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SKYE SAILING CLUB KYLES' CUP WEEKEND 2017 – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Event

The Kyles' Cup, presented by the *Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust*, is a charity fund-raising event held over two weekend days with both counting towards an overall handicap prize. There will also be a result for each day's race on Saturday 22nd July and Sunday 23rd July 2017.



Organising Club

The Kyles' Cup will be run by Skye Sailing Club representatives and any other persons they may wish to co-opt. Overall event results will count towards the West Highland Offshore Series.

Rules

The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 as prescribed by the RYA using the Clyde Yacht Clubs Association Handicap Rules.

Entries

For a yacht to take part a completed and signed entry form must first be accepted by the organiser and the entry fee paid. The cut off time for entries is 90 minutes before the start. Each boat will complete an entry form and provide both skipper and emergency contact details. Please print and complete all forms in advance and email to info@skyesailingclub.com. An additional fee of £5 will apply to entries made within 24 hours of the start.

Entry is by minimum donation per boat (you may donate more if you wish):

Skye Sailing Club Members £20 for one race £30 for both

Non-Members entered before 10 July 2017: £25 for one race £40 for both

Non-Members standard entry: £30 for one race £45 for both.

In making an entry you accept that, if required to do so, you will display any event specific sponsorship labels (hull stickers or flags) for the duration of the event. By entering you also allow images of the entered vessel and crew to be used in promotional material and news articles (online and print). Any competing individual that does not wish to appear in such images should advise the organiser 5 days prior to the event and exclude themselves from any group or prize-giving shots at the time they are taken.

Responsibility

The safety, preparation, management and insurance of any yacht is the sole responsibility of the owner and/or skipper racing the yacht. This responsibility includes the decision to start or continue in any race. The issuing of these instructions in no way reduces the skipper's responsibility for the yacht and its crew. The organisers accept no liability or responsibility whatsoever in respect of any loss or damage, or any personal injury however caused during a yacht's participation in this event as per RRS4.

Inspection

A yacht may be inspected at any time. If she fails to comply with the conditions, her entry may be rejected or she may be liable to disqualification or other penalty.

Reservations

The committee reserves the right to cancel, combine, divide or amend the classes if it thinks fit and can make any alterations to the programme and sailing instructions considered necessary.

Classes and Handicaps

Monohull yachts will race as one class using CYCA handicaps, timing and calculating to the nearest whole second. If the number of entries justifies, the Race Officer may split the competing yachts into more classes according to handicap, details of which will be notified in advance via email. A minimum of six yachts will be required to form any additional class.

There will be no class flag required for this event.

In the event that multihulls wish to enter, a best calculated guess will be made for a handicap using the boat's existing MOCRA certificate to derive an approximate CYCA figure for the purposes of this event only. The CYCA figure the Race Officer calculates will be as fair as it is possible to make it based upon known data available and will not be transferrable to any other event or hold any future 'official' status. This will never be an official CYCA rating.

Briefing

There will be no formal pre-race briefing/meeting. Any amendments will be made via email or over the VHF radio Ch06 prior to the start. There will be an announcement regarding any changes to the Sailing Instructions 20 minutes and 10 minutes before the start time. Failure to hear or read any amendments shall not be accepted as reason for redress arising from such failure and a protest relating to such will not be heard. Entrants must print their own copy of the sailing instructions and return their entry form and contact information via email or post. Late entries by hand are acceptable with the required fee.

Sail Numbers and Identification

Any number on the mainsail, easily identifiable by the race management, is the number to be shown on the entry form. Sail numbers on all headsails and spinnakers shall be the same as those on the mainsail, unless previously noted and authorised by the Race Officer.

The Courses

A suitable course will be chosen from the following list and notified to yachts by VHF Ch06 and, where possible, by the flying of the applicable number pennant.

Heading north

Start: 1000 BST Saturday July 22nd 2017.

Kyle of Lochalsh, between pontoon head light (above a red lifering box) on the outer pontoon and String Rock red navigation mark. If deemed unsuitable on the day because of marine traffic or local conditions a committee vessel or other mark/marks or shoreside position may be used.

Finish

Between Skye Sailing Club clubhouse (north side of Portree Harbour) and post on Vriskaig Point.

