

# NOTICE OF RACE 2008

## ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Tennents West Highland Yachting Week will be organised by a Joint Regatta Committee consisting of representatives of the three organising Clubs, together with any additional members they may wish to co-opt. The Regatta Committee will appoint a Race Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee", which will conduct the programme of races.

## 1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the RORC IRC Rating System, the ORC Special Regulations, the CYCA Handicap Rule, any other applicable rules, and this Notice of Race, all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

The following RRS will be changed: RRS 29.2 ; 35 ; 42 ; 52 ; 77 ; 60.1 ; 61.3 ; 62.2 ; 66 ; 89.3. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

Advertising Category C shall apply under RRS 79.

## 2 ENTRIES AND FEES

Entry fees shall be £15 for all yachts for Feeder Races. For all other races fees will be as follows:

Yachts under 25ft LOA	£28 per race day or £140 for the Series
Yachts 25ft - 35ft LOA	£30 per race day or £150 for the Series
Yachts 35ft – 40ft LOA	£32 per race day or £160 for the Series
Yachts over 40ft LOA	£34 per race day or £170 for the Series

Entries, which will also be accepted on copies of the form taken from the website, must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than Friday 18 July. All entries and enquiries should be addressed to:

The Secretary, Joint Regatta Committee, Dalriada, Ardentallen, Oban, Argyll PA34 4SF. Tel/Fax: 01631 563309 (Home)  
Mobile: 07717 083 472 E-mail: [julia.heap@whyw.co.uk](mailto:julia.heap@whyw.co.uk) Website: [www.whyw.co.uk](http://www.whyw.co.uk)

Late entries, accompanied by a late entry fee of £5 per race day (£25 for Series), or alterations to entries, may be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion. If cancellation of any entry reaches the Secretary by the closing date for entries (Friday 18 July) the entry fee will be refunded, less an administrative charge of £20. No other refunds will be made.

The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

## 3 SAIL NUMBERS

RRS 77 and ORC Special Regulation 4.01 will not apply. All boats shall display a sail number on the mainsail, easily identifiable from the Committee boat, and this is the number to be shown on the entry form. Sail numbers on all headsails, including spinnakers, shall be the same as those on the mainsail unless previously authorised by the Committee.

## 4 HANDICAPS

(a) Before racing, each boat entering Class 1 shall produce a copy of the valid IRC certificate; boats entering all other classes, and all boats entering a feeder race, shall produce a copy of a CYCA handicap issued to that individual boat and not just to another boat of the same class, or shall have lodged an official application to the CYCA which is awaiting processing by their Handicap Committee, in which case a provisional handicap may be awarded. However, the Regatta Committee reserves the right to allocate handicaps in Restricted Sail Classes 2, 4, 6 and 9 when a CYCA handicap cannot be obtained.

(b) CYCA Handicap Certificates shall be obtained from the Hon.Sec, CYCA, PO Box No 5438, Helensburgh, G84 8WH. Tel: 01436 821234 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings). Late applications to the CYCA may not be processed in time, though they may be prepared to issue a temporary handicap. Application forms can be downloaded from the CYCA website at [www.cyca-online.org.uk](http://www.cyca-online.org.uk) If in difficulty, contact the Regatta Secretary.

## 5 CLASSES & IDENTIFICATION

Whilst racing, all boats shall display on their backstay, or other prominent position aft, the numeral pennant of their Class (minimum size 6" x 18").

In Feeder Races all boats shall race in a single class using CYCA handicap. On all other days boats shall race in the following **provisional** classes (see para 11):

- Class 1 : IRC handicaps 0.970 and above
- Class 2 : Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps 10.0 minutes and below, and appropriate handicaps allocated by the Committee
- Class 3 : CYCA handicaps 13.75 minutes and below
- Class 4 : Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps 10.25 to 13.75 minutes, and appropriate handicaps allocated by the Committee
- Class 5 : CYCA handicaps 14.0 to 15.5 minutes
- Class 6 : Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps 14.0 to 16.0 minutes, and appropriate handicaps allocated by the Committee
- Class 7 : CYCA handicaps 15.75 to 19.0 minutes
- Class 8 : CYCA handicaps 19.25 to 28.0 minutes
- Class 9 : Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps 16.25 to 28.0 minutes, and appropriate handicaps allocated by the Committee

The Committee reserves the right to cancel, combine, divide or alter the classes as it thinks fit, and to make any alteration to the programme and sailing instructions it considers necessary.

