

MONDAY 4 August – FIRTH OF LORN RACES

CLASSES 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8

STARTING TIMES:

Class 1	Warning Signal	1025	Pennant 1 hoisted
	Preparatory Signal	1026	Flag P hoisted
	Long Sound Signal	1029	Flag P down
	Starting Signal	1030	Pennant 1 down
Class 3	Warning Signal	1030	Pennant 3 hoisted
	Preparatory Signal	1031	Flag P hoisted
	Long Sound Signal	1034	Flag P down
	Starting Signal	1035	Pennant 3 down
Class 5	Warning Signal	1035	Pennant 5 hoisted
	Preparatory Signal	1036	Flag P hoisted
	Long Sound Signal	1039	Flag P down
	Starting Signal	1040	Pennant 5 down
Class 7	Warning Signal	1040	Pennant 7 hoisted
	Preparatory Signal	1041	Flag P hoisted
	Long Sound Signal	1044	Flag P down
	Starting Signal	1045	Pennant 7 down
Class 8	Warning Signal	1045	Pennant 8 hoisted
	Preparatory Signal	1046	Flag P hoisted
	Long Sound Signal	1049	Flag P down
	Starting Signal	1050	Pennant 8 down

Oban
0247 BST 0.7 m
0834 BST 3.8 m
1444 BST 0.5 m
2041 BST 4.0 m

It is the intention to hold a second Race, to start as soon as possible after the first Race. The same starting sequence will be used for Race 2, with the addition of Flag T being hoisted and a Time Signal made 5 minutes before the Warning Signal for Class 1. Flag T will be lowered at the Warning Signal for Class 1. If the Race Committee decides for any reason that there will not be a second race, Flag A will be displayed by Official Boats.

RACING AREA: Racing will take place in the area between Maiden Island (56°25.9'N, 5°29.5'W), Sgeir nan Gael (56°27.3'N, 5°36.3'W), Rubha Garbh-àird (56°28.5'N, 5°27.5'W), and the entrance to Dunstaffnage Bay (56°27.4'N, 5°26.1'W). Admiralty chart number 2378 will be particularly helpful.

NOTE: Competitors are warned that the starting line may be up to 4 miles from the entrance to Oban Bay and should allow adequate time to reach the area. Particular attention should be paid to the isolated danger of Bogha Garbh-àird (56°28.4'N, 5°27.8'W) south of Camas Nathais Bay.

COURSE: The diagram opposite shows the course to be sailed for both races, but may be relaid for the second race to allow for wind shifts. This diagram is for illustrative purposes only and does not reflect the actual number of rounds to be sailed by the different classes. The order of the marks to be rounded is:

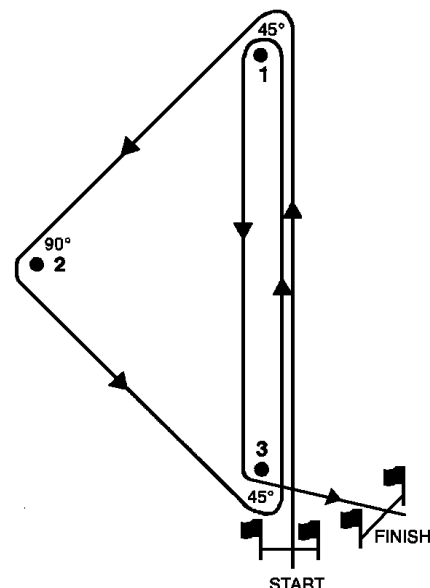
- Classes 1 & 3 : Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, Finish
- Classes 5 & 7 : Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish
- Class 8 : Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, Finish

All marks are to be left to port. Mark 3 is not a mark of the course during the first windward leg.

STARTING LINE: Between two black inflatable marks which will be approximately at right angles to the course to Mark 1. An Official Boat will take up station on the extension of the starting line, but may not be at anchor.

