SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Open Dinghy Regatta

Saturday 1 August 2026

Chanonry Sailing Club, The Harbour, St. Andrew's Walk, Fortrose, IV10 8TP
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PREAMBLE

The event is being run in the spirit of the RYA Racing Charter, a set of guidelines designed to help make racing more fun, fair and welcoming for competitors and organisers at all levels.

1. RULES

The event is governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

If there are changes to the Sailing Instructions (for example, due to adverse weather conditions) an Amendment will be posted on the notice board at the clubhouse at least 60 minutes before the advertised start time of the race. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it takes effect. In both instances Flag L will be flown from the Starter's Box.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located on the window of the race office at the clubhouse.

3.2 There will be a briefing for all competitors on Saturday at 12:00 outside the clubhouse.

4. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Rule 40.1 applies. i.e. "each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device"

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal pole on southwest corner of the harbour.

5.2 When signal AP is displayed ashore boats may not launch.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND TIDE TIMES

Day	**Saturday**
Fast and Slow Handicap	3 races
First Warning Signal	12:57
Subsequent races:	Back-to-back unless AP is displayed over, either A or H
Latest Warning Signal	16:00
High water times	14:51 BST / 4.3m

7. SIGN ON & OFF

7.1 Competitors must indicate that they are competing by entering their sail number, the class of boat, number of crew, and signing the appropriate column on the "SIGN ON/OFF" sheet available at the Race Office.

7.2 Immediately on coming ashore dinghy competitors must indicate that they have returned to shore by initialing the appropriate column of the "SIGN ON/OFF" sheet.

7.3 Competitors that fail to do this will be encouraged to donate to the RNLI.

8. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS

The planned Starting Order, Class and Class Flags are:

Class	Class Flag	
Fast Handicap – PY < 1115	**E**	
Slow Handicap – PY >= 1115	**F**	

Fast and Slow Handicap classes may start together and begin to finish at different times.

9. COURSES

The courses will be displayed on the whiteboard in the Race Office. The Race Officer will designate the marks of a course by letter in the order of rounding and by drawing a line depicting the rounding direction for marks. The course is made up of laps, each ending at mark **A** to enable **Average Lap Time** scoring.

The course letters will also be displayed to seaward at the Starter's box for at least 10 minutes before each start. The layout of marks is shown in Appendix 1.

10. THE START

10.1 The Start line is defined as the line between the flagpole beside the Starter's Box and Mark P. Mark A defines the inner limit of the line but may not sit directly on the start line. Starting boats **must** pass between **A** and **P** when starting.

10.2 Races shall be started as follows. This changes signal timing in RRS 26.

Signal	Visual Signal	Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag	1 sound	3
Preparatory	Flag P	1 sound	2
One-minute	Prep. flag removed	1 long sound	1
Start	Class flag removed	1 long sound	0

10.3 Boats attempting to start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This alters RRS A4 and RRS A5.

11. GENERAL RECALL

If there is a General Recall (First Substitute Flag) the Warning signal for the recalled start will be made one minute after the First Substitute Flag is removed.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line is defined as a line between the rusty red pole attached to the middle of the Starter's Box and mark A.

13. TIME LIMITS

There is no time limit for the first boat to pass the first mark.

The Race Time Limit for the first boat is 45 minutes after its race start and the Finishing Window Time Limit is 30 minutes after the first boat in its race finishes.

Boats failing to finish within their time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish". This alters RRS 35.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office in the Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of all classes has finished the last race of the day.

14.3 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 named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Race Office or other location notified there.

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

14.5 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking Rule 42 will be posted.

14.6 A request for reopening a hearing will be delivered.

a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.

b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes Rule 66.

14.7 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

15. SCORING

15.1 "Average Lap Time" scoring will be used, and separate Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap scores will be produced.

15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst. When fewer than three races take place all her scores count .

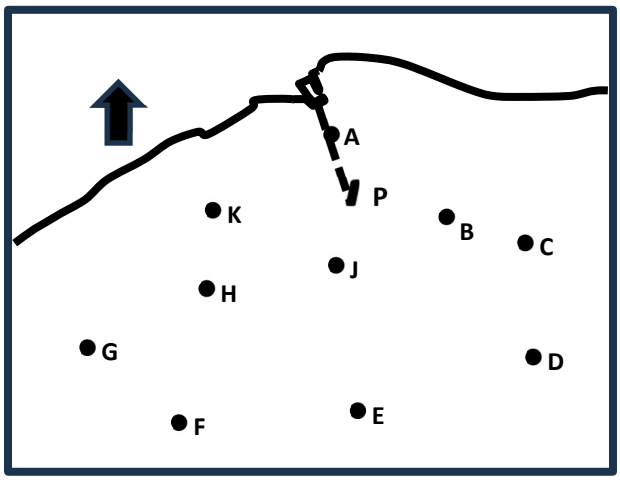
15.4 When all boats in a race are unable to complete the full or shortened course for any reason then, at the discretion of the Race Committee, the result of the race may be decided from the times of boats as they completed their previous lap.

16. RACE COMMITTEE

The Race Committee is those members present of the Chanonry Sailing Club committee, or the Race Officer in their absence. The Race Committee will nominate Protest Committee members, as necessary.

APPENDIX 1

RACE MARK LAYOUT

The course will use start line mark **P** (pillar buoy) plus some of the other semi-permanent buoys shown. Marks **C, D, E, F, and G** are positioned **in a wide arc roughly 600m from** the harbour.

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