



GAIRLOCH BOAT CLUB – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 Rules.

Racing at Gairloch Boat Club (GBC) will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the notice of race, these sailing instructions and the appropriate class rules, except as any of these rules are changed by these instructions. In the event of conflict with the Notice of Race these sailing instructions shall prevail. All races are “Category C” as in ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

2 Conditions of Entry

2.1 General. 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 and impliedly accept that:

(1) The club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the club.

(2) The club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the club premises, and any other facilities of the club, or out of participation in any race organised by the club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committee or servants of the club.

2.2 Distinguishing Numbers. Under exceptional circumstances and provided that class rules allow, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number (*short term*), other than that required by the RRS Appendix G but the number shall not be changed during any series.

2.3 Eligibility. Boats may only be entered in races by family, adult, student or junior members of GBC and visitors by completing the relevant race entry form. Each boat must have a valid measurement certificate, with current buoyancy endorsement where applicable and these must be produced on request. Third party insurance of at least £2,000,000 is required.

2.4 Personal Buoyancy. Adequate personal buoyancy for all crew members shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. This alters RRS 40.

2.5 Declarations. Declarations will be required for all boats before going afloat and on coming ashore in all circumstances. A declaration sheet will be available in the clubhouse.

3 Notices to Competitors. Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board in the clubhouse.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted a minimum of 30 minutes before the scheduled start to which it applies and will be indicated on the notice board in the clubhouse before going afloat. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted at least 6 days before it will take effect.

5 Classes, Handicaps, Class Flags and Calculation of Results.

The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as set out in the current YR2 will be used.

Boats without a Portsmouth Number published in the current YR2 shall be issued with a number based upon good evidence supplied by the competitor or by GBC based upon investigation and entirely upon the discretion of GBC.

Class starts will be posted on the clubhouse notice board.

Where results are calculated using the average lap time method as described in YR2 except that “Same PN adjustment” may be applied where boats of the same PN sailing fewer laps have average times less than those sailing more laps. This adjustment shall be at the discretion of the sailing secretary and may be by arithmetic correction or by taking results from a lesser number of laps. *Note: The purpose of this instruction is to ensure it is not possible to score a lesser score than a similar or faster boat which was actually behind in the race and therefore completed fewer laps.*

When all boats in a race are unable to complete the full or shortened course for any reason, then at the discretion of the Race officer, the results of the race may be calculated from the times of the boats as they completed the previous round.

6 Racing Area. The racing area will be defined on the notice board in the Clubhouse.

7 The Course. Courses will be displayed on the notice board in the clubhouse at the briefing and before boats go afloat. When code flag “B” is flown from the backstay of the committee boat– the course displayed will be reversed.

8 Marks. Racing marks and their approximate positions will be shown on the notice board in the clubhouse and described at the briefing.

9.1 The Start. The minimum number of boats in the starting area shall be three.

Races will be started as described in RRS 26. Times shall be taken from the visual signals. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Example:-

5 mins. Before start - Warning signal - Class flag flown - 1 sound signal.

4 mins. Before start - Preparatory signal - Flag “P” flown - 1 sound signal.

1 mins. Before start - Preparatory signal - Flag “P” down - 1 long sound signal.

START Class flag down - 1 sound signal.

Where more than one class is sailed, the warning signal (class flag) will normally be flown at the start of the preceding class. In the event of a general recall the new start of the recalled class will be as soon as practical after the start of the last scheduled class.

9.2 Committee Boat Start.

A Committee Boat start will be used. The starting line will be between a mast of the committee boat at the starboard end and a port end starting mark. Courses will be displayed in the clubhouse before going afloat. A buoy may be trailed from the stern of the committee boat – competing boats passing between this buoy and the committee boat at any time will be disqualified.

9.3 A boat starting later than **ten minutes** after her starting signal shall be scored “Did Not Start”. This alters Rule A4.1.

10 Shorten Course. The Race Officer may shorten course for any reason. When flag “S” is flown in average lap time races, all boats crossing the line thereafter will finish and have the result calculated by the average lap time method described in para. 5.

11 The Finish. The finish line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the finish mark, which is a mark of the course. *Note: Competitors are reminded of the Racing Rules of Sailing Definition of Finish, “A boat finishes when any part of her hull, or crew, or equipment in normal position, crosses the finish line in the direction of the course from the last mark, either for the first time or after taking a penalty under rule 31.2 or 44.2 or, under rule 28.1, after correcting an error made at the finishing line.”*

12 Penalty System. The one or two-turn penalty as in rules 44.1 & 44.2 shall apply. Rule 44.3 shall not apply.

In summary; ONE turn penalty for hitting a mark on the course and a TWO turn penalty for breaking a rule of PART 2 (when boats meet...) Note, for full details refer to RYA Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-2016.

13 Time Limit. It is intended that each race will last approximately 45 mins. The time limit for each race will normally be 20 mins. after the first boat finishes but can be extended at the race officers discretion in exceptional circumstances. This changes Rule 35. Any entrant observed not to have sailed the correct course by a member of the race committee will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

14 Protests. Standard RYA protest forms are available at the clubhouse. The protest time limit shall be 30 mins after the boat comes ashore. This changes rule 61.3.

15 Scoring. All races will be scored as provided by Appendix A of the racing rules of sailing 2013-2016 using the low points system.

16 Series. Six races are scheduled. Two races shall constitute a series. Where six or five races are sailed, four races will count for the series result. Four races, three to count. Three races, two to count. Less than three races, all races count.

