

HOLY LOCH SAILING CLUB "MARINE BLAST REGATTA" 10TH/11TH SEPTEMBER 2011

FLEET 4 – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), any supplements issued thereto, the prescriptions of the R.Y.A. and their relevant Appendices, the relevant Class Rules, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict, these Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. RACES

The Regatta will be decided over a series of six races, three on Saturday and three on Sunday. One race must be completed for the series to be valid. If four or more races have been completed each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst.

3. POINTS SYSTEM

The event will be scored using RYA Appendix A Low Points System.

4. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2

RRS Two turns penalty will apply.

5. TIME LIMIT

In addition to RRS 35, there will be a fixed time limit of 2.5 hours from a valid Class Start in each race. If one or more yachts have finished before the fixed time limit, then other yachts in that class shall have their time to finish extended by 15 minutes. If by the fixed time limit no yacht in a class has finished, but one or more yachts have completed one or more rounds, the results will be taken from the position of the yachts at the last completed round, without regard to subsequent event.

6. GENERAL RECALL

In alteration to RRS 29.2, the normal starting sequence will not be interrupted by a general recall. The warning signal for the class which has had a general recall will be displayed with the starting signal of the last class to start correctly.

7. PROTESTS

Protests must be notified to the Race Officer immediately on finishing and Protest Forms must be lodged at the Clubhouse within one hour of the completion of the day's racing, or such later time as the Race Committee, at their sole discretion, may permit. Protest Hearings will be held in the HLSC Clubhouse as soon as practicable on the day the protest is lodged.

8. STARTING

Races will be started using RRS 26.

9. START LINE

This will be between Leeward Mark "L" and a temporary mark.

10. FINISHING LINE

This will be between Windward Mark “W” and a temporary mark.

11. COURSE

The course will be a Windward/Leeward Course; Inflatable Marks will be laid as required and rounded in the order:-

Etchells O.D.		W		L		W		L		W		L				Finish	
Catamaran O.D.		W		L		W		L		W		L		W		L	Finish

All marks will be left to Port. In alteration to Rule 33, Mark “W” may be replaced at any time. The intention to do so will be indicated by the CV, positioned at Mark “L”, displaying IC Flag “C”, and making repeated sound signals. The CV may clear this position after the first three yachts have rounded “L”. The new position of “W” will be as near as possible to windward of “L”.

12. RACE AREA

The Race Area will be in the Firth of Clyde in the area bounded by the Cowal, Ashton and Kilcreggan shores.

13. STARTING TIMES

Class	First Start Saturday	First Start Sunday	Class Signal
Catamaran O.D.	12.00	11.00	Numeral Pennant 1
Etchells O.D.	12.05	11.05	IC Code Flag “G”

Races 2 and 3 on Saturday and Races 5 and 6 on Sunday will be sailed as soon as possible after the completion of Races 1 and 4. In the event that weather conditions dictate, the intention to sail a fourth race on either Saturday or Sunday will be signalled by displaying IC Code Flat “E” at the finish of the third race on either day. A time signal will be made five minutes prior to the warning signal for the first start of every race.

14. SAFETY AND INSURANCE

Each yacht shall comply with her Class Rules pertaining to mandatory equipment, and carry adequate Third Party Insurance. The RYA recommendation is at least £2,000,000.

15. LIABILITY

The safety of a yacht and her entire management, including civil responsibility to third parties, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/skipper racing the yacht. The acceptance of these sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete responsibility of the owner/skipper for his/her crew, yachts or equipment, and the management thereof. The HLSC disclaim any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, or inconvenience to persons, yachts or associated subjects howsoever arising, directly or indirectly, ashore or afloat, from their policy, rules or ruling, during races and related activities.

16. HIGH WATER

Greenock High Water for each day
 SATURDAY 10th September BST 1217
 SUNDAY 11th September BST 1257