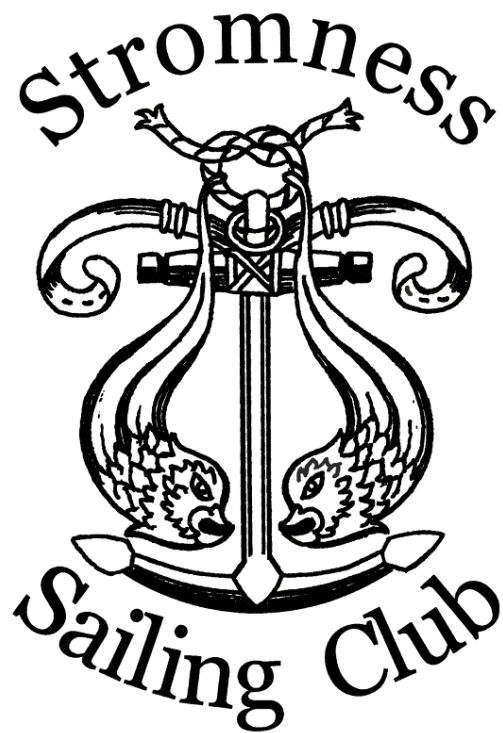


Racing Guide



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Section 1 - List of Competitions

May to August Points Series	Run on Thursday evenings in throughout May, June, July and August
May Tankard Series	Run in parallel with the May races of the May to August points series
Crew	Run as middle of three races on Thursday evenings, if numbers and weather permit
Summer Series	Run on Thursday evenings throughout June and July
Commodore's Cup Series	Run on Thursday evenings throughout August (subject to minimum of six races for series to be valid)
Autumn Silver Snipe Series	Run on Sunday afternoons for six weeks from the first Sunday in September
Junior	Best performing Junior over the season
Representing Club at Orkney Regattas	Helm or crew who participates in the most Orkney Regattas in the season
Stromness Regatta	Run on a Saturday, usually in July on the Saturday at the start of Stromness Shopping week
Shopping Week Trophy	Run on Thursday evening during Stromness Shopping Week.
Interclub	Alternates between Stromness SC and Holm SC, usually on the Thursday before Stromness Regatta, if at Stromness SC, or on the Tuesday after Holm Regatta if at Holm SC.

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Section 3 – Racing Rules

Boats	Although any boat may be sailed at the Club, class racing is provided only for the SCIRA Snipe Class. If there is demand, handicap racing may be run.
Competitors	All helms and crew must be fully paid up members of Stromness Sailing Club, except for visitors sailing in the Regatta or Holm SC members sailing for Holm SC in the Interclub competition. However, crew that sail on less than six occasions in a year do not need to be a member.
Number of boats competing	The minimum number of boats required for a race to be valid is three.
Crew on board	All boats taking part in racing must be crewed by the correct number of people the boat was designed to carry when racing.
Points System	The low points system is used in all competitions.
Points Allocation	Points awarded to boat/helm combination
Trophies	All trophies are the property of Stromness Sailing Club and cannot be won outright to be retained by any individual.
Courses	Racing will normally take place within Stromness Harbour, using either one of the standard Harbour Courses (see inside back cover) or an alternative course at the discretion of the OOD. The Autumn Silver Snipe series will normally use a non-standard course within the Harbour.
Time Limit	<p>The time limit for a Club race is 40 minutes. If one boat completes the course and finishes within the time limit, points will be awarded for the race. Any boats finishing after whichever is the greater of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lead boat time taken plus 15 minutes- 40 minutes <p>will be treated as DNF and be awarded points equal to the number of boats in the race.</p> <p>If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race will be abandoned and no points will be awarded.</p>

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Section 4 – Starting Procedure

Start Times

Thursday evenings (May-August)
First race start 7:00 pm

Sunday afternoons (September-October)
First race start 2:30 pm

All competing boats should be on the water and ready to race at least three minutes before the start.

At: 3min 30sec

Warning sound signal

3 min

Sound signal, 3 orange paddles displayed

2 min

1 orange paddle removed

1 min

2nd orange paddle removed

Start

Sound signal, 3rd orange paddle removed

Individual recall

Start sound signal immediately followed by 2nd sound signal, 1 orange paddle left on display for 1 min or until all offending boats have rounded the end of the start line and restarted the race. Boat names or numbers will not be called out and it is up to skippers to return if they were over the line. Any offending boats failing to return will be disqualified.

