



PRESTWICK SAILING CLUB

Scottish Open Challenger Championships 2026 (SOCC)

Sponsored by Hugh Campbell

& Sailability Scotland Challenger Traveller Series 2026 No T3

Sponsored by Sir Boyd Tunnock

30/31 May 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Rules of the Challenger Class Association, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 a) Racing Rule 40 will be changed as follows;
Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors when afloat. Neither a wet-suit nor a dry-suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y shall not be displayed.

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".

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

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.

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

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

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the compound of Prestwick Sailing Club.

A race briefing for competitors will be held at 12:30hrs in the compound of Prestwick Sailing Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the start of the race on the day it will take effect, displayed on the Official Notice Board except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 16:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at Prestwick Sailing Club Clubhouse
- 4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in the Race Signal "AP".
- 4.3 Boats will not go afloat until released. Released is notified by IC flag D.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Class	Approximate 1st Race Start Time	Maximum Number of Races
SATURDAY 30 May 2026.	Challenger	14.00	3

SUNDAY 31 May 2026	Challenger	10.30	2
-----------------------	------------	-------	---

- 5.1 The Race Officer may alter this schedule depending on the weather forecast.
5.2 No warning signal will be made after 17.30hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class	Flag
Challenger	Numeral Pennant 2

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be on the waters adjacent from Prestwick Sailing Club.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. They do not indicate the angle or distance between legs.
8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first mark.
8.3 The number of Laps is **not** pre-determined.
8.4 Completion of a lap is defined by passing mark 3.

9 MARKS

The course marks will be cylindrical inflatable race marks – see attachment A for detailed descriptions.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

At the south of the bay there is a spit of rock going straight out to sea for 300 meters.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Time	Signal
- 5 min	Warning Signal Displayed
- 4 min	Preparatory Signal Displayed
- 1 min	Preparatory Signal Removed
0 min	Start

- 11.2 Times shall be taken from the visual signals, the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
11.3 The starting line will be between the mast or the steering console of the Committee Boat and a dan buoy flying an orange flag.
11.4 An inner limit mark may be laid adjacent/downwind of the Committee Boat. No boat may pass between this mark and the Committee Boat.
11.5 In the event of a general recall the warning signal shall be made 5 minutes after removal of the First Substitute flag.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of a course, the race committee may move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the mast or the steering console of the Committee Boat and a dan buoy flying a blue flag.
13.2 Shortly before the finish the Committee Boat shall display **IC flag S**. Competitors shall complete the lap they are sailing and after passing mark 3 on its proper side shall proceed to cross the finish where their finishing position shall be recorded. RRS 32.2 shall apply.
13.3 If required, a race may be shortened at any mark by a boat displaying the appropriate class and shorten course flags.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

The scoring penalty, Rule 44.3 will not apply.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit is 40 minutes. When the first boat finishes within the last 20 minutes of that time, the Time Limit will be extended to 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. No boat shall finish after the expiry of the time limit. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 15.3 A tail-end boat that has lost contact with the body of the fleet may be informed on the water, towards the end of the race, that she need not complete that lap, but may return to the starting area for the start of the next back-to-back race. An appropriate finishing position will be recorded by the Race Committee. Failure to take advantage of this provision may result in any following back to back race being started before that competitor has returned to the starting area. This shall not be the basis for a redress request under Rule 62(a). This alters Rule 35.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Official Notice Board for details.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the Official Notice Board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.4 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 named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, located in Prestwick Sailing Club clubhouse. Times will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 1.2(a), 18, 24 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes RRS 66.

17 SCORING

- 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 4 or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW

Substitution of helmsmen during the regatta will not be permitted.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall not make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24 PRIZES

Prizes and trophies will be given as follows:
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"

Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

Prize giving will be held in the compound of Prestwick Sailing Club on Sunday 31 May.

25. RISK STATEMENT

25.1

Rule 4 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:

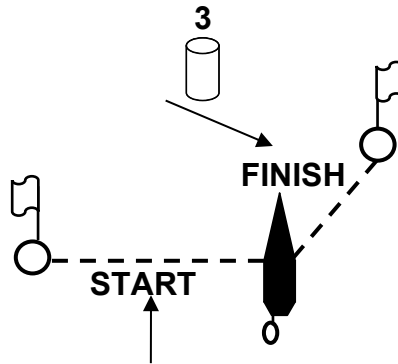
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other 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 organiser 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) The boat is adequately insured with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims

26 INSURANCE




Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent and competitors shall sign a declaration to that effect when registering.

Course Chart and Course to be Sailed

ATTACHMENT A



Key:

-  Orange 1.8m High Cylindrical Inflatable Race Mark.
-  Dan Mark
-  Orange Sphere Polyform.

Marks 1, 2, and 3 are orange 1.8m high cylindrical race marks

Finishing mark will be a Dan Buoy displaying a Blue Flag

Starting mark will be a Dan Buoy displaying an Orange Flag

Inner Distance mark will be an orange polyform buoy

COURSE TO BE SAILED

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3

(Repeat until "S" flag is displayed)

(ALL MARKS TO BE LEFT TO PORT)