

Loch Lomond Sailing Club Sailing Instructions 2011

1.0 RULES

1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. Section 3 "Rules of Navigation" of the Loch Lomond Byelaws 2006 apply when meeting boats that are not racing. This changes the Part 2 preamble.

1.2 LOCAL DEFINITIONS

1.21 These Sailing Instructions include all course charts

1.22 The starting area is defined as an area of approximately 20 metres behind and ahead of the starting line also extending 20 metres beyond each end. It ceases to exist at the time of the last start of the sequence.

1.23 A rounding mark is one that is touched by the string representing the track of a boat sailing the course as described in rule 28.1. A passing mark is not touched.

1.24 Excluded areas for racing on the loch:
The Geggles, The Narrows.

2.0 ENTRIES

2.1 Eligibility. Racing at the club is for members, but guests may be invited to take part occasionally but their finishing positions will be ignored for the purpose of Club results.

3.0 LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

3.1 Members and guests participate in the racing entirely at their own risk (see RRS rule 4). The club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after, the racing.

3.2 Each participating boat must be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million.

4.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors and changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board at the Race Office.

4.2 Members intending to race should enter names legibly on the appropriate Race Entry Sheet placed outside the Race Office.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Office or from the Club flagpole.

5.2 For dinghies and Flying Fifteens rule 40 (personal flotation devices) will apply at all times except that no signal will be made. This changes rule 40. For keelboats, personal flotation devices will be readily available, for all crew, at all times.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The Schedule of Races is published in the current "Blue Book".

7.0 CLASS SIGNALS

7.1 Class Signals are specified in the course charts.

8.0 THE START

8.1 Starting areas and signals

Races will start at mark M unless signalled ashore as follows:

Start A.- Flag A for a water start at mark A.

Start C.- Flag C for a clubhouse start.

If starts A or C require a change of course, a notice of the change will be posted in accordance with paragraph 11.3

8.2 The order and times of starts are detailed in the Course Charts.

8.3 The course number will be displayed before the warning signal.

8.4 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.

8.5 An additional signal, an orange flag, will be displayed at the committee boat 6 minutes before the first start of the day and 4 minutes before the first start of later races on points & GH days.

8.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the start sequence of other races.

8.7 If there are no starters in Class 6, that start may be omitted.

8.8 A change of course on the water before the start will be signalled by a postponement followed by 5 or more short sound signals and the new course number. The postponement will then be cancelled and the new start routine commenced.

9.0 THE STARTING LINE

9.1 The Water Starting Line will be between the staff flying an orange flag on the cabin top of the Start Boat and an outer distance DAN buoy.

9.2 The clubhouse Starting Line will be between the club flagpole and an outer distance DAN buoy.

10.0 RECALLS

10.1 In the event of a general recall, recalled classes will start, in their original order, beginning 3 minutes after the last scheduled start. This changes rule 29.2.

11.0 COURSES

11.1 The positions of marks and the order of rounding are described in the Course Charts.

11.2 Dinghy Points: The marks will be situated around mark M. The order of rounding is described in the Course Charts.

11.3 Course changes (or additional course information) may be posted and advised either from the committee boat on the water, or from the clubhouse.

11.4 Points Series, Classes 3 to 6 will sail three 'Dinghy Points' courses on Saturdays and two on Sundays, back to back. Classes 1 & 2 will sail one 'Keelboat Points' course.

11.5 Island Series, Classes 1 to 5 will sail one 'Island Course'. There is no island racing for class 6.

11.6 General Handicap Series will have three starts.

Start 1 Keelboats to sail one 'GH course'.

Start 2 Dinghies and FFs to sail 2 average lap races:

Race 1- Windward /leeward, Race 2 – Triangle.

Start 3 Slow H/cap same course as Start 2.

12.0 MARKS

12.1 All are rounding marks except start and finish line marks.

12.2 Island courses: Marks are orange plastic barrels or islands.

12.3 Keelboat Points courses (Classes 1 and 2) & 'GH' courses. Marks are orange plastic barrels.

12.4 Dinghy Points (Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6) & General Handicap course marks are three orange and one yellow 'dumpy' inflatable marks.

13.0 THE FINISH

13.1 Dinghy Points and General Handicap series (Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6), will be finished using the shortened course signal. The finishing line will be between the staff flying an orange flag on the cabin top of the finish boat and the dan buoy.

13.2 For other races the finishing line will be the line formed by the club flagpole and Mark A.

13.3 Time Limits for each class appear on the LLSC Course Charts and change rule 35.

13.4 Boats failing to finish within the time limits will be scored DNF.

13.5 Retiring boats should inform the Race Office that they have retired, as soon as possible.

14.0 HANDICAP SYSTEMS

14.1 Handicap racing will be run under the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as set out in the current YR2.

14.2 Handicaps may be adjusted during the sailing season.

Current club handicaps are displayed on the notice board outside the Race Office.

15.0 PROTESTS

15.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See Notice Board for details.

15.2 Protests must be lodged within half an hour of coming ashore. Forms are available from the race office. Protests will be heard as soon as possible.

16.0 SCORING

16.1 40% of races available will count in the Fleet Championships which will be decided on races from the points and Island series only. In all other series the number of races to count will be half of one more than the number of races available, rounded up if necessary.

17.0 AVERAGE POINTS (AVPs)

17.1 The number of points awarded will be the average of the boat's best 'n' races in the series, where 'n' is the number of races to count minus the number of AVPs awarded in that series. A maximum of a third of the races to count in a series can be AVP.

17.3 Members on the duty rota or those representing the club at open events elsewhere may be awarded AVP's

18.0 PRIZES

18.1 Except for special events, the prize giving will be held in the Clubhouse at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.