



MUDHOOK YACHT CLUB

2-HANDED ISLAND CHALLENGE

SAT 30th MAY 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Mudhook Yacht Club.

The notation [DP] in a rule in these SIs means that a penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

S1 RULES

S1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 - 2028*, the Prescriptions of the RYA, and the CYCA Handicap System

S1.2 In case of conflict, the Sailing Instructions prevail over the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.5.

S2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

S2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Online Notice Board [RONB] on the event website www.mudhookyc.co.uk. It is the responsibility of competitors to check the RONB for any amendments to these sailing instructions.

S2.2 VHF announcements to competitors will be on VHF 77. Should VHF 77 be busy or otherwise unusable, VHF 72 will be used.

S3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

S3.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RONB before 09.30 on Saturday 30 May.

S3.2 Changes will also be indicated afloat by the PCV displaying Code flags A over L over the numeral pennant for the latest amendment from 09.00 until the time signal described in S8.2.

S4 COMMUNICATION

4.1 Communication will be by the Regatta Online Notice Board (RONB) located on the website www.mudhookyc.co.uk. There will be no physical notice board.

4.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels M1, M2, 8, 72 and 77

S5 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND FLAGS

S5.1 Schedule of races is shown at the end of this section S5. The starting order may be changed at any time and will be announced on VHF. The event will consist of one race.

S5.2 Each boat shall have a crew of 2 persons over 18. Boats in the non-spinnaker class shall not fly spinnakers, cruising chutes or any headsail not attached to the forestay.

S5.3 The warning signal for the first race will be at 09.25. A time signal when the orange flag will be displayed will be made 5 minutes before the warning signal.

S5.4 Class flags shall be displayed from the backstay (or from the starboard shroud for boats without backstays) [DP].

S5.5 The order of starts and class flags will be as follows:

Class	Handicap	Class Flag(s)
Non-spinnaker	CYCA	Pennant 2
Spinnaker	CYCA	Pennant 1

S6 RACING AREA

S6.1 The Starting Line and Finishing Line will be immediately to the north of the entrance to Largs Yacht Haven. The Racing Area will be in the Firth of Clyde and Inchmarnock Water.

S7 COURSES AND MARKS

S7.1 The course for both classes will be as follows (the marks are described in more detail in Appendix A):

Start line – Great Cumbrae (S) - CPA Tan Spit buoy No 38 (S) – Bute (S) – Inchmarnock (P) – Little Cumbrae (P) – CPA buoy HUN 14 (P) – Finish line (30 miles)

S7.2 If Flag S is displayed by the CV before the time signal, an alternative course will be set using marks selected from those listed in Appendix A. The positions given for the marks are approximate. Before the warning signal for the first start the CV will announce on VHF a list of the marks to be rounded and their required side. Different courses may be set for the two classes.

S8 THE START

S8.1 Prior to the Warning Signal of its start, each boat shall identify itself to the race committee by passing, with its mainsail hoisted, the side of the principal committee vessel away from the start line.

S8.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal 5 minutes before the first warning signal is made.

S8.3 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The start signal for the first class will be the warning signal for the second class.

S8.4 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee vessel and the red and green FYC racing mark K to the north of the entrance to Largs Yacht Haven. The mark shall be left to starboard (unless the alternative course announced under S7.2 states otherwise).

S8.5 After a General Recall, the class involved will be restarted at the end of the start sequence. A subsequent class which has been recalled will restart after the new start of the previous recalled class. This changes RRS 29.2.

S8.6 If any boat is identified as On Course Side at the start, the race committee may broadcast on VHF the sail number. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

S8.7 Altering RRS Rule 30.4, sail numbers for boats that have broken this rule will not be displayed but will be broadcast on VHF. It is the responsibility of competitors to monitor VHF for all starts when RRS 30.4 is in force.

S8.8 A boat that does not start within 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

S8.9 If only one boat in any class appears at the start line, no race will take place for that class and no points will be awarded.

S9 THE FINISH

S9.1 Unless the course is shortened at an intermediate mark in accordance with RRS 32, the finishing line will be between a blue flag on a committee vessel and the red and green FYC racing mark K to the north of the entrance to Largs Yacht Haven. If no committee vessel is on station, the finishing line will be between mark K and the flagpole at the SW corner of the Largs SC clubhouse.

S10 TIME LIMITS

S10.1 The time limit will be 17.00. If one boat in a class has finished by the time limit, racing for its class will be extended by 60 minutes. Boats in that class failing to finish within the extended time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS35, A4 and A5.

