

Troon Cruising Club

50th Anniversary Cup

10/08/2019



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Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race

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 and 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 so 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>	0950	3 long blasts across channel 72
<i>Preparatory Signal:</i>	09:55	2 long blasts on channel 72
<i>Starting Signal:</i>	10:00	1 long blast on channel 72

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Start & Finish Line

Both START and FINISH will be on a line from the Dolphin at the harbour mouth, to the Mill Rock buoy.

Course (circa 11.4 NM)

Boats should proceed from the START, to the yellow outfall buoy approximately 1 mile NW of the entrance to Ayr harbour (55 28.8N / 4 39.85W) leaving it to Starboard (noting GPS time when rounding). From here boats should proceed past Lady Isle (leaving it to Starboard), before returning to the FINISH.

Shortened Course (circa 8.1 NM)

If a Shortened Course has been agreed at the Briefing, the course will be as follows:

Boats should proceed from the START to Lady Isle (leaving it to Port), then to Lappock Rock (leaving it to Starboard) before returning to the FINISH.

Finish Time

Boats should note own their finish time on GPS when the foremost part of the boat crosses the line and relay it to a member of the race committee as soon as possible after the race.

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

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Spinnakers

Should a boat not wish to fly a spinnaker, it may gain a no spinnaker allowance (2.4 mins/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.

Time Limit

All racing will cease at 1500.

VHF Channel

A listening watch should be kept on VHF channel 72 pre start and then 16 thereafter.

Connor McGaughey (Hon Racing Secretary)

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