

GLENCOE REGATTA LOCH LEVEN SATURDAY POINTS RACING 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Glencoe Boat Club will be the Organising Authority for the Glencoe Regatta on Saturday 13 June.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and CYCA handicap system as modified by Glencoe Boat Club to allocate temporary handicaps to yachts without certificates.
- 1.2 We welcome the participation of boats with non-compliant or no sail numbers. This changes RRS 77.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be advised onshore at the 09:00 briefing.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 There will be an onshore briefing at 09:00 BST at Glencoe Boat Club which competitors are advised to attend.
- 3.2 VHF radio channel 72 may be used, but might not continuously monitored.
- 3.3 Competitors may also communicate with the Race Officer by phone (number to be advised at the briefing, but not published here).

4 RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The Saturday Regatta day will comprise a points series of two or three races, with the first start at 10:00 BST unless otherwise advised.
- 4.2 All yachts will race as a single class.
- 4.3 There is now no dinghy class this year.
- 4.4 Procedures for determining number of races and timings for the second and third (if applicable) races will be advised at the briefing.

5 COURSES

- 5.1 Courses to be sailed will be displayed on boards ashore no later than 15 minutes prior to each start with the course number on one board and the side marks should be left to (P for Port and S for Starboard) on another.
- 5.2 Competitors should note the possibility of the course to be sailed changing between races.
- 5.3 Course 1S is clockwise S, J, L, S, E, C, S (big lap followed by small lap).
- 5.4 Course 1P is anticlockwise S, L, J, S, C, E, S (big lap followed by small lap).
- 5.5 Course 2S is clockwise S, J, C, S, E, C, S (medium lap followed by small lap).
- 5.6 Course 2P is anticlockwise S, C, J, S, C, E, S (medium lap followed by small lap).
- 5.7 Course 3S is clockwise S, E, C, S, E, C, S (two small laps).
- 5.8 Course 3P is anticlockwise S, C, E, S, C, E, S (two small laps).

6 MARKS

- 6.1 See plan on third page, but note mark positions are indicative and not necessarily precise.
- 6.2 All marks are 1.5m orange inflatable race marks.
- 6.3 Mark J will be south or south-east of Eilean Choinneich.
- 6.4 Mark C will be over by Callert House.
- 6.5 Mark L will be into the narrower eastern arm of the loch, but perhaps not as far east as it was laid in past decades.
- 6.6 Mark E will be west of Eilean Munde.
- 6.7 Mark S is the start/finish mark at Glencoe Boat Club.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The races will be started using RRS 26, i.e. the 5, 4, 1, 0 system with warning, preparatory, one-minute and starting signals.
- 7.2 The start line is between Mark S and the GBC flagpole at the top of the jetty.
- 7.3 With the GBC 'traffic light' system currently out of action, flags will be used.

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finishing line is the same as the start line, i.e. between Mark S and the GBC flagpole at the top of the jetty.

9 TIME LIMITS

- 9.1 To be advised at the briefing.

10 HEARING REQUESTS

- 10.1 Requests for hearings should be delivered in writing to the Race Officer at Glencoe Boat Club ASAP after all boats have finished the last race and in any case no later than 30 minutes thereafter.
- 10.2 If required, hearings will be heard ASAP thereafter by a panel of appropriate persons appointed by Glencoe Boat Club and the result(s) notified forthwith.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Regatta will be scored according to the low points system defined in RRS Appendix A, with no discards and ties broken according to RRS (*not* the old GBC aggregate time breaker).

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 Adequate personal buoyancy for every crew member must be carried aboard all competing yachts, worn at all times by under-18s and is recommended for everyone when transferring to/from yachts and/or using the Club jetty and pontoon.
- 12.2 A boat that retires from any race shall notify the Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity, with the recommended methods being phone or VHF channel 72.

