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Fairlie Yacht Club Autumn Points Series

20th September to 11th October 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1. The organising authority is Fairlie Yacht Club (FYC)

2. ENTRIES

2.1. The FYC 2020 Autumn Points Series is open to all keelboats owned by competitors who are members of an RYA affiliated yacht or sailing club.

3. RULES

3.1. The Regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on a notice board situated in Largs Yacht Haven Reception

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. Any change(s) to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than two hours before the first start on the day it shall take effect. If it is necessary to make a late change in the sailing instructions, Flag L shall be displayed from the committee vessel as per RRS 4.1. In each case it shall be the responsibility of the competitors to acquaint themselves with the change

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Dates of Racing.

Sunday	20 th September 2020	Class 1, 2, 3, Etechells
Sunday	27 th September 2020	Class 1, 2, 3, Etechells
Sunday	4 th October 2020	Class 1, 2, 3, Etechells
Sunday	11 th October 2020	Class 1, 2, 3, Etechells

6.2. NUMBER OF RACES

There shall be a maximum of three races per day for each class.

7. CLASS FLAGS AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

Class	Handicap	Flag/Signal	Target First Start of the day
Etchells	One Design	E	10:25
Class 1	All IRC	Num Pennant 1	10:30
Class 2	All CYCA	Num Pennant 2	10:35
Class 3* Restricted Sail	All CYCA	Num Pennant 3	10:40

- 7.1. An Orange flag will be displayed 5 minutes before the first warning signal of a race sequence
- 7.2. *Restricted Sail: Spinnakers shall not be flown, and only one headsail may be flown at any one time, except for cutter rigged (or similar) yachts that have 2 (or more) headsails recorded on their CYCA rating certificate that may fly the recorded number of headsails simultaneously.
- 7.3. Excepting Etchells, competitors shall fly their class flag in a prominent position from their backstay.
- 7.4. The organisers may combine, divide, remove, or add classes depending on the number of entries. The Scheduled Start Times may be altered to accommodate these changes. Any alteration to the start sequence will be announced on VHF Ch72.
Please check the classes prior to taking part in the event.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. For all racing from 20th September to 11th October 2020, the race area shall be the Largs Channel adjacent to Largs Yacht Haven and waters surrounding Great Cumbrae.

9. THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 9.1. Windward/Leeward courses will be set as appropriate. Details will be announced on VHF Ch 72
- 9.2. Courses off Largs may be set from the Fairlie Patch Course List and Chart in Appendix 1. The appropriate course letter will be displayed on the Committee Vessel.
- 9.3. If ICF "F" is flown from the Committee Vessel, the course will be announced by VHF Ch72 using marks listed in Fairlie Patch Course Chart in Appendix 1.
- 9.4. In suitable weather/wind conditions, one of the races in a day may be around Great Cumbrae.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The start line shall normally be between Fairlie Race Mark E and a Committee Vessel displaying a red FYC flag. If an alternative line is required, an announcement will be made on VHF Ch72, including the location of the Committee Vessel.
- 10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.3. A countdown to starting signals and additional race information may be broadcast on Ch 72 and OCS infringements may be similarly broadcast.
- 10.4. The normal starting sequence shall not be interrupted by a general recall. This amends RRS 29.2. The warning signal for the class which has had a general recall shall be five minutes before its starting signal and shall normally be displayed at the starting signal of the last class to start correctly in the schedule.

10.5 If more than one class is subject to a general recall, the second of these classes shall start five minutes after the first and so on. If a class subject to general recall is the last or only class to start, the next signal shall be the new warning signal which shall normally be displayed five minutes after the original starting time.

11. FINISHING LINE

11.1. The finishing line will be between Fairlie Race Mark 'E' and a Committee Vessel, unless the course is shortened at a previous mark.

11.2. If ICF 'F' has been flown for a particular race, the finish line shall be detailed in the course instruction on VHF channel 72.

12. SHORTENED COURSE

12.1 For windward/leeward or round the cans courses, shortly before the finish flag S shall be displayed from the Committee Vessel along with two sound signals. Boats shall finish the race when they pass through the finish line at the end of their current Lap, or at a mark of the course if a Committee Vessel stationed there is flying flag S.

12.2 If conditions dictate, the race committee may, at their discretion, take the results of a race from a competitor's times recorded for a previous round. Average Lap scoring may be used when a windward/leeward course is set.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

Time Limit	First Mark Time Limit	Target Time
120 minutes	25 minutes	75 minutes

13.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the first mark time limit the race will be abandoned.

