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Autumn Regatta

19th & 20th September 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The organising authority is Fairlie Yacht Club (FYC)

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. The FYC 2026 Autumn Regatta is open to all keelboats owned by competitors who are members of an RYA affiliated yacht or sailing club and with a CYCA handicap.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The Regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Autumn Regatta WhatsApp Group Chat

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Any change(s) to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than two hours before the first start on the day it shall take effect. If it is necessary to make a late change in the sailing instructions, Flag L shall be displayed from the committee vessel as per RRS 4.1. In each case it shall be the responsibility of the competitors to acquaint themselves with the change

SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Dates of Racing.

Saturday	19 th September 2026	Class 2, 3
Sunday	20 th September 2026	Class 2, 3

6.2. NUMBER OF RACES

There shall be a maximum of three races per day for each class.

7. CLASS FLAGS AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

Class	Handicap	Flag/Signal	Target First Start Saturday	Target First Start Sunday
Class 2	All CYCA	Num Pennant 2	1405	1030
Class 3* Restricted Sail	All CYCA	Num Pennant 3	1410	1035

- 7.1. An Orange flag will be displayed 5 minutes before the first warning signal of a race sequence
- 7.2. *Restricted Sail: Spinnakers shall not be flown, and only one headsail may be flown at any one time, except for cutter rigged (or similar) yachts that have 2 (or more) headsails recorded on their CYCA rating certificate that may fly the recorded number of headsails simultaneously.
- 7.3. Competitors shall fly their class flag in a prominent position from their backstay.
- 7.4. The organisers may combine, divide, remove, or add classes depending on the number of entries.
The Scheduled Start Times may be altered to accommodate these changes. Any alteration to the start sequence will be announced on VHF Ch77.
Please check the classes prior to taking part in the event.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. For all racing from 19th September to 20th September 2026 the race area shall be the Largs Channel adjacent to Largs Yacht Haven and waters surrounding Great Cumbrae.

9. THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 9.1. Windward/Leeward courses will be set as appropriate. Details will be announced on VHF Ch 77
- 9.2. Courses off Largs may be set from the Committee vessel using fixed navigational marks or colored racing buoys.
- 9.3. If ICF "F" is flown from the Committee Vessel, the course will be announced by VHF Ch77 using marks listed in Appendices 1 and 2.
- 9.4. In suitable weather/wind conditions, one of the races in a day may be a Coastal Passage Race, using navigational marks.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The start line shall normally be between an Orange Flag on a Committee Vessel displaying a red FYC flag and a colored racing mark, navigational mark or dan buoy. If an alternative line is required, an announcement will be made on VHF Ch77, including the location of the Committee Vessel and new starting line.
- 10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. [DP] [NP]
- 10.3. A countdown to starting signals and additional race information may be broadcast on Ch 77 and OCS infringements may be similarly broadcast.
- 10.4. The normal starting sequence shall not be interrupted by a general recall. This amends RRS 29.2. The warning signal for the class which has had a general recall shall be five minutes before its starting signal and shall normally be displayed at the starting signal of the last class to start correctly in the schedule

- 10.5** If more than one class is subject to a general recall, the second of these classes shall start five minutes after the first and so on. If a class subject to general recall is the last or only class to start, the next signal shall be the new warning signal which shall normally be displayed five minutes after the original starting time

11. FINISHING LINE

- 11.1.** The finishing line will normally be between a colored racing mark, navigational mark, a point on the shore or a dan buoy and a blue flag on a Committee Vessel.
- 11.2.** If ICF 'F' has been flown for a particular race, the finish line shall be detailed in the course instruction on VHF channel 77.
- 11.3.** The Finish Line shall not be crossed in any direction unless defined as a Finish Line at the end of a round, when it shall be crossed in the direction from the last mark. Unless the Finish Line is described as a Finish Line it shall be treated as an obstruction that shall not and cannot be crossed regardless of depth.

12. SHORTENED COURSE

- 12.1** For windward/leeward or round the can's courses, shortly before the finish flag S shall be displayed from the Committee Vessel along with two sound signals. Boats shall finish the race when they pass through the finish line at the end of their current Lap, or at a mark of the course if a Committee Vessel stationed there is flying flag S.
- 12.2** If conditions dictate, the race committee may, at their discretion, take the results of a race from a competitor's times recorded for a previous round. Average Lap scoring may be used when a windward/leeward course is set.
- 12.3** For the COASTAL PASSAGE RACE the race may be shortened at any mark. Boats shall finish the race when they pass through the finish line at the mark of the course if a Committee Vessel stationed there is flying flag S.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1.** Time limits and target times are as follows:
- | Time Limit | First Mark Time Limit | Target Time |
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| 120 minutes | 25 minutes | 75 minutes |

- 13.2.** If no boat has passed the first mark within the first mark time limit the race will be abandoned.