General recall

Start signal immediately followed by 2 more sound signals. Orange paddle left in place for one minute. All boats must return and the start sequence will begin again from the 3 minute sound signal.

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Section 5 – Line, Gate, Laps, Finish, Shorten

Start Line

There are two transit poles onshore that may be moved from race to race. The start line is an imaginary line extended over the water from the two transit poles in alignment and it is by reference to this line that the starter will determine whether a boat is over the line at the start.

Gate

There will normally be a start gate with a buoy at each end. This should be roughly in line with or just in front of the Start Line. All boats must pass through the gate when starting the race. A boat restarting a race after a false start must round one of the ends of the line.

Laps

Most races will be over one lap. Where a race is over more than one lap it is not necessary for boats to pass through the gate at the end of each lap.

Finish

All boats must pass through the gate at the end of the race. In Club racing each boat finishing will be given a sound signal. No sound signal will normally be given in Regatta races.

Shortened Course

In the event that a race needs to be shortened part way through a lap, two sound signals will be given and the support boat will be sent to finish boats as they round the next mark.

If the race needs to be shortened at the end of a lap in a race of more than one lap, two sound signals will be given as the leading boat rounds the last mark of the course and boats must then finish through the gate.

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Section 6 – May to August Points Series

Series	Run on Thursday evenings throughout May, June, July and August (but excludes any races designated as Crew Races)
Trophy	Jim Hunter Cup
Format	
Races	Usually the first and third races on Thursday evening, the second race normally being designated as a Crew Race.
Laps	1 lap
Points	Low points
Points To	Boat/helm combination
Discards	4 discards over series
DNF	Points equal to number of boats in race
DNS	Points equal to number of boats in the series plus 1 point
DSQ	Points equal to number of boats in race plus 1 point
Longhope	In the week preceding Longhope Regatta, Club racing will be held on the Monday evening instead of the Thursday evening.

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Section 7 – Crew Series

Series Crew Series - for those who normal sail as crew and who are not experienced skippers.

Run as the second race on Thursday evenings throughout May, June and July, when numbers of crew and weather conditions permit

Trophy

Format

Laps	1 Lap
Points	Low points
Points to	Crew sailing as helm
Discards	2
DNF	Points equal to number of boats in race
DNS	Points equal to number of boats in the series plus 1 point
DSQ	Points equal to number of boats in race plus 1 point

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Section 8 – May Tankard Series

Series	Run on Thursday evenings throughout May only, simultaneously with the May to July Points Series (but excludes any races designated as Crew Races)
Trophy	May Tankard
Format	
Laps	1 lap
Points	Low points
Points to	Boat/helm combination
Discards	None
DNF	Points equal to number of boats in race
DNS	Points equal to number of boats in the series plus 1 point
DSQ	Points equal to number of boats in race plus 1 point

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Section 9 – Summer Series

Series	Run on Thursday evenings throughout June and July, simultaneously with the May to August Points Series (but excludes any races designated as Crew Races)
Trophy	Summer Series
Format	
Laps	1 lap
Points	Low points
Points to	Boat/helm combination
Discards	None
DNF	Points equal to number of boats in race
DNS	Points equal to number of boats in the series plus 1 point
DSQ	Points equal to number of boats in race plus 1 point

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Section 10 – Commodore’s Cup Series

Series	Run on Thursday evenings throughout August
Trophy	Commodore’s Cup (donated by Johnny Robertson)
Format	
Races	3 races each Thursday evening, with minimum of 6 races for the series to be valid
Laps	1 lap
Points	Low points
Points to	Boat/helm combination
Discards	None
DNF	Points equal to number of boats in race
DNS	Points equal to number of boats in series plus 1 point
DSQ	Points equal to number of boats in race plus 1 point

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Section 11 – Autumn Silver Snipe Series

Series	Run on Sunday afternoons for six weeks from the first Sunday in September
Trophy	Autumn Silver Snipe Trophy (donated by Malcolm Tipler)
Format	
Races	2 races each Sunday afternoon
Laps	Normally, 3 laps over a non standard course, unless shortened
Points	Low points
Points to	Boat/helm combination
Races to qualify	Half the total number of races plus one, eg if 12 races, competitor must compete in 7 to qualify for series result. If competitor sails more than the qualifying number of races only the best results for the number of qualifying races required are used to determine the series result.
DNF	Points equal to number of boats in race
DNS	Not relevant - see 'Races to qualify'
DSQ	Points equal to number of boats in race plus 1 point

