



# THE CEILIDH CUP SONAR MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP INCORPORATING SSS MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

## NOTICE OF RACE

### **1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club.

### **2 VENUE**

The venue will be Rhu, Scotland.

### **3 EVENT GRADING**

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 4.

This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

### **4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

#### **4.1 Schedule**

- (a) The race office will be open for registration from 18.00 to 20.00 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October and from 0800 to 09.00 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October.
- (b) Crew weighing from 08.00 to 09.00 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October.
- (c) The boats will be available for practice from 15.00 to 19.00 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October on prior request.
- (d) First briefing 09.00 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October.
- (e) A meeting with umpires immediately follows the first briefing.
- (f) Time of the first signal will be 10.30 on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct and 09.30 on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- (g) The latest time for an attention signal on each day of racing will be 18.00 on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct and 15.00 on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, unless agreed otherwise with all affected skippers.
- (h) Prize giving on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October will be no later than 16.30, unless adjusted accordingly by NoR 4.1(g) above.

4.2 Unless excused by the O.A., attendance at the 09.00 6<sup>th</sup> October briefing and any subsequent briefings are mandatory for skippers.

## **5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1 Only 9 skippers will be selected for entry. A skipper wishing to be selected for entry should register his/her interest with the O.A. by completing the attached form and forwarding it to Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club, by email to [mail@rncyc.com](mailto:mail@rncyc.com).
- 5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.3 A non-refundable entry fee of £220 shall be paid in advance of the event. Entry fee payment will not be taken until a skipper's entry has been confirmed.
- 5.4 Competitors under 18 years of age must apply for, and may only compete with, the express permission of the OA.
- 5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 5.6 All competitors shall obtain an World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.7 For a team to qualify for the "SSS Match Racing Championships" component of the competition, the skipper and crew must comprise members all from the same institution and comply with Scottish Student Sports definition of a student team. By registering as a "student team", a skipper declares that his/her boat is eligible with this requirement.

## **6 ENTRIES**

- 6.1 The team shall be registered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card/cash/cheque/invoice.

### **6.2 Withdrawal**

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

### **6.3 Damage deposit**

- (a) An initial damage deposit of £300 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

## **7 RULES**

- 7.1
  - (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
  - (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.
  - (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
  - (d) Competitors should note that the Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA Rule Book.
- 7.2 **Major Alterations to the RRS**
  - (a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
  - (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

## **8 BOATS AND SAILS**

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Sonar-like boats.
- 8.2 Upto 7 boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

## **9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4 or 5. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 **Crew Weighing**
  - (a) The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 9.3 (Not used).
- 9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a single round based on seeding in the World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event. The event is limited to **9 teams only**, and will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1	<b>Single Round Robin</b>
Stage 2	Semi-finals
Stage 3	Final & Student Final
- 10.2 The student final will be between the two student teams with the highest win average when racing other student teams.
- 10.3 The OA may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.
- 10.4 The prize for first place will be the Ceilidh Cup (perpetual).
- 10.5 A prize will also be awarded for the “SSS Match Racing Championships” components.

## **11 COURSE**

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The event will be sailed in the waters of the Firth of Clyde off Helensburgh.
- 11.3 The intended course area will be announced at the first briefing.

## **12 SPARE**

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## **14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

- 14.1 The O.A. shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge. Electronic recording and/or tracking equipment may be added to the boats provided by the O.A., or carried by umpires.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **15 COACH BOATS**

- 15.1 No coach boats will be permitted

## **16 RISK STATEMENT**

- 16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; Nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
  - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; and
  - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 16.2 The boats for this match racing event are insured by the organising authority covering damage to the vessel(s) and 3rd Party liability to the sum of £3M. The damage deposit staked by each skipper is equivalent to the insurance excess in the event of a claim.
- 16.3 The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part or intending to take part, in the race or races. Moreover, every competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the race or races.
- 16.4 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 16.5 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat 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 boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 16.6 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.