

Loch Ard Sailing Club.

Kinlochard, by Aberfoyle, Stirlingshire

Regatta Sailing Instructions 2024

1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND RULES

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

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
4.2. Rule 40 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies to ALL persons while afloat. This changes Part 4 preamble.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. *See Notice of Race.*
5.2. The last race of the day will not start after 16:00 hours.

6. CLASS FLAGS

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

6.1. Multiple class events, competitors will be notified on the notice board and at the race briefing as to class splits.
6.2. Note: flags K and P have an added yellow border for visibility.

7. RACING AREA

7.1. Racing will take place on the main section of Loch Ard, Stirlingshire, Scotland.
7.2. The fixed course marks are positioned as marked on the course chart, appendix A of these Sailing Instructions.

8. THE COURSE

8.1. The initial starting area is indicated on the course board next to the clubhouse door.
8.2. The course will be displayed ashore or on the committee boat (when used), prior to each race.
8.3. 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).
8.4. Average Lap times will be used for all racing, number of laps is not predetermined.
8.5. Every boat must pass through the start/finish gate at the end of each circuit.

9. MARKS

9.1. Course marks are round ORANGE BUOYS.
9.2. Open water Swimmers and Fishing boats are to be treated as an obstruction with an extended prohibited zone of at least 3 boat lengths.
9.3. 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.

10. THE START - General

10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal, this changes rule 26.
10.2. 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)
10.3. 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.
10.4. **Fixed Shore start line it is between buoy X and buoy 2 (leaving 2 to Starboard)**, direction of start is from clubhouse down the loch, i.e., easterly, no matter which direction the wind and no matter what the next mark is.
10.5. **Committee boat starts**, the starting line will be between the committee boat flag staff and a course mark.

11. FINISHING – committee boat

11.1. The finishing line will be between the committee boat flag staff displaying a BLUE flag and a course mark.
11.2. 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.

12. FINISHING – Fixed shore line

- 12.1. Fixed start line is between buoy X and buoy 2 (leaving 2 to Starboard), direction of start is from clubhouse down the loch, i.e., easterly, no matter which direction the wind and no matter what the next mark is.
- 12.2. The course is as set out on the course board by clubhouse, except for the start and finish, Buoy 2 should be rounded according to the set course, either port or starboard.
- 12.3. Finish: At the end of the prescribed number of laps, or if the shortened course flag is raised, Boats shall cross directly through the finish line which is between buoy X and buoy 2. (leaving buoy X to Starboard and buoy 2 to Port). **And NOT hooking round it.**

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The time limit will be 100 minutes for each class.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within time limit will be scored ‘Did Not Finish’.
- 13.3. 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.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. 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.

15. SCORING SYSTEM

- 15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her scores, thereafter, 1 discard will be applied for every further 2 races in the series. This changes Rule A2.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. The prize giving will take place in the clubhouse as soon as possible after the racing has been completed.
- 17.2. Prizes may be awarded to first, second and third or more placed boats in each class, based on their overall points scored, dependant on the number of entries.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. The provision of patrol / safety boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

19. INSURANCE

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

Appendix A

Note: this is a rough guide to positions of club marks.