13.3. If no boat within a Class finishes within the time limit, the times of the previous round completed by the leading boat shall be used to calculate results. Subsequent retirements or rule infringements shall be disregarded.

14. RETIRALS

14.1 Any boat leaving the course area shall notify the Race Committee on VHF CH72.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

15.2 Competitors should inform the Race Committee of any protests immediately after finishing.

15.3 Protest forms are available online. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.

- 15.4 For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.5 Notices shall be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be conducted by Whatsapp group video chat, due to Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings.
- 15.6 Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.7 Protests shall be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the Protestor, Protestee and Witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.
- 15.8 On the last day of the Series, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 15.8.1 Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - 15.8.2 No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
 - 15.8.3 This changes RRS 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 In alteration to RRS A2, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with exclusions as follows:

Races sailed	1 to 4	5 to 8	9 to 10	11 to 12
Results excludable	0	2	3	4

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Due to Covid-19 restrictions, no Prize Giving will be possible. Prizes will be distributed by FYC as soon as arrangements can be made
- 17.2 Prizes for each class will be;
 - One prize if two or more yachts start,
 - Two prizes if five or more yachts start,
 - Three prizes if nine or more yachts start,
 - Four prizes if thirteen or more yachts start, and so on.
- 17.3 For classes with a single competitor, a prize may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 It is recommended that keelboats participating in the series comply with Category 4 of the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.

19 CLYDEPORT OPERATIONS LIMITED RESTRICTIONS

19.1 NARROW CHANNELS. Attention is drawn to the International Regulations for the prevention of Collisions at sea, 1972. Particular notice shall be taken of Rule 9b which states that “a vessel of less than 20m in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway”. Whilst racing or on a passage in the Firth of Clyde north of Cumbrae Head yachts shall regard any such recommended channels as a “Narrow Channel” within the meaning of the IRPCS 9b

19.2 Furthermore Clydeport Operations Limited has decreed that any waters in the Firth of Clyde where vessels by virtue of their size, draught, speed or proximity to land, hazards and other vessels are unable to manoeuvre freely shall be regarded as a “Narrow Channel”. Whilst racing any yacht which is unable for reasons of lack of wind or other cause, to sail clear of a large power driven vessel shall start her engine and/or paddle in order to clear and thereafter shall report full details to the Race Committee.

19.3 Competitors are reminded of the Clydeport Operations Limited Byelaw which prohibits yachts and other craft from manoeuvring within 100m of any ferry terminal.

Particular regard should be paid to this when in the vicinity of the CalMac facilities at Largs and Cumbrae.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

The organising authority shall 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

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured for racing risks with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 000 000 per event or the equivalent.

22 COVID - 19 MEASURES

The RYA's full updated guidance for clubs and training centres is now live on the 'Return To Boating' page of the RYA Scotland Website

Sporting activities are 'exempt' from the changes announced on Thursday, 10 September, for groups of households meeting during 'organised activity' via a club or centre, however the reduced numbers of 6 people from 2 households (not including any U12s from those two households) means extra vigilance around the shore-side of our sport, meeting others out with organised boating activity and being clear when the 'field of play' comes into action.

For the avoidance of doubt – the option to effect a 'field of play' and suspend physical distancing only applies to organised outdoor activity for which all participant details are recorded and that is co-ordinated and managed by a club, class association or recognised training centre.

A crew list with contact details is therefore an essential part of your entry to this event.

