BLACK ISLE CHALLENGE CUP 2018 (OPEN EVENT)

Saturday 15th September 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organising Authority

1.1 The event is organised by Chanonry Sailing Club (CSC), The Harbour, Fortrose, St Andrews Walk, Fortrose, IV10 8TP, www.chanonry.org.uk

1.2 Enquires, further information or advance entry can be sent by post or by email to: sailing@chanonry.org.uk, Cheques should be made payable to: Chanonry Sailing Club.

2. