



SILVERS MARINE SCOTTISH SERIES

Friday 22 May - Monday 25 May 2015
Tarbert, Loch Fyne and Largs, Scotland

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority of the Silvers Marine Scottish Series is Clyde Cruising Club.

1. Rules

1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the Prescriptions of the RYA, IRC Rules Parts A, B and C, ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), CYCA Handicap System, Class Rules for One Designs, and this Notice of Race all as modified by the Sailing Instructions. This alters RRS 63.7.

2. Advertising

2.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

2.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and their sponsors without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.

3. Eligibility, Entry and Fees

3.1 The **Series** is open to yachts in the following classes:

Yachts with a valid IRC certificate rated to a minimum TCC of 0.850, and a minimum SSS of 5;
with the permission of the IRC Rating Authority, IRC Rule 8.2 is modified to include GBR or FRA boats holding Single Event Ratings.

One Design yachts; separate starts will be offered to classes where the Organising Authority considers there are sufficient entries.

Yachts with a valid CYCA certificate with a handicap range of 0.00 to 21.50 minutes.

Yachts with a valid CYCA certificate with a handicap range from 0.00 to 19.00 minutes in Restricted Sail classes; these yachts may set headsails but may not set a spinnaker, both as defined in RRS 50.4.

Yachts with a valid IRC or CYCA certificate with a handicap outside these ranges may be accepted as entries at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

3.2 The **Inch' Race** a *passage race* on Sunday 24 May 2015 for yachts entered under CYCA handicap with spinnaker or in the Restricted Sail, classes in Scottish Series is also open as a single race to yachts with a valid CYCA handicap as set out in NoR 3.1. The positions of yachts not entered for the Series will be excluded from the Series scores.

3.3 The **Clyde Challenger Passage Race** a passage race from Largs to Tarbert on Friday 22 May 2015 for yachts entered under CYCA handicaps in Restricted Sail classes in Scottish Series is also open as single race to yachts with a valid CYCA handicap as set out in NoR 3.1. The positions of yachts not entered for the Series will be excluded from Series scores.

3.4 Class divisions, and One Design classes, will be decided after close of entry. Provisional divisions will be shown on the event website www.scottishseries.com. Where in the opinion of the Organising Authority numbers of entries of a One Design do not justify a separate start, yachts may be invited to race under IRC handicap, or if more appropriate, under CYCA handicap. Classes may be altered, divided and amalgamated or yachts moved between classes at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

3.5 The **Bangor Tarbert Feeder Race**, from Bangor NI starting at 20.00 on Wednesday 20 May 2015 is open to all yachts with a valid IRC certificate meeting ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with the additional requirement to carry either a life raft (4.20) and/or dinghy with capacity for all the crew and grab bag(s) (4.21). This race will be for the Anchor Hotel Trophy. This race does not count towards the Scottish Series points and separate Sailing Instructions will be issued.

3.6 Entries shall be made on the entry form on the event website www.scottishseries.com or printed, completed and returned to Clyde Cruising Club, Suite 101, Pentagon Centre, 36 Washington Street, Glasgow G3 8AZ. Telephone 0141 221 2774. Fax 0141 221 2775. Email office@clyde.org.

3.7 Fees are as detailed on the entry form. On payment of the entry fee, the owner of each yacht will be an Associate Member of Clyde Cruising Club for the duration of the event.

3.8 Entries received after the closing date Friday 15 May 2015, together with an administration fee of £30, will be accepted only at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

3.9 If cancellation of an entry reaches the Organising Authority before Friday 15 May 2015, the whole fee except £25 will be refunded. No other refunds will be made.

4. Registration and Schedule

4.1 Yachts shall register by the start of their first race by submitting electronically to office@clyde.org or on paper to the Clyde Cruising Club, or the Race Office near the harbour Office, Garvel Road, Tarbert, a copy of their rating certificate if racing in an IRC class, and all yachts a Crew List, detailing names, addresses, email address and emergency contact information. Similar details of any additional or replacement crew must be registered before they race. The appropriate blank form will be on the event website.

4.2 The penalty for failing to complete registration will be decided by the Protest Committee.

4.3 Racing will take place on Friday 22 May to Monday 25 May, near Tarbert and the adjacent waters of Loch Fyne on laid courses such as Windward/Leeward and Round the Buoys courses except where specified. Further details of the courses and scheduled times of first warning signals each day will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

4.4 One Design classes as well as One Designs racing under IRC handicap and other IRC classes will have up to 14 races.

4.5 Yachts racing with spinnakers under CYCA handicap will on Sunday 24 May 2015 compete in the Inch' Race, and will have up to 11 races.

4.6 Yachts racing Restricted Sail under CYCA handicap on Friday 22 May will compete in the Clyde Challenger Passage Race, from Largs to Tarbert and on Sunday 24 May compete in the Inch' Race, and have up to 7 races.

5. IRC Crew Limits and Minimum Equipment

5.1. IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "There is no weight limit. There shall be no restrictions on crew changes. The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be as detailed below".

Crew **Number** printed on IRC certificate,
up to 9, certificate number plus 1, 10-13, cert. no. plus 2, 14 and over, cert. no. plus 3.

5.2 The Organising Authority may request yachts to carry up to two media persons who will take no part in the crewing of the yacht, or, cadets; both categories will be additional to the crew limits.

5.3 The Organising Authority strongly recommends that yachts which can comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 do so.

5.4 All yachts shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J, Category 5 plus for each person on board, an inflatable lifejacket complying with OSR 5.01.2.b (150N buoyancy etc), c (crotch strap), e (compressed gas inflation), all from Appendix J Part C Recommendations, and carry a marine VHF transceiver.

5.5 Yachts shall not carry anchors over the bow stemhead fitting.

5.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any yacht to verify that the regulations have been complied with.

6. Sailing Instructions and List of Entries

6.1 The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and List of Entries will be available on the event web site www.scottishseries.com

6.2 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website on or before 15 May 2015. Subsequent amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event web site and also on the official notice board at Tarbert.

7. Venue and Courses

7.1 The Regatta Harbour is Tarbert on the west side of Lower Loch Fyne. Apart from the Clyde Challenger Passage Race, the racing areas will be in the waters of Loch Fyne or nearby and it is intended that start lines will be no more than 6 miles from the Harbour; Admiralty Folio SC5610 covers the area of all racing including the Clyde Challenger Passage Race.

7.2 In addition to The Clyde Challenger Passage Race on Friday 25 May from Largs to Tarbert for Restricted Sail classes and the Inch' Race for CYCA classes, the courses to be sailed will be laid courses such as Windward/Leeward and Round the Buoys races; details of courses, race areas, class and starting groups will be in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Scoring

8.1 Three races must be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.3 When from five to seven races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.4 When eight or more races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

9. Arbitration

9.1 An Exoneration Penalty and a modified version of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

10. Prizes

10.1 Individual prizes may be presented in each class in each race and on overall points. A prize giving is scheduled to take place at 18.30 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as part of the evening social programme. The Series prize giving is scheduled for 18.00 hours on Monday 26 May 2014.

11. Risk Statement

11.1 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." See also ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02.

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;
- 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;
- 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;
- g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

12. Inspections

12.1 The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the owner/skipper.

13. Insurance

13.1 The owner/skipper is required to ensure that the yacht has adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party and passenger claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000 or equivalent.

14. Further Information

14.1 Clyde Cruising Club, Suite 101, Pentagon Centre, 36 Washington Street, Glasgow G3 8AZ. Telephone 0141 221 2774 Fax 0141 221 2775. Email office@clyde.org and the event website www.scottishseries.com