Kyles Cup Course 1:

Start; Crowlin Islands (Eilean Mor, Eilean Meadhonach, Eilean Beag) to port; Gulnare Rock bouy (Scalpay) starboard; Island of Raasay to starboard; Jackal Rock buoy (Raasay) to port; Black Rock buoy (Portree) Starboard; Finish. Course distance approximately 23NM.

Kyles Cup Course 2:

Start; Pabay to starboard; yellow navigation mark off Broadford Pier (approx 57 15N; 005 54W) to starboard; Crowlin Islands (Eilean Mor, Eilean Meadhonach, Eilean Beag) to port; Gulnare Rock bouy (Scalpay) starboard; Island of Raasay to starboard; Jackal Rock buoy (Raasay) to port; Black Rock buoy (Portree) Starboard; Finish. Course distance approximately 31NM.

Kyles Cup Course 3:

Start; Pabay to starboard; yellow navigation mark off Broadford Pier (approx 57 15N; 005 54W) to starboard; Crowlin Islands (Eilean Mor, Eilean Meadhonach, Eilean Beag) to port; Gulnare Rock bouy (Scalpay) starboard; Island of Raasay to port; Island of Rona to starboard; Black Rock buoy (Portree) Starboard; Finish. Approximately 35NM.

Heading south

Start: 0900 BST Sunday July 23rd 2017.

Between committee vessel and an adjacent mark.

Finish

Pass under the centre (main) arch of the Skye Road Bridge. If local conditions dictate, the finish may be moved along the course and will be announced via VHF as boats approach.

Kyles Cup Course 4:

Start; Black Rock buoy (Portree) to port; Island of Raasay to port; Gulnare Rock bouy (Scalpay) port; Crowlin Islands (Eilean Mor, Eilean Meadhonach, Eilean Beag) to starboard; Finish. Course distance approximately 23NM.

Kyles Cup Course 5:

Start; Black Rock buoy (Portree) to port; Island of Raasay to port; Gulnare Rock bouy (Scalpay) port; Crowlin Islands (Eilean Mor, Eilean Meadhonach, Eilean Beag) to starboard; yellow navigation mark off Broadford Pier (approx 57 15N; 005 54W) to port; Pabay to port; Finish. Course distance approximately 31NM.

Kyles Cup Course 6:

Start; Black Rock buoy (Portree) to port; Island of Raasay to starboard; Island of Rona to port; Crowlin Islands (Eilean Mor, Eilean Meadhonach, Eilean Beag) to starboard; yellow navigation mark off Broadford Pier (approx 57 15N; 005 54W) to port; Pabay to port; Finish. Approximately 35NM.

Kyles Cup Course 7:

Start; Black Rock buoy (Portree) to port; Island of Raasay to port; Gulnare Rock bouy (Scalpay) port; yellow navigation mark off Broadford Pier (approx 57 15N; 005 54W) to port; Pabay to port; Finish. Approximately 20NM.

Alternative courses may be set to account for weather and tidal conditions, the final course choice will be notified via VHF radio announcements 20 and 10 minutes before the start on Channel 06.

Starting Procedure

RRS 26 will apply.

If the Race Manager is left shorthanded, flag signals may not be shown, however, instead a countdown and signal clarification will be given over the VHF radio on Channel 06.

In the event of adverse tide or weather conditions, the start area may move along the course beyond some marks of the course, if this is necessary, those marks will no longer form part of the course.

Late Starting

A yacht must not paddle, nor motor, after her preparatory signal. A yacht arriving late in the starting area may remain under power after her preparatory signal under Rule 42.3(h) provided that, after stopping her engine, she takes a Two-Turns Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.2 on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions. Such a yacht shall keep clear of all other boats until she has completed her turns and has started.

Individual Recalls

RRS 29.1 will not apply. Recall numbers will not be displayed. If a yacht is a premature starter, a suitable sound signal will be made, as soon as possible after her starting signal, and the class warning signal will be lowered to the "dip". A recall announcement will not be made over the VHF. The warning signal will be lowered when all premature starters have returned to the pre-start side of the line, or 4 minutes after the start concerned, whichever is the earlier. The responsibility of returning rests with the helmsman of the yacht concerned and any yacht starting prematurely and not so returning will be disqualified.

You are reminded that if the Race Manager is left shorthanded, flag signals will not be shown. In this case a sound signal will be given initially to signify early starters have been noted, clarification of boat(s) recalled will be given over the VHF radio (Ch.06) 4 minutes after the starting signal if they have not already restarted correctly.