- 13.3.** If no boat within a Class finishes within the time limit, the times of the previous round completed by the leading boat shall be used to calculate results. Subsequent retirements or rule infringements shall be Disregarded.

- 13.4** For a Coastal Passage Race:
- | Time Limit | Target Time |
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| 180 minutes | 120 minutes |

14. RETIRALS

- 14.1** Any boat leaving the course area shall notify the Race Committee on VHF CH77.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1** The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

- 15.2** Competitors should inform the Race Committee of any protests immediately after finishing.
- 15.3** Protest forms are available from the Race Officer. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 15.4** For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.5** Notices shall be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The venue for the hearing will also be advised
- 15.6** Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.7** Protests shall be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the Protestor, Protestee and Witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.
- 15.8** On the last day of the Regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 15.8.1** Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - 15.8.2** No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
 - 15.8.3** This changes RRS 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1** In alteration to RRS A2, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with exclusions as follows:

Races sailed	1 to 4	5 to 6
Results excludable	0	1

17 PRIZES

- 17.1** A prize giving will be held after racing on Sunday 20th September, in Largs Sailing Club
- 17.2** Prizes for each class will be;
 - One prize if two or more yachts start,
 - Two prizes if five or more yachts start,
 - Three prizes if nine or more yachts start,
 - Four prizes if thirteen or more yachts start, and so on.
- 17.3** For classes with a single competitor, a prize may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** It is recommended that keelboats participating in the series comply with Category 4 of the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.

19 CLYDEPORT OPERATIONS LIMITED RESTRICTIONS

19.1 NARROW CHANNELS. Attention is drawn to the International Regulations for the prevention of Collisions at sea, 1972. Particular notice shall be taken of Rule 9b which states that "a vessel of less than 20m in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway". Whilst racing or on a passage in the Firth of Clyde north of Cumbrae Head yachts shall regard any such recommended channels as a "Narrow Channel" within the meaning of the IRPCS 9b

19.2 Furthermore Clydeport Operations Limited has decreed that any waters in the Firth of Clyde where vessels by virtue of their size, draught, speed or proximity to land, hazards and other vessels are unable to manoeuvre freely shall be regarded as a "Narrow Channel". Whilst racing any yacht which is unable for reasons of lack of wind or other cause, to sail clear of a large power driven vessel shall start her engine and/or paddle in order to clear and thereafter shall report full details to the Race Committee.

19.3 Competitors are reminded of the Clydeport Operations Limited Byelaw which prohibits yachts and other craft from manoeuvring within 100m of any ferry terminal.

Particular regard should be paid to this when in the vicinity of the CalMac facilities at Largs and Cumbrae.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

