

Loch Tummel Sailing Club Sailing Instructions

Tummel Week 2019

1. Rules

Racing at Loch Tummel Sailing Club (LTSC) will be governed by The RYA Racing Charter, The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-20) will apply, prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the RYA Racing Charter, the notice of race, these sailing instructions and the appropriate class rules, except as any of these rules are changed by these instructions. In the event of conflict with the Notice of Race these sailing instructions shall prevail. All races are "Category C" as in ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

2. Conditions of Entry

2.1 General Members of the club, their guests and visitors, may use the club premises, and any other facilities of the club, entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept that:

- (1) The club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the club.
- (2) The club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the club premises, and any other facilities of the club, or out of participation in any race organised by the club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committee or servants of the club.
- (3) Before inviting any guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the club, members will draw their attention to this rule.
- (4) All entrants must have and maintain insurance cover against third party liability for amount of at least £2 million
- (5) All entrants are required to do a duty from the posted list to cover OOD, Safety and Kitchen. In addition a cleaning duty to cover the club house etc., see 15.2 for additional information.
- (6) By entering (or camping) visitors will be accepted the rules and by-laws of the club and in return will be granted temporary membership of the club for the event.

2.2 Sail numbers - Owners must take action to ensure that sail numbers match the boat being sailed. The race committee reserve the right to disqualify any competitor not complying with this rule.

2.3 Personal Buoyancy - Adequate personal buoyancy for all crewmembers shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. This alters RRS 40.

2.4 Declarations - Declarations will be required for boats retiring.

3. Notices to Competitors - Notices to competitors will be posted at the official notice board in the link corridor outside the changing rooms.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions - Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted a minimum of 30 minutes before the scheduled start to which it applies and will be indicated by flying flag "L" from the flagpole of the race box. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted with at least 12 hours notice given to any change. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check for any changes to the schedule.

5 Classes, Handicaps, Class Flags and Calculation of Results

5.1 Handicaps

The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as set out in the current YR2 will be used.

5.2 Classes and Class Flags

Classes and class flags shall be notified at the briefing and on the noticeboard on the first day of racing.

5.3 Class Starts

There will be a separate start for each class, normally staggered in 5 minute intervals

5.4 Calculation of Results

Results will be calculated using the average lap time method as described in YR2 except that "Same PN adjustment" may be applied where boats of the same or less PN sailing fewer laps have average times less than those sailing more laps. This adjustment shall be at the discretion of the race committee and may be by arithmetic correction or by taking results from a lesser number of laps.

Note: The purpose of this instruction is to ensure it is not possible to score a lesser score than a similar or faster boat, which was actually behind in the race and therefore completed fewer laps.

Racing Area - The racing area will be Loch Tummel, West of Queen's View.

7. The Courses - Courses will be displayed at the Race Box.

8. Marks –

8.1 Racing marks will normally be red cylindrical buoys and orange spherical buoys. The approximate position will be as shown on the current course chart.

8.2 The starting and finish mark is "S" Mark and will be a blue cylindrical buoy.

8.3 The Inner Limit Mark (ILM) if used, will be a small yellow or orange mark and no boat shall sail between it and the south shore at any point in the race after the 5 min warning signal. This includes finishing and on each round of the course.

In areas of the Loch there may be a number of small coloured marks close to the shore - these indicate shallows. This does not preclude shallow water being found elsewhere.

9. The Start - Races will be started as described in RRS 26 except that visual signals may be flags or lights. Times shall be taken from the visual signals. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Example:-

Mins before start	Signal	Flag (if used) OR	Lights (if used)	Sound Signal
5	Warning	Class 1 flag – up	One light – ON	1 sound
4	Preparatory	Flag P – up	Two lights – ON	1 sound
1	Preparatory	Flag P – down	One light – OFF	1 sound
0	Class 1 Starting & Class 2 Warning	Class 1 flag down / Class 2 flag up	Both lights - OFF	1 sound
+1	Preparatory	Flag P – up	Two Lights – ON	1 sound
+4	Preparatory	Flag P – down	One light – OFF	1 sound
+5	Starting	Class 2 flag – down	Both lights - OFF	1 sound
Repeat as required				

RRS 29.1 Individual recalls will be signalled where a boat or boats are on the coarse side of the start line at the starting signal and will be indicated by a flashing orange light or flag X until all such boats have returned to the pre start side of the start line or until 4 minutes have expired whichever is the earlier. Boats sailing towards the start line but that have never crossed to the start side may not be signalled if at the judgement of the OOD it would confuse those already on the starting side.

RRS 29.2 General Recalls – normal racing rules of sailing will apply. Normal starting sequence will not be interrupted by the general recall. The start sequence for the recalled classes will commence after the last class to start normally.

9.1 Shore Based Starting Line

The extension to the north of a line through the signal flag mast at the race box and the mobile transit pole situated on the south shore of the loch. All boats must pass between the outer limit (Mark "S" a blue buoy) and the South shore to start at the end of each round.

9.1.1 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' if the race signal AP is displayed prior to commencing a start sequence. If displayed during a start sequence then '1 minute' applies. This changes AP in "Race Signals". The intent is if the AP is used to hold boats ashore then to give adequate warning to launch, but if used to abort a start sequence to allow a new sequence to commence quickly.

9.2 Committee Boat Start - A Committee Boat start may be used. The starting line will be between a mast of the committee boat at the starboard end and a port end starting mark. Courses will be displayed at the Race Box.

10. Shorten Course - The Race Officer may shorten course for any reason. Flag "S" will be shown with 2 sound signals. If no class flag shown with the flag S then all classes are deemed to be shortened.

11. The Finish - The finish line will be through the signal flag mast and mark "S", or between the main mast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and a limit mark, which will be a mark of the course. Note: Competitors are reminded of the Racing Rules of Sailing Definition of Finish, "A boat finishes when any part of her hull, or crew, or equipment in normal position, crosses the finish line in the direction of the course from the last mark, either for the first time or after taking a penalty under rule 31.2 or 44.2 or, under rule 28.1, after correcting an error made at the finishing line."

Additionally when laid ALL yachts must not sail between the ILM (inner limit mark) and the shore even at the finish.

12. Penalty System - Rule 44.3 shall not apply.

*In summary; **ONE** turn penalty for hitting a mark on the course and a **TWO** turn penalty for breaking a rule of PART 2 (when boats meet...) Note, for full details refer to RYA Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020.*

13. Time Limit - An absolute time limit of 60 mins will apply to each race except where the course is round the island where a time limit of 150 minutes will apply.

14. Protests - Standard RYA protest forms are available at the race office. The protest time limit shall be 30 minutes after the last boat's finish, where races are back to back this is adjusted to 30 mins after the last race of the set.

15. Scoring. All races will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the racing rules of sailing 2017-2020 using the Low Points System.

15.1 5 races will count to the overall event results, if less than 5 sailed then all races will count

15.2 A third place will be awarded for competitors who take on a duty that precludes them from entering a race (typically, OOD, Safety, Kitchen) for the 2nd time (note change from previous years). Normally only available to each boat once in the series.

15.4 For postponed races those signed up for duties will normally be released for the start time of the next scheduled race, unless the race committee believe that the delayed race and any others scheduled that day can be completed.

16. Schedule of Races – Racing will take place between Sunday 21st July and Friday 26th July, with no warning signal made on the last day after 5pm.

17. Race Committee

The Race Committee will comprise the selected named individuals who will be posted at the start of the event. For clarification, the OOD of any individual race is not necessarily part of the Race Committee.