



## INVITATION and NOTICE OF RACE

**Scottish Open Challenger Championships (SOCC) 2026**  
**Sponsored by Hugh Campbell**  
**& Scottish Challenger Traveller Series 2026 Qualifier T3**  
**30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**  
**Sponsored by Sir Boyd Tunnock of Tunnock, Uddingston**

1. **Organising Authority – Prestwick Sailing Club** in association with Sailability Scotland SCIO.

### 2. Rules

2.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Challenger Class Rules, this Notice of Race and such other rules as the Sailing Instructions may prescribe. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall override the Notice of Race.

2.2. A Challenger Hull is defined thus - "A boat's Hull shall consist of a central main hull, plus port and starboard sponsons bolted together with two aluminium tubular crossbeams".

2.3. All Challengers must have a tow line of free specification. Recommended 5 metres minimum length. Shall reach from a secure bow point back to the helmsperson

2.4. All Challengers must have a grab line of free specification fixed to each sponson, which shall be fixed near the outer ends of both front and rear crossbeams.

2.5. Racing Rules will be changed as follows:-

Rule 27.1 & 40 Personal buoyancy will be worn at all times whilst on or near the water.

Rule 41 A boat is permitted to receive outside help from Official Patrol Boats for any reason other than added propulsion.

Rule 44.1 RRS Part 2 infringements shall incur a ONE turn penalty.

Rule 49 Helm and crew shall remain seated in their normal positions within the main hull or upon a Buddy Seat, unless in an emergency.

### 3. Advertising

Advertising will be controlled as per World Sailing Regulation 20 - 'Advertising Code' and as per any requirements of the Event Sponsor.

## 4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to the Challenger Class of boat.
  - i) The entry may be split into Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleets.
  - ii) Experienced and able-bodied sailors will sail solo in the Gold Fleet.
  - iii) Less experienced Sailors with a disability will sail solo in the Silver Fleet at the discretion of the Race Committee if there is sufficient entry to justify a separate fleet.
  - iv) Sailors with a disability requiring a buddy will sail in the Bronze Fleet.
  - v) If 2 or fewer sailors register for any fleet, the organisers reserve the right to consolidate that fleet with another.
- 4.2. Pre-entry.
  - 4.2.1. Pre-entry form is available on link [Events : Prestwick Sailing Club](#)  
Parent or Guardian to countersign entry forms of under 18 year old competitors.
  - 4.2.2. Pre-entry Payment of £20 can be made by PayPal, Credit/Debit Card or Bank Transfer via this link - <https://www.sailabilityscotland.org.uk/pay.php>
- 4.3. Late entries : There will be no late entry fees.
- 4.4. Advance entries from non-members may be made direct to the Event Organiser or Sailability Scotland using the Entry Form available on the web pages and accompanied by a cheque for £30

## 5. Schedule

- 5.1. Racing will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026.
- 5.2. Competitors register at Prestwick Sailing Club
- 5.3. Briefing will be at Prestwick Sailing Club at approx. 12.30hrs on 30<sup>th</sup> May.
- 5.4. The event will be a 5 race regatta held over 2 days.
- 5.5. Standard regatta start times (subject to change) -
  - Sat First Race start at 14.00hrs (will not be before this time)  
followed by Races 2 & 3 back to back.
  - Sun Races 4 & 5 back to back start 10.30hrs (will not be before this time)  
Lunch followed by  
Helpers race time to be announced  
Prize-giving as soon as possible after racing time to be announced.
- 5.6 Tide Times(est) 30<sup>th</sup> high tide 12.26pm, low tide 18.04pm  
31<sup>st</sup> high tide 13.07pm, low tide 18.44pm.

## 6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be made available to all competitors at registration and may be published prior on the Venue's and Sailability Scotland's websites.

## 7. Starting Procedure and Courses to be Sailed

- 7.1. Starting Procedure will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2. Race courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions and at the sailors Briefing(s).

## **8. Scoring System**

- 8.1 The scoring system to be used will be as in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point system.
- 8.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.3 Races to count
  - 8.3.1 When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 8.3.2 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.
- 8.4. 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.

## **9. Venue**

- 9.1. Prestwick Sailing Club, Grangemuir Road. KA9 1SN.
- 9.2. Access to the club can be available on the Friday by prior arrangement. Phone David on the number below.
- 9.3. Parking is in the car park adjacent to the club.
- 9.4 A mobile disabled toilet will be on site.
- 9.5 There are no significant tidal issues when sailing.
- 9.6 Alternative route avoiding low bridge (11ft 6 clearance): From the A79 (Ayr Road) turn onto Maryborough Road. Take the 3<sup>rd</sup> right onto St. Ninian's Road. Take the next left onto Grangemuir Road.
- 9.7 Accommodation: There is a Travelodge and Premier Inn at Heathfield approx. 10 mins drive from the club.

## **10. Catering**

- 10.1. Lunch will be available in the club compound and breakfast rolls will be available in the same location on the Sunday morning.
- 10.2. A social evening will be held on the Saturday night with disabled access.

## **11. Visual Images Consent**

By signing the entry form, competitors grant the Organising Authority or their agents, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use, show or publish any motion pictures, still pictures and live or recorded coverage in any media, of or relating to the Regatta, unless they have advised the organising authority otherwise, in writing prior to the event.

## **12. Radio Communication**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive telephone or radio communications not available to all other boats.

### **13. Prizes**

Will be awarded for **SOCC**:-

First Overall - "The Sandeman Trophy"

Winner of the Last Race - "The Clyde Cruising Club Trophy"

Top Scottish Helm - "The Helensburgh Challenger Quaich"

Top Lady Helm - "The Consular Corp Trophy"

Winner of the Helpers Race - "The John Heron Trophy"

First Silver Fleet

Awards will be made to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each fleet. A prize will also be given to the winner of the Helpers Race and other prizes at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

### **14. Risk Statement**

Rule 3 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 inherently 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer 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) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3M against third party claims for the duration of the event.

### **15. Privacy Statement**

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, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## 16. Contacts and Event Organisers

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