keep well clear of moored craft. Avoid crossing ahead of moored boats where the tide may carry you down making for a collision. The shores of Loch Linnhe are mostly rough and stony; boats cannot be easily beached without risk of damage. Please help the shore crew by coming in one at a time, **WHEN INSTRUCTED BY THE BEACH MASTER.**