



Glencoe Boat Club

Oban to Ballachulish Bay Passage Race Friday 14th June 2019

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the RYA, CYCA Handicap System and by these sailing instructions.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS/CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be given verbally at Registration which will be in the Oban Sailing Club House prior to the Race.

4. HANDICAP SYSTEM

The current CYCA Handicap Scheme will be used, with trial numbers allocated by Glencoe Boat Club for boats without CYCA Handicap
A boat's corrected time shall determine her finishing place.

5. LIFEJACKETS/BUOYANCY

Adequate personal buoyancy for every crew member must be carried aboard all yachts.

6. RESTRICTED SAIL

Only competitors who have entered for the restricted sail class on the entry form prior to the start of the race will be eligible for this prize. Restricted sail means that no spinnaker, cruising chute or other sail not considered to be within the spirit of the class may be used. The difference between a headsail and a spinnaker is defined in RRS 50.4. A restricted sail class will be considered if sufficient numbers on regatta day starting with class 2

7. SAIL NUMBERS

Yachts are recommended but not required to comply with RRS Appendix G. No entry will therefore be rejected solely due to the absence of sail numbers.

8. TIME OF START

12.00 hrs BST. TIDES: LW Oban 10.53 BST(1.1m) HW Oban 16.54 BST(3.4m)

THE START

Between flagpole at Oban Sailing Club and South Cardinal Buoy marking Sgeir Rathaid reef.

Competitors must not pass between the two Sgeir Rathaid Cardinal Buoys which mark a dangerous reef.

9. COURSE

Exiting Oban Bay, North Cardinal Buoy Sgeir Rathaid reef to port. Lismore Island to Port. Maiden Island must be left to starboard.

Proceed via Lynn of Lorn and Loch Linnhe. Appin Rocks Buoy to be left to starboard. Eilean nan Caorach to port and Island of Shuna to starboard. Cuilcheanna Spit buoy to port.

10. STARTING SYSTEM

Races will be started using RRS 26. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag (plain yellow); 1 sound	5
Preparatory	Flag P; 1 sound	4
One-minute	P removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

11. LATE STARTING

A yacht arriving late in the starting area may remain under power or tow after the preparatory signal provided that, after stopping her engine or casting off the tow, she carries out two full 360° turns (720°) on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions prior to starting. Such a yacht shall keep clear of all other yachts until she has completed her turns and has started. This amends RRS 42.

12. SHORTENED COURSE

Boats will be timed by the race committee at Port Appin at the point at which three lamp standards situated on the Port Appin pier are in transit. Boats should also record their own time at this point. These times will be used to determine the race result if no boat finishes within the stated time limit.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between **Onich Pier** and a GBC buoy laid for the purpose in position 56°42.06'N 05°13.13'W. WSG 84 Datum. This buoy must be left to Starboard.

Competitors are advised to be aware of depth of water off Cuilchenna spit and within Onich Bay
It is important that the green Cuilchenna Spit buoy should be left to Port.

Boats may subsequently encounter strong adverse tides at Ballachulish Bridge (Clearance 17M/55ft at MHWS) and off the point ¾ mile further up the loch.

14. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 18.00 hrs BST. Any boat not having finished by that time will be deemed to have retired except that, if no boat finishes in time, the shortened course instruction may be applied. If any boat finishes in time, the limit will be extended to 18.30 hrs BST.

15. PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered in writing to the Race Officer not later than 19.00 hrs BST. They shall be heard by the Racing Sub-Committee, except that others may be co-opted to take the place of any interested party.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

All vessels fitted with VHF Radio should monitor Channels 16 and 37 for the duration of the race. Vessels retiring from the race should contact the Race Officer on VHF or mobile Number (will be given by race officer before race).

Race officer contact details- John Strachan (07780601194) /Jean Aitken

17. NAVIGATION IN OBAN HARBOUR

Competitors are reminded that Oban Harbour constitutes a Narrow Channel or Fairway and that IRPCS Rule 9 (b) applies.

IRPCS 9(b) A vessel of 20 metres or less, or a sailing vessel, shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can navigate safely only in a narrow channel or fairway