



# RYA YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

LARGS SAILING CLUB

30TH MARCH TO 5TH APRIL 2013

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## NOTICE OF RACE

*The Organising Authority is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA)*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that RYA events implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016), or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter).
- 1.3 The exoneration penalty, and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration, of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules of the competing classes.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display bow stickers, which shall be attached, as supplied, to the forward 25% of each side of the hull. RS:X stickers will be applied, as directed, to the sail.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Racing will be for boys in Laser Standards, girls and boys in Laser Radials and Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5, and for all-boy, all-girl or mixed crews in 420s, 29ers and Spitfire catamarans.
- 3.2 Competitors in all classes shall hold or be entitled to hold a British passport and be eligible to compete for GBR at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2013 (subject to the conditions in 3.4 and different age requirements below for some classes).
- 3.3 To be eligible to compete at the RYA Youth National Championships sailors shall be under 19 on 1st September 2013 with the exception of the following classes:
  - 3.3.1 420: Sailors of any age are eligible provided that they have also entered 2013 GBR 420 Class Association World and Junior European Championship selection series.
  - 3.3.2 Laser Standard and Laser Radial: who shall be under 21 on 31st December 2013.
  - 3.3.3 Spitfire: who shall be under 21 on 31st December 2013.
- 3.4 To be eligible for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2013 sailors shall be under 19 on 31st December 2013.
- 3.5 Selected MNAs have been invited to nominate a team to attend the regatta with the approval of the RYA Youth Racing Manager. Nominated sailors, if accepted, are not required to comply with 3.2 but shall comply with all other eligibility criteria. MNAs wishing to receive an invite should liaise with the RYA Youth Racing Manager via; [duncan.truswell@rya.org.uk](mailto:duncan.truswell@rya.org.uk).
- 3.6 Entries will only be accepted on the event on-line entry form.
- 3.7 The Organising Authority may cancel an event if the minimum number of entries has not been received by midnight Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Competitors will be notified of cancelled events by email and posting on the event website. The entry fees for cancelled events will be refunded.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Minimum Entry Level</b>	<b>Maximum Entry Level</b>
Laser Standard	12	50
Laser Radial	12	120
Spitfire	8	20
420	8	50
29er	8	90
RSX	12	30

3.8 The Organising Authority reserves the right to increase or decrease the quotas.

3.9 All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age during the event are required to present a signed Parent/Guardian Declarations at registration. (Download the form from the web site).

3.10 Medical forms as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.

#### **4. FEES**

4.1 The entry fees are as follows:

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| 4.1.1 | Double Hander            | £170 |
| 4.1.2 | Single Hander/Windsurfer | £135 |

#### **5. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

5.1 The Laser Radial and 29er Championships may consist of a qualifying series and a final series with racing for Gold and Silver fleets, providing sufficient entries are received. Details will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **6. SCHEDULE**

6.1 **Registration:** Competitors shall register at the Event Office on Saturday 30th March and Sunday 31st March from 0900 to 1700 (Saturday) and 0900 to 1600 (Sunday). Competitors may be able to register outside these times by prior arrangement with the RYA.

6.2 **Equipment Inspection:** Equipment Inspection will take place on Saturday 30th March from 0900 to 1700 and on Sunday 31st March from 0900 to 1600. Competitors may be able to present their equipment for inspection outside these times by prior arrangement with the RYA.

6.3 **Dates of Racing:** Racing for each class will run from Monday 1st to Friday 5th April.

6.4 **Number of Races:** 29er Class: 18 Races. All other Classes: 14 Races

Although the event is the RYA Youth National Championships, it is also the primary selection event as part of the selection processes as described in the Selection Notices for RYA Team GBR for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2013 and for the RYA National Youth Squads. Therefore the racing programme may be subject to change at short notice to meet the needs of the selectors. Additional races may be arranged if required for selection purposes.

The warning signal for the first races on Monday 1st April will not be before 10.55.

#### **7. EQUIPMENT LIMITATION AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

7.1 Equipment limitation stickers or marks shall be applied as required by the Pre-Event Equipment forms.

7.2 Any item of equipment may be checked for rule compliance as part of the equipment limitation process.

7.3 Random equipment inspection checks of boats and equipment, including personal equipment, may be made at any time during the Championships.

7.4 RS:X Divisional identification shall be displayed for RS:X Youth – Boys and RS:X Youth – Girls. See RS:X Class Rule C.9.2(b).

7.5 420 Class Rule C.10.3.1(c) shall apply for any all-female 420 entry.

7.6 Laser Radial Class rule 4(g) shall apply for any female Laser Radial entry.

7.7 Any all-female 29er entry shall display a red rhombus of minimum height 150mm immediately below batten 3 (counted down from the head of the sail) and within 100mm from the leech of the sail.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available for all competitors at registration at the venue.
- 8.2 Draft sailing instructions will be available on the event website from Monday 25th March 2013. Questions on the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may be emailed to [olivia.risk@rya.org.uk](mailto:olivia.risk@rya.org.uk)  
Note that these are DRAFT and may be subject to change.

## **9. VENUE**

- 9.1 Races will be sailed in the waters off Largs.
- 9.2 Attachment 1 shows the approximate location of the race areas.

## **10. THE COURSES**

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward and/or trapezoid.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1 For the 29er and Spitfire classes, rules 44.1 and P2.1 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 11.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1 The scoring system will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

## **13. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 13.1 Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters may not communicate with competitors' afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.
- 13.2 Specified visiting coaches from selected international MNA's, whose names (and coach boat description) will be posted on the official notice board, are permitted to communicate with sailors within their own team while afloat before and after races.