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Section 12 – Juniors

Competition	For Junior Members only (under age 18)
Trophy	The Robertson Cup donated by Sheena Taylor (currently missing and may have to be replaced)
Assessment	The Instructors and Coaches will organise an event to assess who should receive the trophy

Section 13 – Representing Club at Regattas

Competition	For representing the Club at the most Orkney Regattas during any season
Trophy	William Wood Trophy
Assessment	Assessed on the number of Orkney Regattas participated in over the season. This includes racing as helm or crew in any competing boat or participating as helm or crew in any of the race support boats.

Section 14 – Good Sport Award

Discretionary	For exceptional sporting behaviour on or off the water
Trophy	Good Sport Trophy donated by Malcolm Gordon
Assessment	Recipient selected by the Flag Officers

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Section 15 – Shopping Week Trophy

Competition	Run concurrently with the May to July points series, on the Thursday evening in Stromness Shopping Week and open to Snipes from Holm SC
Trophy	Frozen Food Centre Shopping Week Trophy donated by Neil Foubister
Format	
Races	Three races, weather permitting
Laps	1 lap
Points	Low points, cumulative over the races held on the evening
Points to	Boat/helm combination
DNF	Points equal to number of boats in race
DNS	Points equal to number of boats competing in the event plus 1 point
DSQ	Points equal to number of boats in race plus 1 point

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Section 16 – Interclub Competition

Competition	Run annually between Stromness SC and Holm SC
Trophy	Interclub Trophy
Venue/Timing	Alternates between Stromness SC and Holm SC. If hosted by Stromness, usually on the Thursday prior to Stromness Regatta. If hosted by Holm, usually on the Tuesday following Holm Regatta.
Format	
Teams	Host Club matches the number of boats that the visiting team puts forward, although more boats may actually sail in the races. The boats representing the home team must be identified immediately after the first race and prior to subsequent races.
Races	Normally three but may vary
Laps	As determined by host Club
Points	Low points
Points to	Boat/helm combination
Result	Points accumulated by all the boats in each team over all the races sailed
DNF	Points equal to number of boats in race plus 1 point
DNS	Points equal to number of boats plus 1 point
DSQ	Points equal to number of boats plus 1 point

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Section 17 – Stromness Regatta

Competition	Open to Club Members and to visiting boats
Timing	Normally on the Saturday at the start of Stromness Shopping Week unless there are exceptional circumstances
Course	Start and finish in the harbour but main part of race held ioutside the harbour, mainly in the Bay of Ireland except in adverse weather conditions when dinghies and Yoles may sail in the harbour
Races	At least two races depending on conditions on the day. OOD, SSC Commodore and Vice Commodore to make decision.
Starts for 1st race	Yachts, Yoles, Snipes, Mixed Centreboards (handicap), Catamarans If there are more than three boats in any class not listed above separate starts may be held.
Trophies for 1st race	Yachts - 2 Sail Yoles - 3 Sail Yoles - Snipes - John Hourston Trophy Mixed Centreboards -
Starts for 2nd race (Allcomers)	Yachts Yoles Mixed Centreboards Catamarans
Trophies for 2nd race	Yachts - Yoles - Yawls Challenge Cup and Blue Riibband Allcomer Dinghies - Jackie Robertson Cup First Snipe in Allcomers - Davo Marcus Quaich Catamarans –
Juniors	A separate mini-regatta may be organised by the instructors and coaches.

