



Sailing Instructions

Scottish Challenger Traveller Series 2024 Qualifier T2

4 and 5 May 2024

Sponsored by Sir Boyd Tunnock of Tunnock Uddingston

1 Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is Castle Semple Sailing Club in association with Sailability Scotland SCIO.

2 Rules

2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Challenger Class Rules, the Notice of Race, and such other local rules. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions shall override the Notice of Race.

2.2 All Challengers must have a grab line of free specification fixed to each spinnaker and a tow line of free specification fixed to the bow and long enough to be led back to the cockpit and handled by the sailor.

A Challenger Hull is defined thus - "A boat's Hull shall consist of a central main hull, plus left and right-hand spinnakers bolted together with two aluminium tubular crossbeams".

Racing Rules will be changed as follows:

2.3 Rule 27.1 & 40, Personal Buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst on or near the water.

2.4 Rule 32.2(a) Shortened Course see para 12.

2.5 Rule 41, outside help - is modified to permit a boat to receive outside help from an official patrol boat for any reason other than added propulsion.

2.6 Rule 44.1, taking a penalty - modified from two turns to one turn for RRS Part 2 infringements.

2.7 Rule 49, crew position - modified so that helm and buddy should remain seated in their normal positions within the main hull or on a buddy seat except in an emergency.

3 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Officer's Desk.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard at least 1 hour before the warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 16.00 on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club's flag pole.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with '15 minutes' in the "Race Signals, AP" Rule.

6 Schedule of Races

6.1 Racing will take place on Saturday 4 May and Sunday 5 May 2024

6.2 Registration - Competitors registration will take place at the Race Officer's desk from 09:00 to 10:00 on Saturday.

6.3 Schedule

Briefing will take place in front of the Race Officer's window at 10:15 on Saturday.

The event will be a five race regatta held over two days.

Date	Time of Warning Signal for 1st Race	Races
Saturday 4 May 2024	1055 hrs	First Race at 11.00 Lunch 13.00hrs Races 2&3 to follow (back to back)
Sunday 5 May 2024	1025 Hrs	Races 4&5 back to back 1030hrs Lunch 12.30hrs Prizegiving TBA

6.4 Back to back races should have the approval of all the sailors.

6.5 The above schedule may be adjusted dependent on prevailing weather conditions and forecast. In this case a change to the SI will be posted and all competitors will be informed. However, the start of the first race each day will not be any earlier that stated here.

7 Class Flag

The Challenger Class Flag will be - Flag 'A'.

8 Racing Area

The racing area will be Castle Semple Loch. Be wary of any submerged logs between Marks 2 and 3.

9 The Course

9.1 The course will be made up of Castle Semple Sailing Club Marks as located in Appendix A.

9.2 The course will be displayed on the fence to the North East of the gate at Castle Semple Sailing Club no later than the warning signal for each race. The direction in which each buoy is to be rounded will be indicated by the colour of each numeral.

9.3 Races will consist of two laps of the displayed course unless the race is shortened.

10 Marks

10.1 Marks will be pink, white or orange spherical buoys.

10.1 There will be an orange patrol boat.

11 The Start

11.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 (i.e. 5, 4, 1, go) warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal. There will be an additional warning sound signal approximately 1 minute before the 5 minute warning signal. Times shall be taken from the visual signals not the sound signal. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

11.2 The Starting Line will be the line between Mark 1 and the race Officer's window. The inner distance marker must be passed to the Lochward side.

12 The Finish

The finish line will be the line between Mark 1 and the Race Officer's window.

Shortened Course - displaying Flag 'S' at a mark of the course, [this changes RRS rule 32.2(a)].

When Flag 'S' is displayed with 2 sound signals from a Patrol Boat at any rounding Mark of the course, boats shall round and then sail directly to the Finish Line (between the Clubhouse Flagpole displaying Flag 'S' and Mark '1'), crossing the line to finish the race from the direction of the Mark that the course was shortened.

13 Time Limit

13.1 The target time for the leading boat to complete each race is 40 minutes.

13.2 There will be no time limit for boats' finishing after the first boat has finished

13.3 In order to minimise excessive delays between races: The race officer may award a finishing position to those slower boats that are still racing indicated by being advised by the safety boat. This changes RRS 28, 35, A4 and A5. - The race officer will award appropriate finishing position(s). - Affected boat(s) should return to the starting area immediately. - The race officer's decision is final and will not provide grounds for a competitor to seek redress, this changes rule 62

14 Protests

- 14.1 The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration Procedures) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available and a summary will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The penalty will be a loss of a minimum two places but shall not result in a score worse than DNF.
- 14.2 The Protest will be made directly to the Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.3 The protest limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or witnesses. Location of hearings will be identified on the notice.

15 Scoring

- 15.1 The scoring system to be used will be as in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point system.
- 15.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 15.3 When up to 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 15.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.5 Race results will be scored in overall finishing order regardless of fleet. Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleet results may be extracted for prize giving purposes - they shall be extracted from overall results and not scored separately.

16 Declarations and Tally

Boats retiring must inform race officials as soon as practicable.

17 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18 Prizes

Awards will be made to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each fleet and at the discretion of the Race Committee.

19 Visual Image Consent

Competitors automatically grant the Organising 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 Regatta, unless the Authority is advised otherwise in writing prior to the Regatta.

20 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race and also the disclaimers on the Notice of Race and Entry Form. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21 Insurance

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

