

Sailing Instructions

Scottish Challenger Traveller Series 2026 Qualifier T2 9th & 10th May 2026

Sponsored by Sir Boyd Tunnock

1 Organising Authority

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is **Lochaber Yacht 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 and the Notice of Race. In the event of a conflict, these 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 left and right-hand 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.

Racing Rules will be changed as follows:

- 2.5 Rule 27.1 & 40, Personal Buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst on or near the water.
- 2.6 Rule 41, outside help - is modified to permit a boat to receive outside help from an official patrol boats for any reason other than added propulsion.
- 2.7 Rule 44.1, taking a penalty - modified from two turns to one turn for RRS Part 2 infringements
- 2.8 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 **in the club house entrance**.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard not less than 30 minutes before the advertised time of the first race affected by the said change.

5 Signals made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed **on the club house flag mast.**
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with '**30 minutes**' in the "Race Signals, AP" Rule.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Racing will take place on Saturday **9th** and Sunday **10th May 2026**
- 6.2 Registration - Competitors registration will take place **in the Club House from 09:30 on Saturday 9th May.**
- 6.3 Schedule
The briefing will take place **at the club house at 10:15 on the Saturday.**
The event will be a five race regatta held over two days

Date	Time of Warning Signal for 1st Race	Races
Saturday 9 th May 2026	1055 hrs	First Race at 11.00 Lunch 13.00hrs Races 2&3 to follow (back to back)
Sunday 10 th May 2026	1025 Hrs	Races 4&5 back to back 1030hrs Lunch 12.30hrs Helpers race time to be announced Prizegiving as soon as possible after racing, time to be announced

- 6.4 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 than stated here.

7 Class Flag

- 7.1 The **Challenger** Class Flag will be **Flag H.** (*If required a pennant from Sailability Scotland is available with the Class Insignia*)
- 7.2 All fleets will race together on a single start.

8 Racing Area

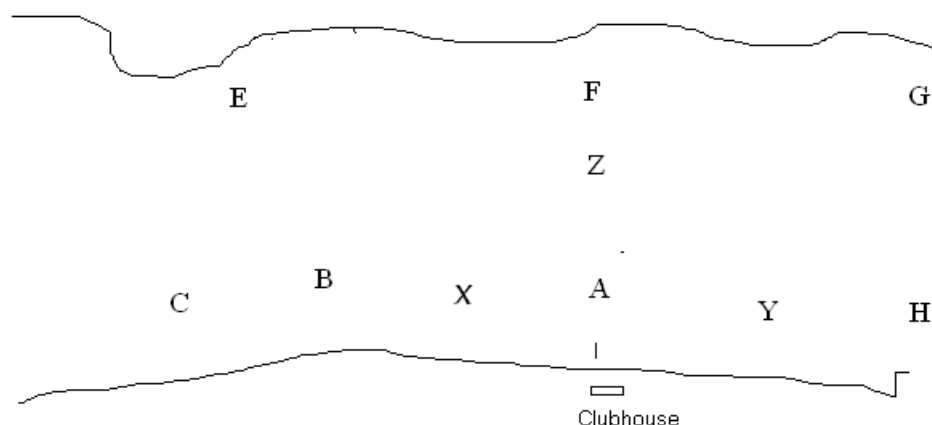
- 8.1 The racing area will be **on the waters of Loch Linnhe off Lochaber Yacht Club.**

9 The Course

- 9.1 Courses will make use of LYC racing marks, which are rigid, yellow and 'top-hat' shaped. Some may have a large inflatable mark attached. If so, this will be indicated at the briefing.
- 9.2 Courses to be sailed will be announced at the briefing and will also be indicated by letter boards displayed on the race office balcony at the beginning of the start procedure. Green letters indicate marks to be left to Starboard; Red letters marks to be left to Port.

10 Marks

10.1 The diagram below gives the approximate positions of racing marks.



10.2 The patrol boats are orange RIBs.

11 The Start

11.1 Races will be started using rule 26 (i.e. 5, 4, 1, go, with the warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal).

11.2 The start line will be between the clubhouse flag mast and mark 'A'.

11.3 An inner distance mark may be used – indicated by 'I' on the diagram.

12 The Finish

12.1 The finish line will be between the clubhouse flag mast and mark 'A'.

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 finishing positions to slower boats that are still racing after the first boats have finished. Patrol boats will notify affected boats, and they should then return to the starting area immediately. This changes RRS 28, 35, A4 and A5. 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 Protest forms are available from the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race committee within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.3 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.

