

Lochcarron Sailing Club Regatta Sat 22nd - Sun 23rd August 2026

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in - **The Racing Rules of Sailing**.

2 Notices to Competitors.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions.

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.00 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse veranda.

5 Schedule of races

Races are scheduled as follows :-

Saturday:

Briefing 11.00

First Race 12.00

High Water 16:10 / 3.81m

Sunday:

First Race 11.15

High Water 17:13 / 4.01m

Races are scheduled as follows:-

3 races Saturday and 3 on Sunday, but this may be altered or shortened according to the prevailing conditions. Timings of breaks will be announced at the briefings.

6 Flags

One class only. 'Blue' warning 'Pink' preparatory 'Blue' about to finish See paragraph 9

7 The Courses

The courses will be found on the whiteboard on the clubhouse veranda

8 Marks

The marks are as shown on the whiteboard

9 The Start

a) Races will be started by using rule 26.

b) The start line will be on a transit between the outer start marker buoy and the Flag Pole on the clubhouse, with another buoy marking the inner end of the start line.

c) A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored **Did Not Start**.

This changes rule A5

10 The Finish

The finish line will be the same as the start line.

11 Time Limits

Any boat not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat completing the course will be deemed to have retired. **This may be extended at the Race Officers discretion**. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored **Did Not Finish**.

This changes rules 35 and A5

12 Protests

Intention to protest for occurrences on the water must be notified to the Race Officer before leaving the finish. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It is the responsibility of the competitors to check the notice board. There is no onus on the Race Committee to contact individual competitors or witnesses and hearings may be held in the absence of any of the parties who fail to attend.

This amplifies and modifies rule 63.

Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)

A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking Rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.

On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

1 – Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day

2 – No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

13 **Scoring**

The Low Points scoring system will apply.

b) When 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. There will be no discard if fewer than 6 races are sailed.

14 **Safety Regulations**

a) **Entrants are required to "Sign On & Off" for each time they launch and come ashore.**

A sign on sheet will be posted on the veranda or in the main room of the clubhouse. Competitors **must** sign the declaration as soon as possible after coming ashore. Competitors retiring must enter this fact on the declaration sheet. Failure to do so will result in disqualification without a hearing.

b) A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

c) Personal buoyancy, as specified by rule 40 must be worn at all times, without the need to fly Flag Y

15 **Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

a) Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.

b) Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee.

Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16 **Equipment and Measurement Checks**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

17 **Prize giving**

Will be held at 16.00 hrs approx on Sunday 24th August 2025.

Prizes and Trophies will be awarded as follows :-

LSC Open 1st 2nd 3rd

15 years old and under 1st 2nd 3rd

18 **Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3.

19 **Decision to Race**

The organising 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.

20 **Insurance**

Each boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or equivalent.

Racing under the Average Lap system.

1 - Start - As paragraph 9

2 - Course - Competitors should continue to sail laps of the course until signalled to finish. Competitors **must** sail through the start/finish line (between the marker buoys) on the upwind leg.

3 – Finish When the Race Officer decides to finish the race, the "Blue" flag will be hoisted and two sound signals given.

Competitors should complete the lap they are on, until given a finishing signal.