



NOTICE OF RACE 2018

ANNUAL CHALLENGE REGATTA

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th September 2018

1. The **Challenge Regatta** will be held at Gairloch Boat Club, Pier Road, Gairloch, on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September 2018. The organizing authority is Gairloch Boat Club (GBC). All queries can be made via the "Contact us" button on the GBC website: www.spanglefish.com/gairlochboatclub
2. **Rules:** Racing will follow the RYA Racing Charter and will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 including RYA prescriptions (RRS) and the class rules of participating boats. This Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SI) and the Entry Form will be published on the GBC website.
3. **Conditions of Entry:** Entry is open to GBC members and visiting sailors. All competing Helms shall be members of an RYA affiliated club or be full personal members of the RYA. All participants must agree to the conditions laid down in the *Disclaimer of Liability* and *Insurance* paragraphs of this NoR.
4. **Competing Classes:** Racing will be for dinghies and small catamarans. There will be two fleets for Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap boats with separate starts. Slow Handicap will typically include Pico and Topper classes.
5. **Entry Form:** Boats may only be entered in races following completion of the relevant entry form and submission of the appropriate entry fees. The entry form may be completed during registration but will be published on the club website prior to the regatta.
6. **Entry Fees** (including catering):
 - Single hander: £20 per adult, £10 juniors under 18.
 - Double hander: 2 x adults £30; adult & junior £25 & 2 x juniors £15.
7. **Registration:** Entries will be taken at the club from 10:00 on Saturday 15th September or the Entry Form may be downloaded from the website and sent in.
8. **Schedule:** A Briefing will be held at the clubhouse at 11:30 on Saturday 15th September.

9. **Races:** Six races are scheduled with up to four short races per day and the feature **Round the Island Race** on Sunday as conditions allow. The warning signal for the first race will not be displayed before 12:25 on Saturday 15th September. All races are planned to be sailed back-to-back on each day.
10. **Sailing Instructions:** The SI will be available to all participants at registration and available on the club website prior to the regatta. The Courses will be set in **Flowerdale Bay** as noted in the SI and detailed at the briefing.
11. **Scoring:** Races will be handicap races and may be on an average lap time basis. RRS Appendix A shall apply with handicaps based on PY numbers published by the RYA for 2018. Details on scoring the series shall be published in the SI.
12. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each fleet at the discretion of the organizing authority. The award of the **Challenge Trophy** will be made to the club with the best three placed boats in the Fast Handicap event.
13. **Privacy Notice:** Competitors should be aware that relevant entry details may be held as a computer record only for the purposes of scoring.
14. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Members of the club, their guests and visitors, may use the club premises, and any other facilities of the club, entirely at their own risk. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (RRS 4, Decision to race). By launching or going to sea, competitors confirm the boat is fit for those conditions and they are competent to sail and compete in them. The organizing 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. The organizing authority encompasses everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and or competitors of their responsibilities.
15. **Insurance:** Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.