S11 PENALTIES

S11.1 The penalty for a breach of a Rule other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2 may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.

S11.2 The Two-Turns penalty shall be replaced by a One-Turn penalty (including 1 tack and 1 gybe). This changes RRS 44.1.

S12 PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION

S12.1 Protests and requests for redress (forms available to download from www.mudhookyc.co.uk) must be submitted online via the RONB within 60 minutes of (a) the final boat finishing the race or (b) racing being abandoned for the day. Parties to a protest will be advised by email the location and time for the arbitration and/or hearing. Arbitration and/or Protest meetings will commence as soon as possible at a venue to be advised.

S12.2 Breaches of S14 and 15.2 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

S13 RESULTS AND SCORING

S13.1 Provisional and final results will be available as soon as possible after the race on the RONB at www.mudhookyc.co.uk. The results for both classes will count for points in the 2026 Mudhook 2-Handed Series.

S14 RISK STATEMENT

S14.1 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." See also World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2026-2027 1.02.

S14.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) 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.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) 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 for the event.
- g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

S15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

S15.1 A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee by VHF as soon as possible. [DP]

S15.2 Attention is drawn to the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972. Particular notice shall be taken of Rule 9b which states "a vessel of less than 20 metres 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 passage in the Firth of Clyde north of Cumbrae Head, boats shall regard "Recommended Channels" marked as dotted lines on Hydrographic Office charts as a "Narrow Channel" within the meaning of the IRPCS 9b.

Furthermore, Clydeport Operations Limited has decreed that any waters of the Firth of Clyde where vessels by virtue of size, draught, speed or proximity to land, hazards and other vessels are unable to manoeuvre freely must be regarded as a "Narrow Channel". This also applies in waters of the Queen's Harbour. Clydeport Operations Limited waters are to the south and west and Queen's Harbour waters to the north of a line from Rosneath Point to a point approximately halfway between Craigendoran Pier and Ardmore Head. (Admiralty Chart 1994 refers)

Whilst racing any boat 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. (DP)

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

Military vessels routinely transit the race area and can be accompanied by a security escort. Boats and support boats should not shape a course to approach any military vessel or in any case pass closer than 200m to a warship or 400m to a surfaced submarine nor should high speed support boats shape a course, at speed, in the direction of a military vessel. The escorting security forces, if they consider any vessel is approaching a military vessel, will intercept and warn her to keep clear.

The Regulations require all vessels to keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 16.

S16 OFFICIAL BOATS

S16.1 Boats shall not come within 10 metres of any committee vessel flying flag J, unless that committee vessel is flying flag M. [DP]

S17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

S18 PRIZES

S18.1 The Prize Giving will be held in Largs Sailing Club as soon as possible after completion of racing. Announcements of the proposed start time will be given on VHF Channel 77 and the 2-handed racing WhatsApp group. Mudhook Yacht Club trophies will be awarded to Class winners to be held until the following year's regatta. Up to 2 individual prizes for each class in each race may also be awarded.

S19 DATA PROTECTION

S19.1 The personal data you provide to the organising authority 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 data is contract. If you are not bound by the rules the legal basis for processing that personal data is legitimate interest. Your personal data will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal data 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.

S19.2 Rights to use Names and Likenesses - Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

See over for Appendix A – List of Marks

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Mark letter	Name of Mark	Description	Latitude	Longitude
	Great Cumbrae	Island of Great Cumbrae		
	Bute	Island of Bute		
	Inchmarnock	Island of Inchmarnock		
	Little Cumbrae	Island of Little Cumbrae		
F	CPA Buoy HUN 14	Red can buoy	55 42.49 N	04 55.68 W
P	CPA Portachur buoy	Green conical buoy	55 44.38 N	04 58.58 W
B	CPA Buoy B	Yellow spherical buoy	55 47.15 N	04 57.54 W
O	CPA Buoy HUN 1	Yellow spherical buoy	55 48.08 N	04 54.23 W
J	CPA Buoy J	Red can buoy	55 51.53 N	04 54.75 W
T	Toward Bank Buoy	Green conical buoy No 35	55 51.03 N	05 00.04 W
A	Ascog Patches	Submarine beacon No 13	55 49.73 N	05 00.27 W
I	CPA Buoy I (India)	Green conical buoy	55 50.26 N	04 54.33 W