General Recalls

RRS 29.2 will not apply. When there is either a number of unidentified premature starters, or an error in starting procedure, the Race Officer will make a general recall signal (two sound signals), and display "first substitute" meaning the class is recalled for a new start. A fresh class warning signal will be made one minute after the First Substitute is lowered (one sound signal). Any subsequent starts are accordingly postponed. VHF announcements may be used if no flags.

OCS (On Course Side) at the Start

You are reminded that you must be behind the line or extensions thereof with one minute to go to avoid being OCS. Rather than disqualify any boats that are OCS, if, in the Race Manager's opinion, a boat takes no advantage from being OCS (ie. it is accidental; being left suddenly without breeze) the boat may be included in the results with a 5% added penalty rather than find disqualification awaits at the end of a long race.

This feature of our start procedure will not cancel the need to be behind the line at the start signal and requires that a boat OCS at the start must round either end of the line to restart correctly.

Shortening Course

The course may be shortened by the Race Officer showing Flag S (accompanied by two sound signals which may be periodically repeated) from a committee vessel stopped off any suitable headland, island, rock, navigational mark or mark laid for the purpose. Yachts should finish between the committee vessel and such mark. The Race Officer will endeavour to inform all yachts by VHF if a course is shortened but cannot be held responsible for any yacht not hearing or receiving a Shortened Course message.

If there is no Committee Vessel available, course shortening will be done by radio and mobile phone text message and yachts will be asked to take their own time and that of the yacht in front and behind (where practical) when they pass a given transit or mark.

The course may be shortened by the use of gates given by latitude and longitude, the committee boat (when available) being positioned using GPS for such finishes.

Finishing

Finishing will be as per the courses given. If local conditions dictate that the line has to be moved, boats will be informed via VHF radio as they approach.

It would also be prudent to note the time marks or landmarks are passed during the passage. Please call the Race Control on VHF Channel 06 approximately 15 minutes prior to finishing to warn those manning the finish, who may be napping, that you are arriving!

Hazards

Skippers should make themselves aware of any navigation notices or hazards on the course on the day. This is solely the skippers' responsibility.

Declaration

A declaration must be handed to the Race Manager at the Skye Sailing Club clubhouse, committee vessel or designated official's 'domain' whichever is being used for finishing.

Since there may be a need to moor some distance from the Race Manager's 'domain' a text message (to 07961 434998) or email to info@skyesailingclub.com declaring your finish time and number of crew onboard will be deemed a declaration that the yacht has complied with all rules.

Retirements

Any yacht retiring from the event prior to or after finishing shall communicate the fact to the Race Committee, as soon as possible. Retirements can be by text on 07961 434998 if necessary.

Handicaps

CYCA handicaps will be used for calculation of corrected times to the nearest whole second. Please provide your CYCA handicap on the Entry Form or the Race Manager will guess at one following research of similar types of vessel. Any best guess required by the Race Manager will not be a valid reason for protest.

Protests

Protests will be lodged in accordance with RRS 61. They shall be delivered in writing to the Race Officer up to one hour after the last boat finishes. In all cases those protested against shall be informed by the boat protesting. Protests shall be heard by a committee of at least three non-competing members of SSC including at least one Officer (whether competing or not). The protest meeting will be held at the first mutually convenient opportunity after the finish of the race which may not be on the day the event finishes.

Abandoned Race

In the event of severe weather forcing either the abandonment or the retiral of all yachts that started, the Race Officer shall have the power to either a) Change the course for a subsequent day or b) Abandon the remainder of the race and calculate the overall results on the basis of the legs so far completed. The race shall not be extended except with the express agreement of every competing yacht.

Alterations to These Instructions

The Race Officer may make alterations at any time, being not less than 15 minutes before the start of the race affected, by hoisting Flag L and making two sound signals. Upon observing this signal, yachts will listen for new instructions on VHF Channel 06 and acknowledge with their clear receipt and understanding in turn as requested. Should there be a failure in this procedure, yachts should approach the committee vessel to receive the instruction orally.

Radio Communications

Fixed VHF radios must be fitted and working and able to communicate with the Coastguard Services via Channel 16 as well as the Race Organiser on Channel 06.