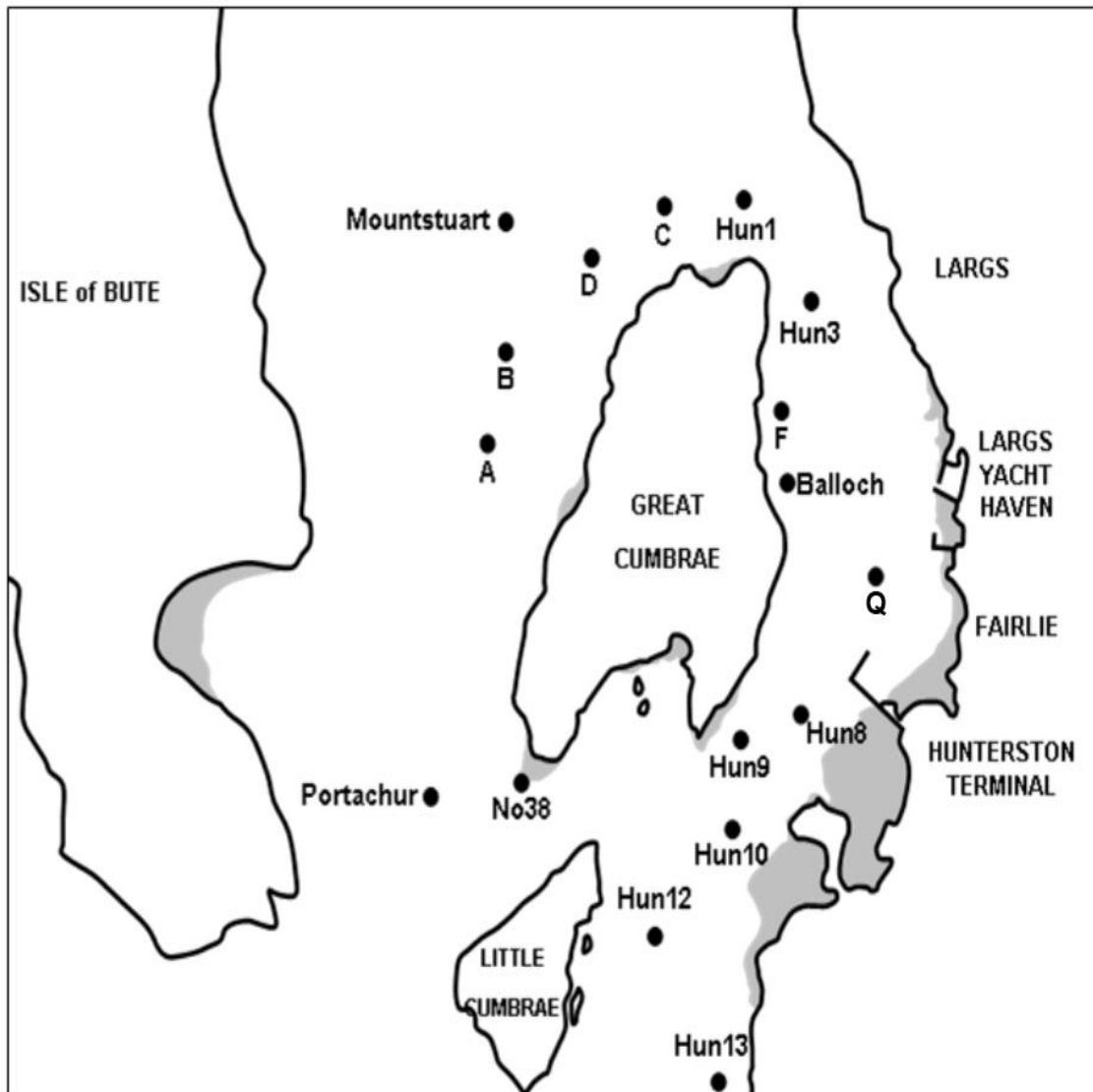
The organising authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21 INSURANCE

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured for racing risks with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 000 000 per event or the equivalent.

Appendix 1 – Fairlie Autumn Points

The course to be sailed will be advised by the Race Officer on VHF Channel 77 (To be used in conjunction with Appendix 2 List of Designated Race Marks)



Appendix 2– Fairlie Autumn Marks

<i>Designated Race Mark</i>	<i>Approximate Position</i>
"X" Yellow Inflatable Race Mark.	To be announced on VHF Ch 77 by RC.
Great Cumbrae	As per UKHO Chart
Little Cumbrae	As per UKHO Chart
"A" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 46'.5 W 004° 57'.8
"B" Navigation Buoy (yellow)	N 55° 47'.1 W 004° 57'.5
"C" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 48'.1 W 004° 55'.3
"D" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 47'.9 W 004° 56'.3
"Hun 1" Navigation Buoy (yellow)	N 55° 48'.1 W 004° 54'.2
"Hun 3" Navigation Buoy (red) - PASS TO THE PROPER SIDE	N 55° 47'.6 W 004° 53'.5
"Hun 8" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 44'.8 W 004° 53'.7
"Hun 9" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 44'.6 W 004° 54'.4
"Hun 10" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 44'.2 W 004° 54'.9
"Hun 12" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 43'.5 W 004° 55'.6
"Hun 13" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 42'.5 W 004° 55'.2
"I" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 50'.3 W 004° 54'.3
"J" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 51'.5 W 004° 54'.7
"Mountstuart" Safe Water Buoy (red white)	N 55° 47'.9 W 004° 57'.6
"Portachur" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 44'.3 W 004° 58'.5
"Skelmorlie" Red/White safe water mark	N 55° 51'.65 W 004° 56'.33
"No 13" Isolated Danger Beacon (black red black)	N 55° 49'.7 W 005° 00'.3
"No 35" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 51'.0 W 005° 00'.0
"No 38" South Cardinal – PASS TO THE PROPER SIDE	N 55° 44'.3, W 004° 57'.1

