



# TROON CRUISING CLUB

## THISTLE TROPHY - 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> Sept

### 2017 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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**In order to compete in this race, Skippers confirm understanding of the Club Racing Standing Orders and agree to be bound by them.**

#### **Pre-race Briefing**

A briefing will be conducted by a member of the Race Committee or nominated deputy in the clubhouse one hour before the Starting Signal; All Skippers (or deputies) MUST attend as notification of entry to the race. At the briefing the start boat, and option to shorten the race will be agreed between competing skippers. Any intentions not to fly a spinnaker must be declared.

#### **Harbour Movements**

Whilst ferry movements are no longer scheduled during racing, large vessels may still manoeuvre into and around the harbour. This will be signified by the Harbourmaster illuminating a flashing light at the harbour entrance. During the time the light is flashing, boats shall not cross the harbour entrance. Failure to do could not only be very dangerous but could result in Skipper prosecution and suspension of club racing activities by the Harbourmaster.

#### **Start Times and Signals**

All sound signals will originate from the Start Boat agreed at the Briefing.

<i>Warning Signal:</i>	11:20	Three long blasts will be sounded
<i>Preparatory Signal:</i>	11:25	Two long blasts will be sounded
<i>Starting Signal:</i>	11:30	One long blast will be sounded

#### **Start line**

The Start will be on a line from the Dolphin at the harbour mouth, to the Mill Rock Buoy (red can buoy).

#### **Course (16.4 Nm)**

Boats should proceed from the START to HUN13 buoy, to HUN 11 buoy, to HUN 10 buoy to HUN 8 buoy to the FINISH at HUN 5 buoy (between Fairlie Pier and Clashfarland Point). All buoys to be left to Starboard. **Note – Boats should take their time when passing Hun 13 when bearing 090 Deg. Which may be used to establish results should the wind fail.**

#### **Shortened Course (12.5 Nm)**

If a Shortened Course has been agreed at the Briefing, the course will be as follows: Boats should proceed from the START to FINISH at HUN13 buoy (off Portencross).

#### **Finish Time**

Competitors should pass within 2 boat lengths of the FINISH buoy leaving it to Starboard, noting their GPS finishing time when abeam the buoy and relay it to a member of the race committee as soon as possible after the race.



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**Return Race – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September:**

It is intended to run a return race from Largs on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**Pre-race Briefing:** During the stop over at Largs, the skippers shall agree a start time and course that suits the conditions forecast for the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**Note: Boats should record their finish time at Troon between the Troon Dolphin and Mill Rock Buoy finish line.**

**Start Line:**

Will be established in the vicinity of Hun 5 Buoy.

**Course (16.4 Nm)**

Boats should proceed from the START to HUN8 buoy, to HUN 10 buoy, to HUN 11 buoy to HUN 13 buoy to the FINISH at Troon. All buoys to be left to Port.

**Shortened Course (12.5 Nm)**

If a Shortened Course has been agreed at the Briefing, the course will be as follows: Boats should proceed from the START to FINISH at HUN13 buoy (off Portencross).

**Late Starters**

Any starters who miss the starting signal may motor to the start area, shut off their engine, and then carry out a 360 degree turn under sail prior to crossing the start line.

**Lone Yacht at the Start**

In the event of only one yacht appearing at a Start Line no race will take place.

**Handicaps**

Full CYCA handicaps will be used unless the boat does not hold one in which case the Race Committee will determine one based on similar vessels.

**Spinnakers**

Should a boat not wish to fly a spinnaker, it may gain a no spinnaker allowance (2.4mins/hr) but ONLY if declared at the pre-race briefing, otherwise normal CYCA handicap will be used.

**Note:** If wind direction precludes the use of spinnakers for all boats, no allowance shall be granted

**VHF Channel**

A listening watch should be kept on VHF channel 16.

**Time Limit**

All racing will cease at 1830hrs

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