



Loch Lomond Sailing Club

Open Scottish National Flying Fifteen – Worlds Qualifer

5 – 6th October 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Section 3 “Rules of Navigation” of the Loch Lomond Byelaws 2013 apply when meeting boats that are not racing. This changes the Part 2 preamble. Please pay particular attention to rule 3.4(15) of the Byelaws, which states: "No boat shall approach within 100 metres astern of a fishing boat engaged in trolling and displaying a 'trolling shape'." The 'trolling shape' is an orange ball perched on top of a short post or stick on the fishing boat.
- 1.3 Competitors boats should not be attached to the pontoon except in emergency or briefly when launching or recovering or disembarking crew.

2. RISK STATEMENT

- 2.1 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.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in an 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.

3. INSURANCE

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

4 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 4.1 In the interests of the safety of competitors and patrol boat crews, competitors shall comply with the instructions of the patrol boat crews. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the Series. Abandoned boats will be recovered later.
- 4.2 The crew of a boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible (via CB/RIB or Race Office ashore).
- 4.3 **Personal Buoyancy:** Each competitor shall wear adequate personal buoyancy when afloat. This changes rule 40.

5 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 5.1 The Committee Boat for Appendix 1 courses will be ‘CEARDACH’, a white workboat.

6 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the time they are due to take effect.

7 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 7.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubhouse hallway.
- 7.2 The race office is located at the front of the clubhouse.

8 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 8.1 Signals ashore will be made on the flagpole in front of the Clubhouse.
- 8.2 When displayed ashore Flag AP displayed ashore with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered."

9 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 9.1 There will be a briefing for all competitors at 1200 on Saturday.
- 9.2 The start times are scheduled as follows:

Saturday	1315	<i>ff</i> Race 1
	1318	K1 Race 1
	1321	Hawk Race 1
	ASAP after Race 1	Race 2 (K1 One start 3 mins after <i>ff</i> start, then Hawks start 3 min after K1)
	ASAP after Race 2	Race 3 (K1 One start 3 mins after <i>ff</i> start, then Hawks start 3 min after K1)
Sunday	1045	<i>ff</i> Race 4

- 9.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday.
- 9.4 Note that the Keelboat Handicap fleets are due to start 15 minutes before the first *ff* race each day and on Sunday the K1 will start 3 minutes after the Keelboats and the Hawks 3 minutes after the K1. *All fleets* must stay clear of the starting line until all early starting boats are clear of the starting area

10 CLASS FLAGS

Flying Fifteen	NN6
K1	NP3
Hawks	NP2

11 COURSES

- 11.1 The courses are at Appendix 1 including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

12 MARKS

- 12.1 The course marks will be yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 12.2 The starting and finishing marks will be dan buoys.

13 THE START

- 13.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound approx. 1 minute before a warning signal is made.
- 13.2 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the start, preparatory 2 minutes before the start.
- 13.3 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat and the starting mark.
- 13.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.5 In accordance with RRS 29.2, if there is a General Recall starts of all classes will be in the original planned order.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg to the moved mark, although the new mark may not then be in position. A Green flag will indicate a change of the next mark to starboard and a Red flag will indicate a change to port. The new bearing will not be displayed. This changes Rule 33.
- 14.2 Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying the shorten course flag on the Finish Boat and the finishing mark. The finishing line may be shorter than the start line.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The duration of all races is planned to be around 60 minutes for the leading boat: after this time has elapsed the Shorten Course signal (Flag S) will be flown and boats will finish the next time they pass through the gate. The time limit will be 1½ hours for the first boat. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored “Did Not Finish”. This changes rules 32, 35 and A5.2.

17 PROTESTS and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protests and Requests for Redress must be lodged within 30 minutes of coming ashore. This changes rule 61.2.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available from the race office. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A, will apply. One race constitutes a series.
- 18.2 There will be one discard if 4 or more races are sailed.
- 18.3 Results for the Silver and Classic *ffs* will be included in the overall results but identified as Silver and Classic fleets.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes except for Club Trophies will be awarded in the Clubhouse as soon as possible after the last race.

Appendix 1 – COURSE for Flying Fifteens, K1s on Saturday and Sunday, and Hawks on Saturday Only

Odd numbered rounds: A B C Gate
Even numbered rounds: A C Gate

Marks A, B and C are Yellow.

There is no set number of rounds: the race is planned to be around 60 minutes (see SI 16.1)

All marks to be left to Port. There is no restriction on passing through the gate on downwind legs.

The length of the gate and finishing line may be shorter than the start line.

