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SKYE SAILING CLUB ROUND RAASAY PURSUIT RACE SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2023 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Club

The Round Raasay Pursuit Race will be run by Skye Sailing Club representatives and any other persons they may wish to co-opt.

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. Please note that due to the nature of the event, there are a number of alterations to 'usual' Racing Rules of Sailing.

Entries

For a yacht to take part a completed and signed entry form must first be accepted by the organiser and an entry donation paid. The cut off time for entries is 90 minutes before the start time relevant for a vessel's handicap. Each boat will complete an entry form, list all crew and provide emergency contact details. Please complete all forms in advance and email to info@skyesailingclub.com.

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 prizegiving shots at the time they are taken.

Entry Fees

Skye Sailing Club aim to keep entry fees as low as possible by rewarding early entry and Membership of the Club. The following minimum entry donations apply per boat to this event:
Skye Sailing Club Members: £25, Non-Member standard entry: £30.

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 any conditions, her entry may be rejected or she may be liable to disqualification or other penalty.

Reservations

Race Management 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 it considers necessary.

Classes and Handicaps

Monohull and multihull yachts will race using CYCA handicaps, timing, and the calculating of starts, will be to the nearest whole second. Start times will be confirmed upon acceptance of a race entry. A full list of entrants will be available online on the evening before race day (subject to very late entries) from www.skyesailingclub.com

The Class flag for the purpose of the event will be the '1' flag. Yachts may choose to fly the Class flag to signify they are racing or not without penalty.

Briefing

There will be no formal single briefing before the start because of its staggered nature. Any amends will be announced approximately 15 minutes before a boat (or closely start timed group of boats') departure time. It is each individual entry's responsibility to check that there are no amends that affect them prior to their start by haling or calling the Race Management on VHF Ch06 if they have any doubt regarding amendment information.

Sail Numbers and Identification

Any number on the mainsail, easily identifiable from an official boat or shore station – this 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 to and authorised by the Race Officer.

The Course

Unless otherwise stated the course for all yachts will be to start between the Committee Vessel and an adjacent mark in Portree Harbour, then leave the isle of Raasay (including Eilean Tigh/ Meall Mor) to starboard, Suishnish point to starboard, finish at the time limit set for the event when GPS (Lat and Long) positions will determine the final results – so continue to pass Raasay's coastline until the 1800 end regardless of whether or not you pass the start point. NB. you must always pass south of the green navigation mark at the entrance to Portree Harbour 'Black Rock'.

Starting Procedure

Starting times will be based upon an 8 hour duration for an imagined slowest boat rating 25 on CYCA Handicap. Boats rating slower than 25 will start at designated times before 1000 and those rated faster will be at times after 1000. There will be no preparatory or warning signals. An announcement will be made approximately 30 seconds before each starting signal (subject to some adjustment if a number of boats are starting in quick succession) identifying the yacht that the signal is for. All start times will be given via email upon acceptance of entry. All timing will use GPS time adjusted for BST. Start times will be listed as BST. An entry list with all start times will be published online at www.skyesailingclub.com at 1200 the day before (late additions omitted).

Once a boat's start signal has been sounded they may start whenever they wish. If they are over the line prior to their start signal they will be told via VHF and advised to restart. No boat may be on course side (or the extension there of) less than one minute before their starting signal.

Boats starting using the same time will be considered to be 'racing' and subject to RRS. Boats waiting for subsequent starting times must keep clear of starting boats however close to their own starting time they might be – if they impede starting boats they may be subject to protest.

Sample Starting Times

Below is a list that gives an indication of the starting times for the 8 hour duration of the Round Raasay race event. This list is not a comprehensive and is meant only as a guide to show some example start times. Boats with CYCA handicaps other than those shown will be 'somewhere between' and finalised when entry donation is made and entry accepted or before 1200 the day before the event whichever is sooner.

Sample Boat	CYCA Handicap	Start Time
Devon Yawl	25	1000

Sadler 26	20.75	1045
Contessa 32	18.75	1104
Westerly Typhoon	13.75	1137

Late Starting

A yacht must not paddle, nor motor, from four minutes prior to her starting signal until after she has crossed the finish or 1800 hours (whichever is first). Late starting boats shall keep clear of all other boats preparing to start until deemed to have started when 'normal' RRS will apply.

Individual Recalls

If a yacht is a premature starter, a recall announcement will be made over the VHF. In order to restart the boat must round one of the ends of the start line and stay clear of any other boats preparing to start. If OCS a boat will not be disqualified if in the view of the Race Manager the incident is not to take advantage but is the result of a sudden wind shadow or for tidal reasons – in these cases a 5% penalty will be added to the handicap time and the boat held near the starting area for this period. Notification will be via VHF.

Shortening Course

There will be no shortening of the course. The time limit on the event is 1800. At 1800 BST boats must record their GPS (Lat and Long) position at that time along with their TRUE bearing and approximate distance to any other boats immediately in front and behind and declare it to the Race Manager.

Finishing

In theory, all boats should be close to each other at 1800 if all have sailed to their handicap.

The boat that has passed the greatest amount of Raasay coastline, regardless of their distance from it, will be deemed the winner. This coastal coverage will use Dun Caan (441m trig.) in position 57° 22.88N; 006° 1.75W as the 'centre' of the 'oval' boats are racing around. The greater your bearing (clockwise) from this point, the more of Raasay's coast you will be deemed to have passed regardless of distance actually travelled.

Declaration

Your declaration must be made to the Race Manager in person, via VHF06 or by text message to 07961 434998 a verbal radio or text confirmation will be given in response. Telecoms can be problematic – do not assume that any text will always get through; if you get no confirmation, you should assume it has not been received!

You are reminded that due to the nature of this event your final placing will be reliant upon you and those around you making accurate declarations. Please complete your declaration carefully.

Retirements

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

Handicaps

CYCA handicaps will be used for the calculation of starting times to the nearest whole second. Please provide your CYCA handicap on the Entry Form otherwise the Race Manager will guess at one for you following local research! Any 'best guess' required on the part of 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 or the time limit, whichever is earlier. In all cases those protested against must be informed by the boat protesting. Protests shall be heard by a committee of at least three 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 retiring 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 distance so far completed. The race shall not be extended.

Alterations to These Instructions

The Race Officer may make alterations at any time, being not less than 15 minutes before the earliest starting boat, 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 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

Working VHF radios must be carried and be able to communicate with the Coastguard Services via Channel 16 as well as the Race Organiser and other boats 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.

Please also monitor your VHF for 15 minutes prior to your boat's start for any changes to the Sailing Instructions.

Propulsion

All competitors shall observe the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972 and be particularly mindful of larger vessels traversing Caol Rona and the Raasay ferry.

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 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 £2,000,000.

Information

In order to keep the running costs and Entry Fee to a minimum, Skye Sailing Club will not be printing any Entry, Declaration or Instruction information. It is a skipper's responsibility to ensure that they have all the notes, information and forms printed and onboard prior to starting the event.

DECLARATION

Complete the declaration after finishing or at the 1800 time limit and deliver to the Race Manager or via VHF06 or text to the Race Officer.

Yacht Name	Skipper
Time Crossing Finish Line*	
GPS Position at 1800 BST*	
Boat Ahead	Boat Behind
Bearing (T) and distance from Boat Ahead	
Bearing (T) and distance to Boat Behind	
We have complied with the Round Raasay Sailing Instructions and RRS 2013/16	
(signed)	

* Fill in as applicable