

# **Loch Ard Sailing Club.**

Kinlochard, by Aberfoyle, Stirlingshire

## **Regatta Sailing Instructions 2021**

### **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

### **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located next to the race office in the clubhouse.

### **CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no less than 45 minutes before the first race signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be made on the white mast at the shore end of the club jetty in front of the clubhouse.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

Rule 40 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies to ALL persons while afloat whether racing or not. This changes Part 4 preamble.

### **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Regatta briefing. *See Notice of Race.*

The first race start signal 12:00

3 races scheduled for the day.

For back-to-back races, to alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least three minutes before the start sequence.

The last race of the day will not start after 18:00 hours.

### **CLASS FLAGS**

Class 1    Flag K            Class 2    Flag T            Class 3    Flag E

For multiple class events, competitors will be notified on the notice board and at the race briefing as to class splits.

### **RACING AREA**

Racing will take place on the main section of Loch Ard, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

The fixed course marks are positioned as marked on the course chart, appendix A of these Sailing Instructions.

### **THE COURSE**

Starting area is indicated on the club course board.

The course will be displayed on the committee boat, (large orange motor boat), prior to each race.

The list of marks displayed indicates the mark number and their required order to be rounded to complete a circuit (coloured cards, red - port, green - starboard rounding).

Average Lap times will be used for all racing.

Every boat must pass through the start/finish gate at the end of each circuit.

### **MARKS & Hazards**

Course marks are round ORANGE BUOYS marked with LASC and black numbers.

The start/finish line will be between the committee boat flag staff and a course mark, or designated mark.

Fishing boats are to be treated as an obstruction with an extended prohibited area of at least 3 boat lengths.

There may also be wild swimmers on the loch, if possible please give a wide berth.

Hazard Note: there are some shallow areas and rocks in the loch (some marked with posts). See the red shaded areas on the map in appendix A, or on the race board at the clubhouse.

### **THE START**

Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal (3-2-1-0), this changes rule 26.

A general recall will be signalled as in accordance with RRS rule 29 (recalls). Except that the warning and preparatory signals of the recalled class shall be made with or after the starting signal for either the last scheduled class or previously recalled class. If the last class in a starting sequence is recalled then rule 29.2 will apply (i.e. warning signal 1 min after 1st sub down)

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

## FINISHING

The finishing line will be between the committee boat flag staff displaying a BLUE flag and a course mark or designated mark.

When a racing mark is used for the start, the committee boat may be moved, after the start, to the other hand of the racing mark to give the correct finishing line.

## TIME LIMITS

The time limit will be 60 minutes for each class.

Boats failing to finish within time limit will be scored 'Did Not Finish'.

If adverse weather conditions occur demanding that the race be abandoned, the race officer may use the lap timings from the previous circuit/laps to calculate a boat's result. This changes RRS rule 35.

## PROTESTS

Protests should be delivered (with a fee of £1.00, refunded on success) to the race office within 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

## SCORING SYSTEM

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes Rule A2.

## SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## PRIZES

Prizes (the precise number being dependant on the number of entries) will be awarded after the conclusion of the last race. Prizes may also be awarded to specific entry categories.

## DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

The provision of patrol / safety boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

## INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

## Appendix A.