## **14. BERTHING**

- 14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.

## **15. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 15.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

## **16. PRIZES**

- 16.1 Trophy Definitions
- 16.1.1 Wales - Both helm and crew need to originate (born in) from Wales or be members of the relevant (Welsh) home country squad.
- 16.1.2 Northern Ireland - Both helm and crew need to originate (born in) from Northern Ireland.
- 16.1.3 Scotland - Both Helm and crew need to originate (born in) from Scotland.
- 16.1.4 England - Both Helm and Crew need to originate (born in) from England.
- 16.2 Mementoes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class.

## **17. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS**

- 17.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat.

## **19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 19.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. 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 organizing authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 19.2 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 19.3 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

## **20. INSURANCE**

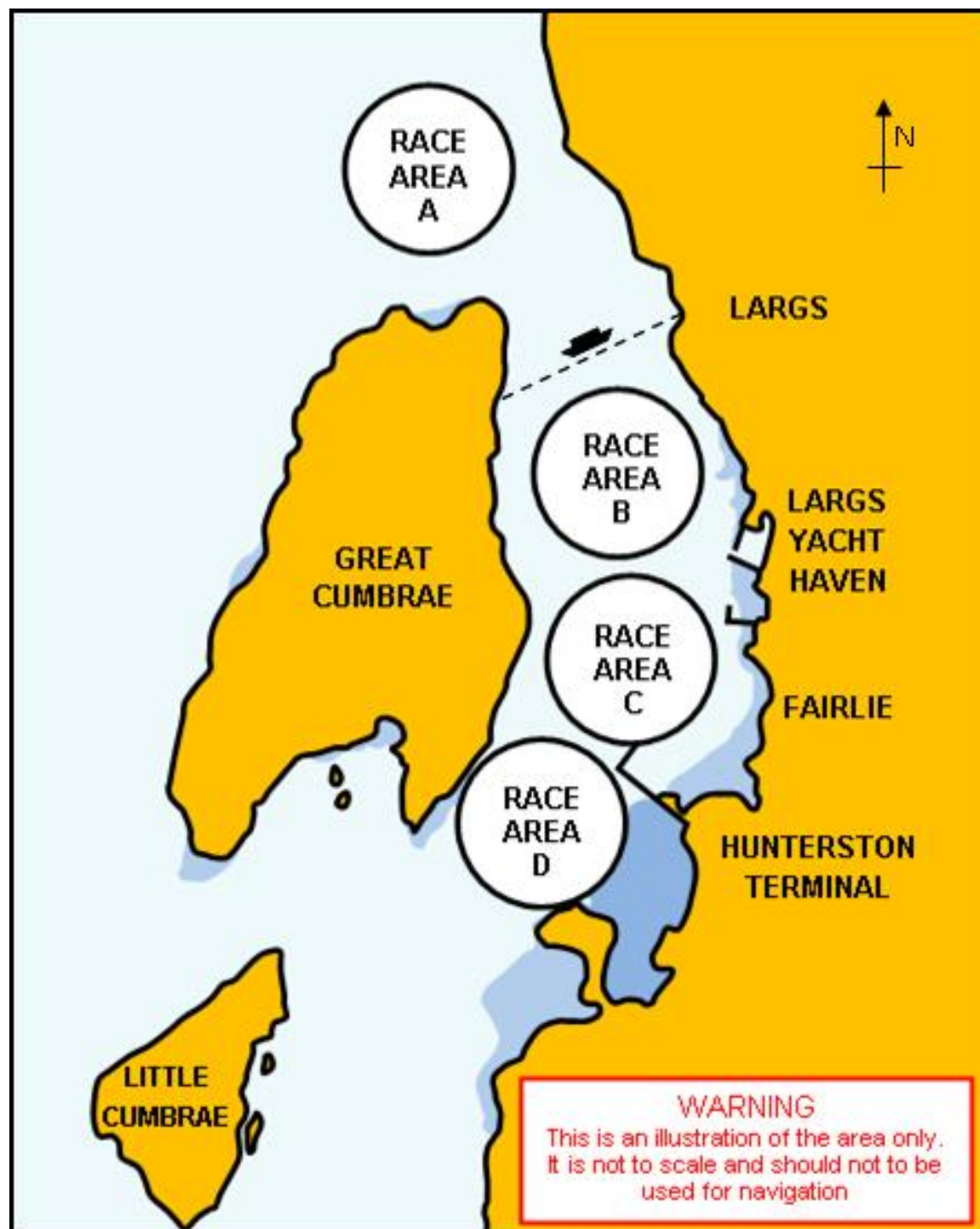
- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.

## **21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 21.1 For accommodation list of local hotels, B&B's camping and caravans please check the information section of the Largs Sailing Club web site, at <http://scottishsailinginstitute.com/travel.asp>.
- 21.2 It is intended to hold the prize giving on the evening of Friday 5th April.
- 21.3 To be considered for the RYA National Youth Squad all sailors must complete the online application process, details of which can be found in the relevant selection policy which is online in the Youth Racing section of the RYA website.
- 21.4 There will be a welcome and briefing on the local sailing area for all competitors on Sunday 31st March at 1730 hrs.
- 21.5 Drug testing may take place during the event.

End of Notice of Race

**RACING AREAS**



**Provisional allocation of course areas are suggested as follows:**

- Course A – Laser and Radial
- Course B – 420 and Spitfire
- Course C – RSX
- Course D – 29er