

# NOTICE OF RACE 2012

## 1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

West Highland Yachting Week will be organised by a Joint Regatta Committee of the three organising clubs (Royal Highland Yacht Club, Oban Sailing Club and Western Isles Yacht Club). Races will be run by a committee of members of the Organising Authority.

## 2 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; 32.2; 35; 52; 77; 62.2 and 66. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

## 3 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.

## 4 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 13):

Class	Handicap Band	Race Flag
Class 0	IRC handicaps 1.025 and above	Pennant 0
Class 1	CYCA handicaps below 13.30 minutes	Pennant 1
Class 2	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps below 12.25 minutes, and appropriate handicaps allocated by the Committee	Pennant 2
Class 3	IRC handicaps 1.024 and below	Pennant 3
Class 4	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps 12.25 up to 13.75 minutes, and appropriate handicaps allocated by the Committee	Pennant 4
Class 5	CYCA handicaps 13.30 to 15.5 minutes	Pennant 5
Class 6	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps over 13.75 up to 16.75 minutes, and appropriate handicaps allocated by the Committee	Pennant 6
Class 7	CYCA handicaps over 15.50 but below 18.75 minutes	Pennant 7
Class 8	CYCA handicaps 18.75 to 28.0 minutes	Pennant 8
Class 9	Restricted Sail class for CYCA handicaps over 16.75 up 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 and handicap banding 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 the RYA prescription to 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.

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 13 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").

## 5 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	£34 per race day or £170 for the Series
Yachts 25ft to 35ft LOA	£36 per race day or £180 for the Series
Yachts over 35ft, up to 40ft LOA	£38 per race day or £190 for the Series
Yachts over 40ft LOA	£40 per race day or £200 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 13 July) the entry fee will be refunded, less an administrative charge of £20. No other refunds will be made.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

<b>Saturday 28 July</b> Gigha to Craobh Feeder Race Oban to Craobh Feeder Race	Start 0900 Start 1300
<b>Sunday 29 July</b> Craobh to Oban Passage Race	Start 0930
<b>Monday 30 July</b> Round Lismore Race	Start 1130
<b>Tuesday 31 July</b> Firth of Lorn Races Restricted Sail Fleet	Start 1030 Start 1100
<b>Wednesday 1 August</b> Oban to Tobermory Passage Race	Start 1100
<b>Thursday 2 August</b> Sound of Mull Races Restricted Sail Fleet	Start 1030 Start 1100
<b>Friday 3 August</b> Tobermory to Oban Passage Race	Start 0800

**Note:** *Tuesday & Thursday:* On each of these days there will be two separate race areas: one for Classes 0, 1, 3, 5, 7 & 8, and the other for Classes 2, 4, 6 & 9.

## 7 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.

## **8 HANDICAPS**

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 they may award a provisional handicap. 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.

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.

## **9 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 Saturday 28 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, for any particular race entered 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 Classes 0, 1, 3, 5, 7 & 8 on Tuesday 31 July and on Thursday 2 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.

## **10 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 race 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 which may protest the boat under the RRS. This does not reduce the responsibilities of the owner/skipper.

## **11 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.

## **12 ARBITRATION**

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

## **13 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND LIST OF ENTRIES**

Sailing Instructions will be sent to entrants during July. Class divisions will be confirmed on the regatta website on or before Friday 20 July. They will also be published in the List of Entries available at the on-site Race Office from Saturday 28 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. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the regatta website and also on the official notice boards.

## **14 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES**

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment, the right in perpetuity to make use and show any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to the event.

## **14 FURTHER INFORMATION AND SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES**

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