FINISHING LINE: To leeward of Mark 3, between a blue flag on an Official Boat and a black inflatable mark laid for the purpose.

TIME LIMIT: There will be a fixed time limit of 3 hours after the last valid start in each race, or 1700 hours, whichever is the earlier. For Race 1 there will be NO time extension, but for Race 2 the 30 minute time extension WILL apply.



For the first race today, and altering RRS 35 and Appendix A4.1 and A5, if the race officer considers that any boats still racing are delaying the start of a second race, and the majority of boats in their class has finished, he may declare the time limit for the race closed. This will be broadcast on VHF channel 77, and a Committee vessel flying Flag H will attempt to contact any boats considered to be racing at the time. Those boats not yet finished shall be scored points equal to the average they would have received had they finished, with any fractions being rounded up.

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CLASSES 2, 4, 6 and 9**STARTING TIMES** (note gap between Classes 6 and 4 to allow for course announcements):

Class 9	Warning Signal	1055	Pennant 9 hoisted
	Preparatory Signal	1056	Flag P hoisted
	Long Sound Signal	1059	Flag P down
	Starting Signal	1100	Pennant 9 down
Class 6	Warning Signal	1100	Pennant 6 hoisted
	Preparatory Signal	1101	Flag P hoisted
	Long Sound Signal	1104	Flag P down
	Starting Signal	1105	Pennant 6 down
Class 4	Warning Signal	1115	Pennant 4 hoisted
	Preparatory Signal	1116	Flag P hoisted
	Long Sound Signal	1119	Flag P down
	Starting Signal	1120	Pennant 4 down
Class 2	Warning Signal	1120	Pennant 2 hoisted
	Preparatory Signal	1121	Flag P hoisted
	Long Sound Signal	1124	Flag P down
	Starting Signal	1125	Pennant 2 down

A Time Signal, together with Flag T being hoisted, will be made at 1045. Flag T will be lowered at the Warning Signal for Class 9.

STARTING LINE: South-west of the northern entrance to Oban Bay between an orange flag on an Official Boat and an orange inflatable mark laid for the purpose.

NOTE: The Starting Line may be situated up to three miles from Oban Bay, and competitors should, therefore, ensure that they leave harbour in sufficient time.

COURSE: The course to be sailed for Classes 9 and 6 shall be announced on VHF Channel 72 five minutes before the Warning Signal for Class 9 and it will be repeated immediately after that Warning Signal.

The course to be sailed for Classes 4 and 2 shall be announced on VHF Channel 72 five minutes before the Warning Signal for Class 4 and it will be repeated immediately after that Warning Signal.

The announcements will comprise a list of numbers representing the marks to be rounded together with their required side.

The principal Official Boat will call another boat and repeat the message whereupon the other boat will repeat the message back.

There will be no visual course signals.

In the event of a postponement 2 sound signals will be made five minutes before the first Warning Signal to signify that the course (WHICH MAY BE ALTERED) is about to be announced. This does not apply after the Warning Signal for Class 9 has been made.

LIST OF MARKS :

(1)	Bach Island	56°22.9'N, 5°35.9'W
(2)	Black inflatable off Loch Don	56°24.9'N, 5°38.7'W
(3)	Black inflatable off Loch Spelve	56°22.6'N, 5°40.4'W
(4)	Black inflatable off Maol Ban	56°20.3'N, 5°44.4'W
(5)	Black inflatable north of Insh Island	56°20.3'N, 5°39.1'W
(6)	Black inflatable off Ardencaple Bay	56°19.5'N, 5°36.6'W
(7)	Black inflatable off Loch Feochan	56°21.6'N, 5°33.1'W
(8)	Orange inflatable near Cutter Rock	56°22.7'N, 5°32.1'W

FINISHING LINE: Between the last mark of the course and a blue flag on a nearby Official Boat.

TIME LIMIT for all classes will be 1700 hours.