

GLENCOE BOAT CLUB ROUND BALNAGOWAN RACE 2025: SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Glencoe Boat Club will be the Organising Authority for the Round Balnagowan Race on Saturday 23 August, which may alternatively be run on Sunday 24 August in the event of inclement Saturday weather.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water through VHF.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 On the water, the Race Officer intends to monitor and communicate with other competitors on VHF radio channel 72.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the Race Officer.

5 RACE SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The race will take place on Saturday 23 August unless advised by 12:00 BST on Friday 22 August.
- 5.2 The race will start at 10:00 BST unless otherwise advised.
- 5.3 The start may be postponed by the Race Officer, to be advised by VHF at least 10 minutes before the scheduled (or any rearranged) start time.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area comprises Loch Leven and Loch Linnhe including Ballachulish Bay.

7 COURSE

- 7.1 The course is from Glencoe Boat Club, round Eilean Balnagowan and back.
- 7.2 Boats should self-time on both outward and return legs at a line between 56°42.047' N 5°17.008'W (Sallachan Point Beacon) and 56°40.128' N 5°16.234'W (buildings onshore at Ardsheal), and are advised where possible to a. draw this line on a chart plotter and zoom in to check crossing time rather than sight by eye and b. record a GPX track.
- 7.3 Times from this line may be used to determine the race result if no boat finishes within the time limit.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 The only mark of the course is Eilean Balnagowan, which may be left to port or to starboard at the competitors' discretion.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Since this is a low-key Club race with few expected competitors and no onshore Race Officer, the start will be self-timed with no sound or visual signals. This changes RRS 26.
- 9.2 The starting line is between a lamp post behind the winch shed and Club mooring No.6 (currently occupied by T-Bird), with the mooring to be left to starboard and the Club pontoon serving as inner distance mark.

- 9.3 Any boat on the course side of the starting line at the start is (self-policing!) expected to return so her hull is completely on the pre-start side before continuing. This changes RRS 29 and RRS 30.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line is as per the starting line, but with the mooring to be left to port. Since there will be no onshore Race Officer, boats should self-time and failure to do so shall not be cause for redress.

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The time limit is 18:00 BST, to be extended to 19:00 BST if **one boat only** finishes in time.
11.2 If no boats finish in time, finishing times will be taken from the line described in 7.2 above, using the last time recorded by two-thirds (rounded up) of starters.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Officer and other starters by VHF at the first reasonable opportunity.

13 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 13.1 The Race Officer will be onboard *Fly* (competing).

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 The sole race prize (for first place on corrected time) is the Wyvern Quaich, to be presented after the race and returned by the winning skipper as requested by GBC for its next running.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

GLENCOE BOAT CLUB ROUND BALNAGOWAN RACE 2025: ENTRY FORM

Name of Boat:

Sail Number:

Type/Class of Boat:

Hull Colour:

Current Certificated Handicaps (please supply any/all available):

CYCA:

YTC:

IRC:

I, as skipper of the boat named above:

- a. agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions.
- b. have my boat adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.
- c. accept the inherent risks to myself, my crew, boat and others.

Skipper's signature: