CSC BLACK ISLE CHALLENGE CUP 2026 (OPEN EVENT)

Saturday 19th September 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the RYA racing Charter and the Rules of the classes participating except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race.

2 Entries

2.1 All Competing Helmsmen shall be a member of a RYA affiliated Club or a full member of the RYA and will be temporary members of Chanonry Sailing Club (hereinafter CSC) for the duration of the event.

2.2 A minimum insurance cover of £ 2,000,000 Third Party Liability must be maintained during the event.

2.3 All yachts must have a valid CYCA handicap rating however in exceptional circumstances the Race Committee may allocate a temporary rating.

2.4 Rule 4 of the Rules states "***The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."*** **Competitors are reminded that the safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who shall do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his responsibilities in the event of their incapacitation.**"

3 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted at the Starters Box and notified by hail or VHF radio channel 37 (M1).

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be notified no later than 15 mins before the race by hail or VHF radio channel 37 (M1).

5 Signals to race boats

Signals will be made at the Starters Box on Fortrose Harbour and all radio communications will be on VHF channel 37 (M1).

6 Schedule of Races

One race is scheduled as follows with both classes starting at the same time:

Race 1: 11:00 hrs BST

7 Courses & Classes

The course(s) to be sailed by Class 1 & Class 2 will be announced by hail or VHF radio no later than 15 minutes before the race start. Appendix 1 details the course options.

8 The Start

The Warning Signal shall be Numeral Pennant 1 and the race will be started using Rule 26 (5 minutes, 4 minutes,1 minute, Start) The start line will be between the club buoy "A" and the white flagpole beside the Starters Box. Boats starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

9 The Finish

The finish line will be the club buoy marked "A" and the white flagpole besides the Starters Box.

10 Penalty System

Rule 44.3 "Scoring Penalty" shall not apply.

11 Time Limits

The time limit will four hours although this may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

12 Protests

12.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Officer. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be passed to the Race Officer within the protest time limit.

12.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat of all classes has finished.

12.3 Notices will be posted no later than 45 minutes after the protest time limit has expired to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Race Office or other location notified there.

12.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

13 Scoring

The CYCA handicap system will be used based on the latest published CYCA handicap data will be used to calculate boats' corrected times. See Item 9 of the Notice of Race regarding application of a 'white sails' allowance.

14 Race Committee

The Race Committee is the Race Officer, and those members present of the CSC committee. The Race Committee will nominate Protest Committee members as necessary.

15 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded after racing at the clubhouse.