

NOTICE OF RACE 2010

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the RORC IRC Rating System, the ORC Special Regulations, the CYCA Handicap requirements, and any other applicable rules.

The following RRS will be changed: RRS 29.2; 35; 52; 77; 62.2 and 66. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising may be displayed in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Regatta is open to all yachts of the following classes.

In Feeder Races all yachts shall race in a single class using CYCA handicaps. On all other days yachts shall race in the following **provisional** classes (see para 12):

Class	Handicap Band	Race Flag
Class 1a	CYCA handicaps 10.75 and below	Pennant 1
Class 1b	IRC handicaps 1.027 and above	Pennant 1
Class 2	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps 11.0 minutes and below, and appropriate handicaps allocated by the Committee	Pennant 2
Class 3a	CYCA handicaps 11.0 to 13.75 minutes	Pennant 3
Class 3b	IRC handicaps 1.026 and below	Pennant 3
Class 4	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps 11.25 to 13.75 minutes, and appropriate handicaps allocated by the Committee	Pennant 4
Class 5	CYCA handicaps 14.0 to 15.5 minutes	Pennant 5
Class 6	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps 14.0 to 16.75 minutes, and appropriate handicaps allocated by the Committee	Pennant 6
Class 7	CYCA handicaps 15.75 to 19.0 minutes	Pennant 7
Class 8	CYCA handicaps 19.25 to 28.0 minutes	Pennant 8
Class 9	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps 17.0 to 28.0 minutes, and appropriate handicaps allocated by the Committee	Pennant 9

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 yachts 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 bosed 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.

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 16 July.

The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

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

4 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	£32 per race day or £160 for the Series
Yachts 25ft to 35ft LOA	£34 per race day or £170 for the Series
Yachts over 35ft, up to 40ft LOA	£36 per race day or £180 for the Series
Yachts over 40ft LOA	£38 per race day or £190 for the Series

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 16 July) the entry fee will be refunded, less an administrative charge of £20. No other refunds will be made.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday 30 July Inverkip to Ardrishaig Feeder Race	Start 0900
Saturday 31 July Oban to Craobh Feeder Race Gigha to Craobh Feeder Race	Start 0900 Start 0900
Sunday 1 August Craobh to Oban Passage Race	Start 1330
Monday 2 August Firth of Lorn Races (Tunnocks Fleet) (Argyll Fleet)	Start 1030 Start 1100
Tuesday 3 August Round Lismore Race	Start 0900
Wednesday 4 August Oban to Tobermory Passage Race	Start 0900
Thursday 5 August Sound of Mull Races (Tunnocks Fleet) (Argyll Fleet)	Start 1030 Start 1100
Friday 6 August Tobermory to Oban Passage Race	Start 0830

Note: Monday & Thursday: On each of these days there will be two separate race areas: one for the Tunnocks Fleet (i.e. Classes 1a, 1b, 3a, 3b, 5, 7 & 8), and the other for the Argyll Fleet (i.e. Classes 2, 4, 6 & 9).

6 SAIL NUMBERS

RRS 77 and ORC Special Regulation 4.01 will not apply. All yachts 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.

7 HANDICAPS

(a) Before racing, all yachts shall produce a copy of the valid CYCA handicap issued to that individual yacht and not just to another yacht 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. In addition, yachts entering an IRC class shall produce a copy of the valid IRC certificate.

(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 If in difficulty, contact the Regatta Secretary.

8 POINTS SERIES SCORING

The Series will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A, except as amended by the Sailing Instructions. Yachts 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 yacht's score will be the sum of her scores for all races except that if five or more races are completed in a class, each yacht shall exclude her worst score. Feeder Races on Friday 30 July and Saturday 31 July will not count towards the Series.

Yachts not entering the full Points Series prior to the start of the first race of the Series will not be awarded points. However, they will be awarded a place according to their result and will be eligible for that day's race prizes.

It is planned to run two races for the Tunnocks Fleet (i.e. Classes 1a, 1b, 3a, 3b, 5, 7 & 8) on Monday 2 August and on Thursday 5 August, and a yacht's score in each race will count towards the Points Series. However, for the purpose of awarding trophies and prizes, for the day a yacht'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.

9 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

All yachts shall carry a suitable main anchor and ground tackle, and a working VHF transceiver which has Channels 16, 69, 72 and 77.

Each yacht shall carry for each person on board a properly fitted lifejacket in working order. (This expands on RRS 1.2.)

For the Series:

The Committee recommends that all yachts should comply with Category 4 of the ORC Special Regulations, with the following exclusion:

lifejacket lights are not required.

For Feeder Races:

For the Feeder races from Inverkip to Ardrishaig and from Gigha to Craobh yachts shall comply with Category 4 of the ORC Special Regulations with the above exclusion.

These Special Regulations are available on the ISAF website. Advisory inspections may be offered, and competitors are expected to accept such an offer. Failure to accept inspection or to rectify shortcomings identified by inspection will be assessed by the Race Committee

and may result in exclusion from the results of the relevant races. This does not reduce the responsibilities of the owner/skipper.

10 RESPONSIBILITY & INSURANCE

The owner/skipper is entirely responsible for their own, the crew's and the yacht's safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

The owner/skipper of the yacht is also responsible for ensuring that the yacht is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew of sufficient number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and that the crew have been trained how to use it.

It is for the owner/skipper to decide whether the yacht is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By going to sea, the owner/skipper confirms that the yacht is fit for those conditions and the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

The owner/skipper is required to ensure that the yacht has adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party and passenger claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

Nothing done, or failed to be done, by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owner/skipper, 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 yacht 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 other helpers.

The provision of official boats does not relieve the owner/skipper of their responsibilities.

The owner/skipper shall make sure that racing crew is made aware of the undertakings in this declaration.

11 ARBITRATION

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

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND LIST OF ENTRIES

Sailing Instructions will be issued during July. Class divisions will be confirmed on the regatta website on or before Friday 23 July. They will also be published in the List of Entries available at the on-site Race Office from Friday 30 July, and will be displayed at the Race Office. The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and List of Entries (regularly updated) will also be available on the regatta website.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION AND SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

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