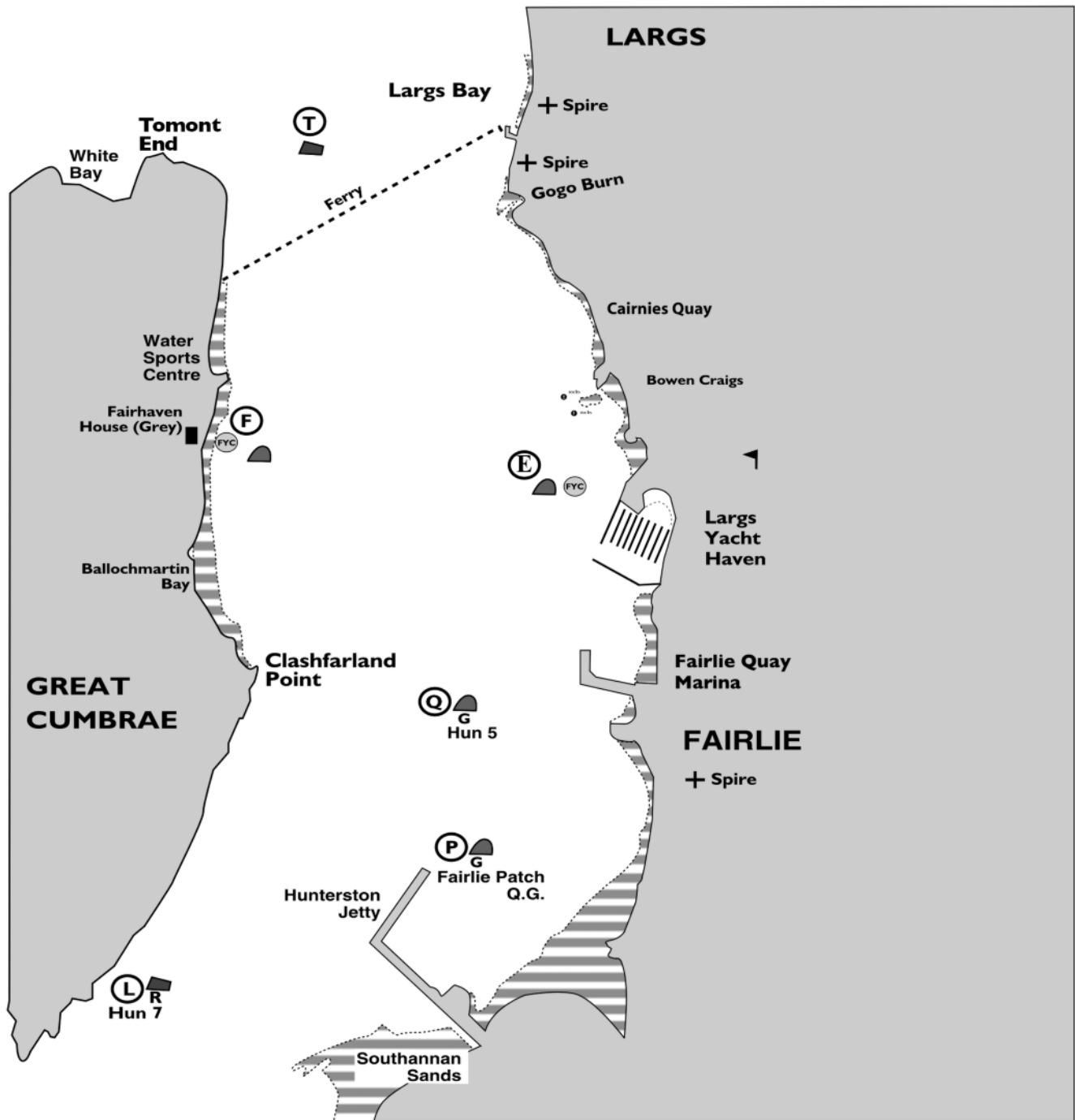
Participants need to be very mindful of any 'local measures' and what that means to the boating community.

With the current restrictions in the West of Scotland, those from 'affected areas' should not be sharing/staying overnight with another household on a boat (personal, chartered or during a training course) whilst they are unable to visit other households.

It is also advised to think carefully about planning to visit an unaffected area with different households from an affected area until the local restrictions are lifted. As local measures are put in place please pay particular attention to any travel restrictions, business restrictions or restrictions on meeting other households. It is always recommended to follow Government advice.

Participants should be aware that the Autumn Points Series, or part of, may be cancelled if subsequent changes to the current restrictions make it impossible or unwise to continue with the event.

Fairlie Patch Race Chart 2020



KEY		Courses: (capital letters— marks to PORT)	
E	- F.Y.C. Orange race Mark E Start/Finish	A	(wind Nth/NthWest) T Q E, F Q E
F	- F.Y.C. Orange race Mark 'F' Fairhaven Bay	B	(wind West) F P E, F Q E
L	- CPA - Red Can 'HUN7'	C	(wind SthWest med to hvy) L P E, Q E
P	- CPA - Green Can - Fairlie Patch	D	(wind SthWest light) q f e, q f e
Q	- CPA - Green Can 'HUN 5' Fairlie Quay	E	(wind Sth) p f e, q e
T	- CPA - Red Can 'HUN 3'	F	(wind SthEast) F Q E, F E
		G	(wind East/NthEast) q f e, f e

Members are reminded that there are shallow areas inshore and North of the start area (K), to the East of Fairlie Patch buoy (P) and to the north and south of the marina entrance. In particular, members should be aware of rapidly shelving water on the direct line between marks A and K, the position of which *may* be marked with a buoy.

N.B. Vessels over 20 metres have right of way in a buoyed Channel. Infringements will result in disqualification.