VHF Channel 06 will be used for communication concerning the race and may be used by competitors for general inter-yacht purposes during the race. Watch should be kept on this channel and on Channel 16.

Propulsion

All competitors shall observe the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972 and be particularly mindful of large vessels moving in the sailing area.

An engine shall be used when appropriate to avoid collision, or in a grave emergency. Full details of any incident shall be given to the Race Officer who, after a hearing, may impose a penalty. If the Race Committee or other yacht taking part observes or is made aware of a yacht obstructing the passage of a power driven vessel, it may proceed against the yacht under Rule 60.2.

All boats must have a working engine and carry enough fuel to reach a place of refuge from any point on the route sailed. Any yacht needing to be towed at any time before or immediately after the event may be liable to disqualification or other penalty.

Safety

The owner or skipper is the sole person responsible for their yacht and its crew's safety. They must satisfy themselves that the vessel is sea-worthy and has the necessary flares, safety/lifelines and survival equipment on board to fulfill this responsibility throughout the event.

Insurance

All competing yachts must be covered by third party insurance to the value of at least £3,000,000.

Prizes and a Blether

There will be a prize-giving gathering on Saturday evening from 1900 at a venue within Portree to be confirmed upon finishing.

There will be an overall prize-giving 30 minutes after the finish of the last boat on the Sunday. The venue will be announced over VHF Ch06 as you finish.

Finally

Our overarching desire is to make this charity fund-raiser a challenging but enjoyable event and to broaden the appeal of keelboat passage events in the West Highlands. Skye Sailing Club wish to acknowledge the help and support in the running of this event by Stornoway Coastguard officers, Kyle of Lochalsh and Kyleakin Harbour masters and the Trustees and volunteers of Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust and Skye Sailing Club.

Have a great time – we hope to see you and your friends again next year.



This event's results will be included in the West Highland Offshore Series – any competing yacht automatically qualifies for entry... no additional fee. Full details available via www.skyesailingclub.com

Kyle & Lochalsh Community Trust

The Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust took over the pontoons in Kyle of Lochalsh during 2014 and began a period of upgrading and enhancement. Your pontoon and mooring fees are providing funding for a number of projects locally within the community – we hope you find our facilities convenient for your stay in the area.

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Tick: Single race Sat Single race Sun Both Sat and Sun races

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

Yacht Name	Skipper
Sail Number	Type of Yacht
Email	Telephone (Day)
Hull Colour	Mobile (aboard during race)
CYCA Handicap	Yacht Club (RRS 75.1)

Entry is by Donation at the minimum level indicated – you may give more.

Please tick/complete:

- Standard level – £30 single race; £45 both races*
 Donate before 10/07/17 – £25 single race; £40 both races*
 Skye Sailing Club Members – £20 single race; £30 both races*
 Additional donation if you wish to support our community benefit charity £ _____

PLEASE TICK THE BOX AND HELP US RECLAIM THE TAX WITH GIFT AID

I am a UK taxpayer. Please treat all donations I make in the future or have made to Skye Sailing Club for the past four years as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise. I understand that I must have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in each tax year, that is at least equal to the tax that Charities & Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) I donate to will reclaim on my gifts. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify and that Skye Sailing Club will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

My Address:

Enclosed Cheque payable to Skye Sailing Club or payment direct into Skye Sailing Club Bank Acc.
Direct pay donation* to: Sortcode 832619. Account 00298562. Please Ref: Boat name prefixed with KC.

* Amount of donation in accordance to entry status

Number of crew aboard	Emergency telephone contact person ashore

I certify that all details given above are correct and that there has been no material alteration to my boat since details were last submitted to CYCA for my current handicap. I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event, including the Conditions of Entry, and to be available for inspection at the race officers request. I undertake to ensure that every member of the crew shall read and abide by all the above mentioned regulations and instructions. I have, or shall effect before racing, appropriate Insurance Cover for Third Party & Passenger Liabilities for an amount of at least £3,000,000. I fully understand that the organisers of the event can never be held responsible for what might happen to participating crews or boats. In submitting this form I agree to you holding its contents on the Skye Sailing Club database which will not be sold on to any third party.

Signature of Owner/Skipper Date

Please send completed form to Skye Sailing Club – info@skyesailingclub.com and pay by direct bank transfer if at all possible. The Club will acknowledge acceptance by email.