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Section 18 – Standard Harbour Courses

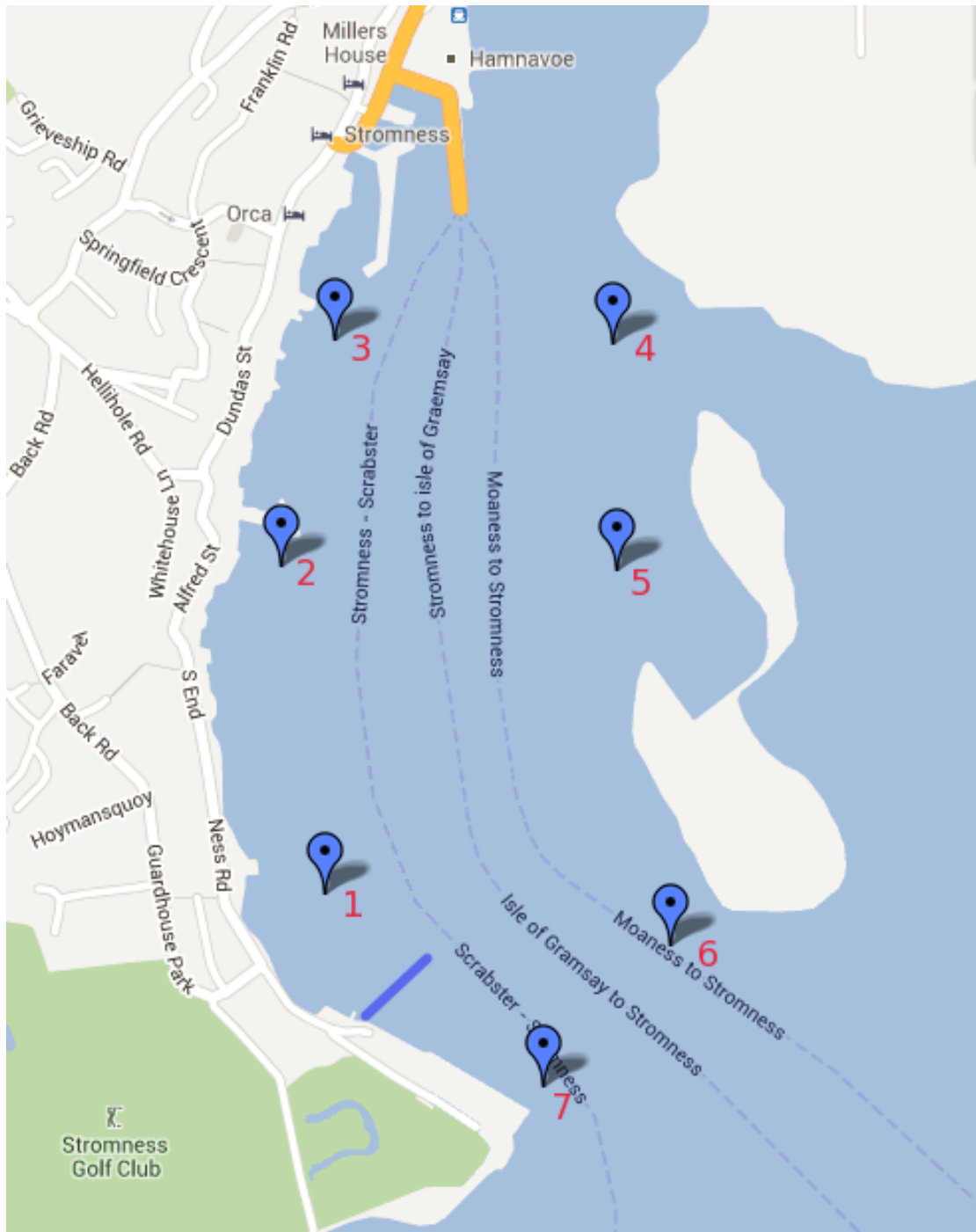
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2	1	6	4	2	7	-	N
3	1	5	2	4	7	-	NE
4	1	4	7	-	-	-	NE
5	6	2	5	1	6	7	E
6	7	2	5	1	-	-	E
7	7	3	4	2	5	1	E
8	7	3	6	1	-	-	SE
9	7	2	6	3	5	1	SE
10	7	2	6	7	-	-	SE LIGHT
11	7	1	5	3	7	-	S
12	7	3	1	-	-	-	S
13	1	5	4	7	-	-	S
14	1	2	5	1	6	7	SW
15	1	6	4	2	5	1	SW
16	1	6	7	-	-	-	W NO WIND
17	1	6	5	2	7	-	W
18	1	5	2	4	3	7	W MEDIUM
19	1	6	2	5	3	7	NW

Buoys are numbered clockwise round the Harbour starting from the South West corner and are usually yellow cans.

Laminated copies of the Harbour Courses can be obtained from the Secretary

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Section 19 – Approximate Location of Buoys



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