13 PRIZES

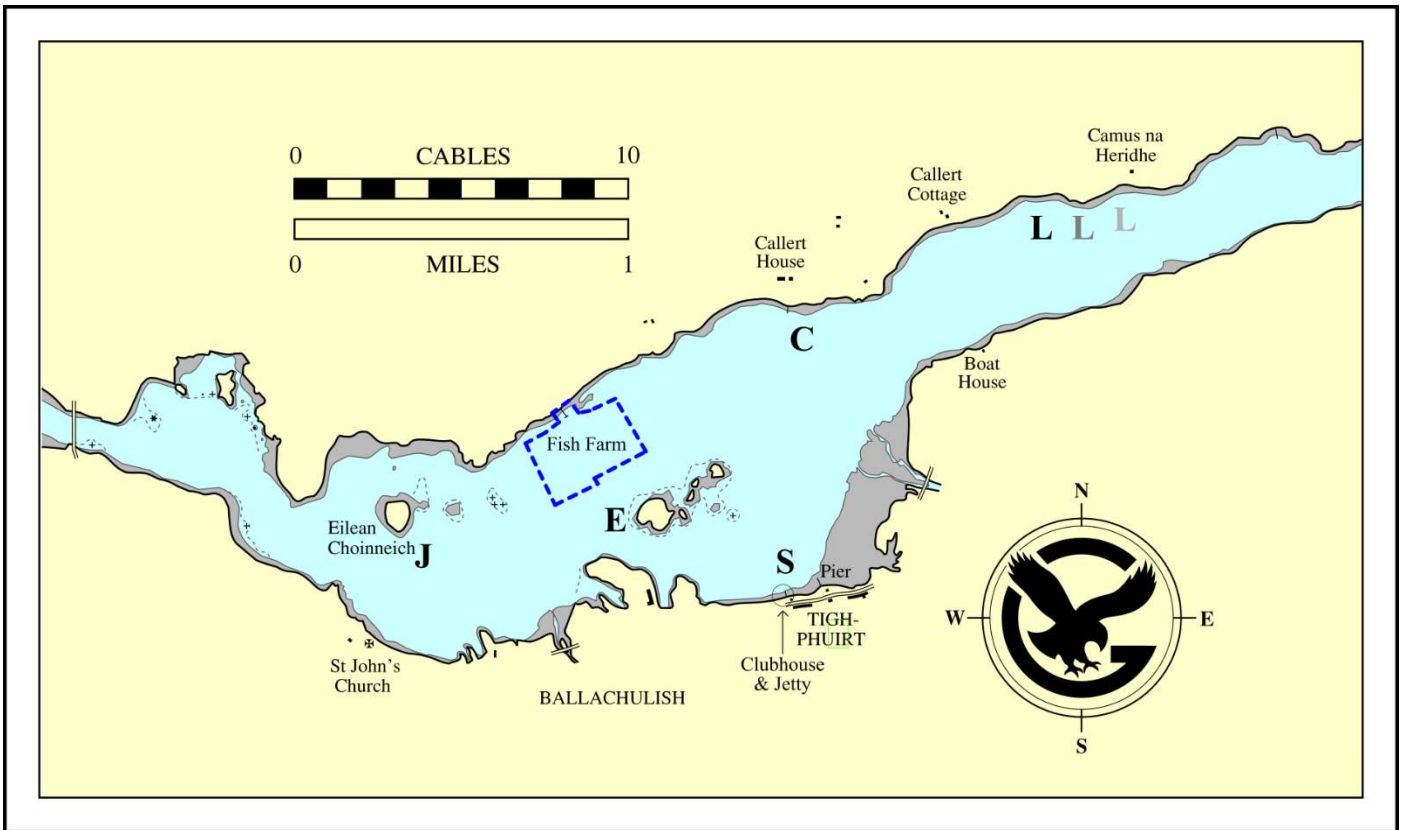
- 13.1 The main prizes are the Matthew MacInnes Memorial Trophy for the Saturday handicap racing and, at the discretion of GBC as organisers, the Ballachulish Slate Trophy for best overall Friday/Saturday and Ray Darker Memorial Trophy for best Loch Leven-based boat.

14 RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 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.

15 INSURANCE

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



Please note that:

1. There is now a south cardinal buoy marking the reef between Mark J and the fish farm.
2. The permitted area of the fish farm has increased from previous years.