



**Sailing Instructions  
version 2**

**Scottish Challenger Traveller Series 2025 Qualifier T1**

**12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Sponsored by Sir Boyd Tunnock of Tunnock Uddingston**

**1 Organising Authority**

1.1 The Organising Authority is Castle Semples Sailing Club in association with Sailability Scotland SCIO.

**2 Rules**

2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Challenger Class Rules, the Notice of Race and such other local rules. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions shall override the Notice of Race.

2.2 All Challengers must have a grab line of free specification fixed to each sponson and a tow line of free specification fixed to the bow and long enough to be led back to the cockpit and handled by the sailor.

A Challenger Hull is defined thus - "A boat's Hull shall consist of a central main hull, plus left and right-hand sponsons bolted together with two aluminium tubular crossbeams".

**Racing Rules will be changed as follows:**

2.3 Rule 27.1 & 40, Personal Buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst on or near the water.

2.4 Rule 41, outside help - is modified to permit a boat to receive outside help from an official patrol boats for any reason other than added propulsion.

2.5 Rule 44.1, taking a penalty - modified from two turns to one turn for RRS Part 2 infringements

2.6 Rule 49, crew position - modified so that helm and buddy should remain seated in their normal positions within the main hull or on a buddy seat except in an emergency.

**3 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Officer's desk.

**4 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard at least 1 hour before the warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 16.00 on the day before it will take effect.

## 5 Signals made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club's flag pole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with '**15 minutes**' in the "Race Signals, AP" Rule.

## 6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Racing will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- 6.2 Registration - Competitors registration will take place at the Race Officer's desk from 09:00 to 10:00 on Saturday.
- 6.3 Schedule  
Briefing will take place in front of the Race Officer's window at 10.15 on Saturday.  
The event will be a five race regatta held over two days

| Date                                 | Time of Warning Signal for 1st Race | Races   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 | 1055 hrs                            | First Race at 11.00<br>Lunch 13.00hrs<br>Races 2&3 to follow (back to back)             |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2025   | 1025 Hrs                            | Races 4&5 back to back 1030hrs<br>Lunch 12.30hrs<br>Helpers race TBA<br>Prizegiving TBA |

- 6.4 Back to back races should have the approval of all the sailors.
- 6.5 The above schedule may be adjusted dependent on prevailing weather conditions and forecast. In this case a change to the SI will be posted and all competitors will be informed. However the start of the first race each day will not be any earlier that stated here.

## 7 Class Flag

- 7.1 The **Challenger** Class Flag will be 'A'

## 8 Racing Area

- 8.1 The racing area will be Castle Semple loch. Be wary of any submerged logs between Marks 2 and 3.

## 9 The Course

The course will be made up of Castle Semple Sailing Marks as located in Appendix A.

**9.2 The course will be displayed on the fence to the North East of the gate at Castle Semple Sailing Club no later than the warning signal for each race. The direction in which each buoy is to be rounded will be indicated by the colour of each numeral.**

**9.3 Races will consist of two laps of the displayed course unless the race is shortened.**

## 10 Marks

- 10.1 Marks will be pink, white or orange spherical buoys.
- 10.2 There will be an orange patrol boat.

## **11 The Start**

- 11.1 Races will be started using rule 26 (i.e. 5, 4, 1, go) warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal. There will be an additional warning sound signal approximately 1 minute before the 5 minute warning signal. Times shall be taken from the visual signals not the sound signal. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 11.2 The Starting Line will be the line between Mark 1 and the Race Officer's window. The inner distance marker must be passed to the Lochward side.

## **12 The Finish**

- 12.1 The finish line will be the line between Mark 1 and the Race Officer's window.  
Shortened Course - displaying Flag 'S' at a mark of the course, [this changes RRS rule 32.2(a)]. When Flag 'S' is displayed with 2 sound signals from a Patrol Boat at any rounding Mark of the course, boats shall round and then sail directly to the Finish Line (between the Race Officer's window and Mark '1'), crossing the line to finish the race from the direction of the Mark that the course was shortened.

## **13 Time Limit**

- 13.1 The target time for the leading boat to complete each race is 40 minutes.
- 13.2 There will be no time limit for boats' finishing after the first boat has finished
- 13.3 In order to minimise excessive delays between races: The race officer may award a finishing position to those slower boats that are still racing indicated by being advised by the patrol boat This changes RRS 28, 35, A4 and A5. - The race officer will award appropriate finishing position(s). - Affected boat(s) should return to the starting area immediately. - The race officer's decision is final and will not provide grounds for a competitor to seek redress, this changes rule 62

## **14 Protests**

- 14.1 When a protest is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration as described in RRS Appendix T, or the Protest Committee or Race Committee may offer it.
- 14.2 The Protest will be made directly to the Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.3 The protest limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform Competitors of hearings in which they are parties or witnesses. Location of hearings will be identified on the notice.

## **15 Scoring**

- 15.1 The scoring system to be used will be as in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point system.
- 15.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 15.3 When up to 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 15.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.5 Race results will be scored in overall finishing order regardless of fleet. Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleet results may be extracted for prize giving purposes - they shall be extracted from overall results and not scored separately.

## **16 Declarations and Tally**

Boats retiring must inform race officials as soon as practical.

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**17 Radio Communication**

17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**18 Prizes**

18.1 Awards will be made to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each fleet and at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**19 Visual Image Consent**

Competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the Regatta, unless the Authority is advised otherwise in writing prior to the Regatta.

**20 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race and also the disclaimers on the Notice of Race and Entry Form. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**21 Insurance**

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

**22 Clean Regattas**

Competitors will endeavour to wash down their trailers and boats before travelling to Castle Semple Sailing Club.

Trash will not be thrown overboard, and may be placed aboard the patrol boat.

**23 Appendix A**