**Note:** The following restrictions shall apply during the Points Series to boats entering Restricted Sail Classes 2, 4, 6 & 9: No spinnakers shall be allowed, and any headsail flown shall comply with RRS 50.4. Additionally all headsails shall be attached to a permanent forestay (or forestays in the case of a cutter) along the whole luff. Sails flown loose luffed are not permitted. Only one headsail may be flown at any one time from any forestay, except when changing sail so long as both headsails are on the same stay and are hoisted together for the shortest possible time consistent with changing sail. Mizzen staysails are not permitted. These restrictions shall not apply during Feeder Races.

## 6 PROGRAMME OF RACES

### Friday 1 August

Inverkip to Ardrishaig Feeder Race - Start 0900

### Saturday 2 August

Oban to Craobh Feeder Race - Start 0800

Gigha to Craobh Feeder Race - Start 0900

### Sunday 3 August

Craobh to Oban Passage Race - Start 1200

### Monday 4 August

Firth of Lorn Races - Start 1030 (spinnaker classes) and 1100 (RS classes)

### Tuesday 5 August

Round Lismore Race - Start 0800

### Wednesday 6 August

Oban to Tobermory Passage Race - Start 0700

### Thursday 7 August

Sound of Mull Races - Start 1030 (spinnaker classes) and 1100 (RS classes)

### Friday 8 August

Tobermory to Oban Passage Race - Start 1000

**Note: Monday & Thursday:** On each of these days there will be two separate race areas: one for spinnaker Classes 1, 3, 5, 7 & 8, and the other for Restricted Sail Classes 2, 4, 6 & 9.

## 7 POINTS SERIES SCORING

The Series will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A, except as amended by the Sailing Instructions. Boats entering the Points Series shall enter all the races of the Series. Six days of racing are scheduled, of which three days are required to be completed to constitute a Series. For the Points Series each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all races except that if 5 or more races are completed in a class, each boat shall exclude her worst score. Feeder Races on Friday 1 and Saturday 2 August will not count towards the Series.

For Classes 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8 on Monday 4 August and Thursday 7 August a boat's score in each race will count towards the Points Series. However, for the purpose of awarding trophies and prizes, for the day a boat's score will be the sum of her scores in both races. If only one race is completed then the score for that race will give the result. In the event of a Tie, RRS Appendix A8.2 shall be used.

## 8 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

The Committee recommends that all boats should comply with Category 4 of the ORC Offshore Special Regulations. Whilst racing, all boats shall carry a suitable main anchor and ground tackle, and a working VHF radio which has Channels 72 and 77. For the Feeder Races from Inverkip to Ardrishaig and from Gigha to Craobh boats shall comply with Category 4 of the ORC Offshore Special Regulations. In all cases, SR 4.01 shall be amended by Para. 3 of the Notice of Race. These Special Regulations are available on the ORC website at [www.orc.org](http://www.orc.org). The Committee reserves the right to inspect any competing boat and its equipment.

## 9 RESPONSIBILITY

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

The boat is responsible to ensure that she is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the races and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers and official boats.

The provision of Official Boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

## 10 ARBITRATION

An Exoneration Penalty and a Modified version of the RYA Arbitration Rules Disputes procedures will be available.

## 11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & LIST OF ENTRIES

Sailing Instructions will be issued during July. Class divisions will be confirmed on the regatta website [www.whyw.co.uk](http://www.whyw.co.uk) on or before 30 July. They will also be published in the Lists of Entries available at the on-site Race Office from Friday 1 August, and will be displayed at the Race Office. The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and Lists of Entries (regularly updated) will also be available on the regatta website.