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THE SKYE HIGHLAND GAMES COMMITTEE'S VICE ADMIRAL'S CUP – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Run by Skye Sailing Club

Organising Club

The Skye Highland Games Committee's Vice Admiral's Cup Race will be run by Skye Sailing Club representatives and any persons they may wish to co-opt.

Rules

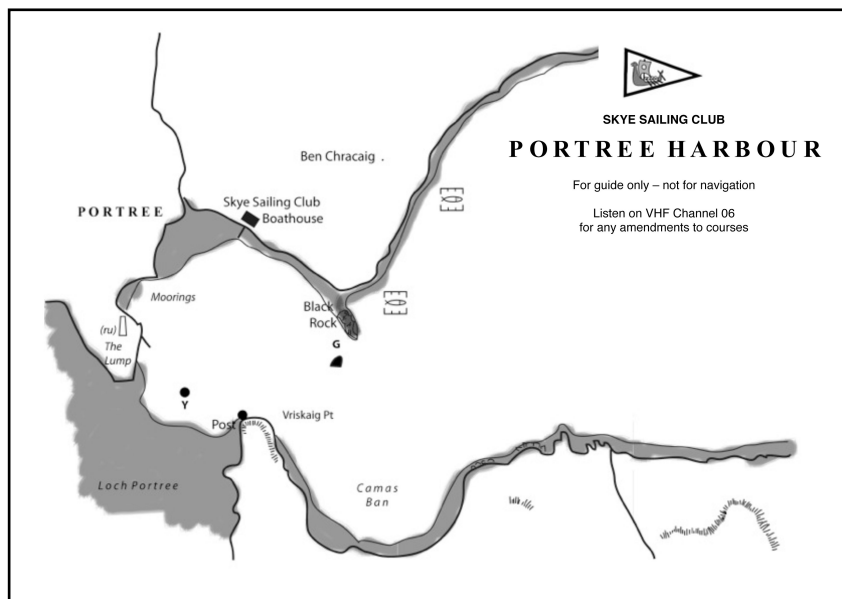
CYCA handicap races for keelboats within Portree Harbour as part of the Skye Highland Games.

Racing will be governed by the racing rules of sailing with amendments for Vice Admiral's Cup Race unless otherwise stated. All participating yachts will have paid entry fee of £30.00 on the day, on the pier 90 minutes before racing begins.

1. The races will be open to keeled cruisers and dayboats of all categories with a CYCA handicap available. Racing will be in one class unless numbers make this impractical – no additional classes shall have fewer than six boats. For the purpose of the event the single class will be known as Class Victor and a class flag (V, Victor) may be flown by boats racing if they wish (this is not a requirement).

Boats wishing to participate should be 'well-found' in their skipper's opinion and have: one lifejacket for each member of crew onboard; an engine with fuel to enable the vessel to reach the finish or safe refuge if required to do so; a working VHF radio (fixed or handheld) for race announcements on Ch06.

2. The course area is shown on the accompanying chart. All Yachts to pass South of the green navigational mark off the Black Rock at the entrance to Portree Harbour at all times. Courses will be announced on VHF Ch06 ten minutes and eight minutes before the start using given buoy names as per the course sheet provided upon entry online by email or downloadable from the Club website – no printed copies will be provided.



3. The start will be at 1200hrs using standard RRS rule 26 procedure (5, 4, 1, Go). The Race Manager will use the class (and other) flags when and if possible but will always give sound signals and announcements on VHF Ch06. If possible the Race Manager will run at three short races if weather and circumstances allows. All race results will count. Low points scoring.

4. The Start line will be in the vicinity of the committee vessel and will be clarified at the time the course is announced. All boats must be behind the start line and its extension for the final minute before starting. Any boat OCS during the start will be given a 5% penalty added to their elapsed time provided, in the Race Manager's view, no advantage is being made from being OCS (ie. it is accidental/weather related). If an advantage is deemed to have been sought, the yacht will be declared OCS and disqualified as per RRS 13/16.

5a. Recalls – a second sound signal will be made. Individual premature starters will be informed after two minutes if they have not already returned, on Ch06. The I flag may be hoisted as per rule 30.1 if flags are being used. To restart correctly a yacht must round an end of the start line to recross.

5b. If a General Recall is required because a number of unidentifiable boats are OCS or there is an error in the start procedure, the class will be recalled with the race management making two sound signals and may show a first substitute flag. The Warning Signal for the new start of a recalled class will be made one minute after the first substitute is removed (one sound) with/or an announcement is made to that effect over the VHF Ch06, and the starts of subsequent classes (if any) will follow this new start.

6. The finishing Line will be as per the course announced. Yachts will be given a finishing sound signal as confirmation.

7. In the event of a Shorten Course the Race Manager will choose an appropriate mark of the course and vessels will be advised on Ch06.

8. Penalty system; Touching a mark 360, Yacht breaking a rule of part 2 720.

9. Protests must be submitted to the Race Management Team, and the yacht being protested notified by the protestor, within 5 minutes of the last yacht finishing.

10. Retiring yachts must notify the Race Manager via VHF or text message to 07961 434998.

11. Results will be announced in Skye Sailing Club's Scorrybreac Boathouse as soon as possible after the end of the races and will also be announced on Ch06 some time after. The Skye Highland Games Committee official trophy presentation will be made as part of the Skye Highland Games in the main arena, on 'The Lump', Portree at a time to be advised.

12. Disclaimer of liability – competitors participate in the Vice Admiral's Cup entirely at their own risk, under RRS rule 4 'Decision to Race'. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the race.

13. Insurance – Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate Third Party Insurance of at least £3,000,000.