



2017



Notice of Race & Entry Form



1. Organising Clubs

- 1.1 The races sailed on the East Patch, as detailed in the East Patch racing programme, are organised by the East Patch Racing Committee, which is a joint committee from the Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club and Helensburgh Sailing Club.
- 1.2 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to East Patch Racing Committee, RNCYC, The Clubhouse, Rhu, G84 8NG.

2. Rules

- 2.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, CYCA Handicap Rules, the rules of the respective Class Associations, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Advertising will be restricted to Category C and other information related to ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.3 The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Boats shall have a valid CYCA handicap and IRC certificate if also racing in this class, and to race as One Design must comply with the rules of the relevant class association.
- 3.2 The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry and or to ask any boat to complete further undertakings or declarations before accepting any entry.
- 3.3 Boats will race in the following classes:

Class	CYCA Handicap
Handicap I	0 to 16 min/hr (IRC)
National Sonata	N/A
Handicap II	16.25 min/hr and above (Sonar)
General Handicap	Any CYCA Handicap (IRC)

- 3.4 Classes may be combined or split at the discretion of the organisers.

4. Programme of Races

- 4.1 The programme consists of a number of series, details of which are shown in the attached programme appendix A, along with the times of the Warning Signals and the number of races to be sailed in a series.

5. Entries

- 5.1 Entry should be made on the entry form at least one working day before the series/race entered.
- 5.2 Boats must enter for a complete series to be eligible for a prize in that series.

6. Scoring and Prizes

- 6.1 The number of races scheduled in each series are shown on the programme. In all series two races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 6.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first 20% of the number of boats entered in a class in each series.
- 6.3 In modification of RRS 90.3 the scoring system may allow more than 1 discard see Appendix A.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 Sailing instructions and shower proof layout of the courses, will be forwarded to each entry received up to five working days prior to the first applicable race, there after copies may be obtained online at www.eastpatch.org.uk or by personal application to the RNCYC during office hours.

8. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of two million pound sterling whilst racing.

9. Venue

The race area is off Helensburgh bound by Ardmore point to the east, Rosneath Patch to the west, and Clydeport channel to the south. Competitors should note that the race area is subject to the regulations of Clydeport and Queen`s Harbourmaster. The relevant details will be in the Sailing instructions.

10. Courses

The courses are mainly windward/leeward round a combination of laid marks and navigation buoys.

11. Communications

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications whilst racing that are not available to other boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones. Special announcements to competitors will be made on VHF Channel 72 as required.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

The safety of a boat and her entire management, including civil responsibility to third parties, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat. The establishment of these Sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, his boat or his equipment and the management thereof.

The East Patch Racing Committee on behalf of themselves, the Clubs and their representatives disclaim any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience to persons, boats or associated things howsoever arising directly or indirectly, ashore or afloat, from their policy, rules or ruling during the race and related activities.

Risk Statement

RRS 4 states “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event I, as a competitor, agree and acknowledge that:

- (a) I am aware of the inherent element of the risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of myself, my crew and my boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) I am responsible for the safety of myself, my crew and my boat and our property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) I accept the responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by my or my crews own actions or omissions;
- (d) The boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and I and my crew are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve me or my crew of their responsibilities;
- (f) The boat is adequately insured in accordance with the NOR para 8.

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APPENDIX A

Primary Points 1 (all Wednesdays) 19, 26 April 3, 10, 17, 24 May	1855 Warning Signal H/Cap I 1900 Warning Signal Sonata 1905 Warning Signal H/Cap II/Sonar 1 discard if 6 races finished
Sonar Series 1 (all Wednesdays) 19, 26 April 3, 10, 17 May	As above 1 discard if 5 races finished
Sonar Series 2 (all Wednesdays) 24 May 7, 14, 21, 28 June	As above 1 discard if 5 races finished
Primary Points 2 (all Wednesdays) 31 May 7, 14, 21, 28 June	1855 Warning Signal H/Cap I 1900 Warning Signal Sonata 1905 Warning Signal H/Cap II/Sonar 1 discard if 5 races finished
Secondary Points (all Wednesdays) 5, 12, 19, July 23, 30 August	1855 Warning Signal H/Cap I 1900 Warning Signal Sonata 1 discard if 5 races finished
Luddon Series (all Wednesdays) 26 July 2, 9, 16 August	1855 Warning Signal General H/Cap 1900 Warning Signal Sonata 1 discard if 4 races finished

Starting Signals

In alteration to RRS 26 all races will be started using the following signals, with classes starting at five-minute intervals. Race Officers may announce time signals on VHF CH 69. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of sound signal shall be disregarded.

Warning	Class Flag and 1 sound
Preparatory	Flag P and 1 sound
Starting	Class Flag removed and 1 sound

Flag P shall be left displayed until the last class starts and the warning signal for each succeeding class shall be displayed at the time of the preparatory signal of the preceding class.