



2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Fairlie Yacht Club (FYC).

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the OA may apply a discretionary penalty.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA available at [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk) will apply.  
The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Category 3 races, available at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org) will apply.

The Clyde Yacht Club Association (CYCA) Handicap Rules available at [www.cyca-online.org.uk](http://www.cyca-online.org.uk) will apply along with IRC handicaps. Multihull Offshore Cruising & Racing Association (MOCRA) Rating Rules available at <https://mocra-sailing.org.uk/racing/> will apply.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available before 2000 on 25 April 2025 on the FYC website: [www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk](http://www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk) The sailing instructions may change some RRS.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 2.2 The official online noticeboard will be located at the Club website [www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk](http://www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk). The URL will be published in the SI. There will be no physical noticeboard.
- 2.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels, M1, M2, 72, 77.
- 2.4 [NP] The race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel and details of regular scheduled communication (if any) will be stated in the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 2.5 All vessels will carry an AIS transmitter that will transmit the competitor's position at all times during the race. [DP]

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Event is open to boats with a valid CYCA handicap of no more than 18.5, an IRC handicap of no less than 0.850 or a MOCRA rating of no less than 1.100. However, the OA will have discretion to accept entries from boats outwith these ratings. A boat may be declined entry if the OA is concerned about its seaworthiness.
- 3.2 Proposed Classes.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Anticipated Handicap Band</b>
Class 1 - Open	All valid CYCA, IRC and MOCRA handicaps
Class 4 - Restricted sail	All valid CYCA, IRC and MOCRA handicaps

- 3.3 In the Restricted Sail classes spinnakers shall not be used, and only one headsail may be used at any one time except for cutter rigged (or similar) yachts that have 2 (or more) headsails recorded on their CYCA/IRC/MOCRA rating certificate.

- 3.4 The OA may amalgamate, combine, cancel, divide, subdivide or rearrange classes at its sole discretion, and shall publish the class divisions on the club website no later than 20:00 (BST) on 25 April 2025.
- 3.5 Boats may enter the races by completing the entry form and paying the appropriate fees.
- 3.6 To be considered an entry in the event, all boats in all classes shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

#### 4 FEES

- 4.1 Required Fees are as follows:

<b>Boats</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>
All Eligible Vessels	£10.00

- 4.2 Entries received after 1700 on 2 April 2025 may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and may be subject to a late entry fee of £10.
- 4.3 Fairlie Yacht Club members who have paid the season's passage race fee are exempt entry fees.
- 4.4 Entry forms will be posted on the Club website: [www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk](http://www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk)

#### 5 CREW LIMITATIONS

The Crew Number and Crew Weight Limitations as stated in the IRC & MOCRA ratings rule shall not apply.

#### 6 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

#### 7 SCHEDULE and COURSES

- 7.1 There will be one race for each class starting on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025, with the first warning signal 1950 off Largs YH, to Peel harbour, Isle of Man (approx. 100 miles)
- 7.2 There will be one race for each class starting on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 with the first warning signal 0730 off Peel harbour, Isle of Man to Largs via Chicken Rock and Strangford safe water mark (approx. 140 miles)
- 7.3 Each race will count as individual races with entrants opting to race one or both races. There will in addition be a prize for the best overall performance in both races.
- 7.4 The time limit for the Largs to Peel harbour race will be 1800 on Saturday 3 May 2025.
- 7.5 The time limit for the Peel harbour to Largs race will be 1900 on Monday 5 May 2025.

#### 8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 [DP] Keelboats and MOCRA Multihulls shall submit or verify the existence of a valid rating/handicap certificate no later than 24 April 2025. Copies of certificates shall be emailed to [www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk](http://www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk) Boats may be inspected at any time prior to the Event. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.
- 8.2 Boats shall comply with the World Sailing OSR as follows:

Yachts will comply with ISAF OSR Category 3 and shall additionally carry a liferaft or dinghy capable of supporting the entire crew, and a grab bag complying with OSR 4.21.

Category 3 is intended for races over open water, most of which is relatively protected or close to shorelines.

#### 9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply. (for full information on the procedures, go to [www.rya.org.uk/go/rules](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/rules) ). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

- 9.2 Protest hearings and RYA arbitration may take place virtually and competitors shall need to be able to access a device suitable for running popular commercially available video conferencing software. Further details may be published on the on-line noticeboard on the club website.

## **10 DATA PROTECTION**

The personal information you provide to the OA will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **11 RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to 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, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 11.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- 11.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 11.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 11.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 11.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, inspection and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## **12 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or the equivalent and be insured for the sea areas in these races.

## **13 PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded for each race for all classes, overall individual races and for overall in both races. The Prize-giving will be at a date advertised on the club website.

## **14 SKIPPERS' BRIEFING**

- 14.1 A Skipper's briefing will take place at Largs Marina at 1800 on 2 May 2025
- 14.2 Further information is available from the club website [www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk](http://www.fairlieyachtclub.org.uk).

### **NOTES:**

1. The OA will liaise with Peel Harbour to attempt to arrange berthing for competitors in the marina in the inner harbour. However, space may be limited, and berthing cannot be guaranteed.
2. Peel inner harbour and marina is accessible via a swing bridge and gate for approximately 2 hours either side of High Water.
3. Peel HW 3 May 2025: 1617  
Peel HW 4 May 2025: 0441
4. The OA will consider shortening the course if light winds prevail, with a view to enabling competitor boats to then proceed to Peel harbour under engine in time for the last lock-in on 3 May 2025.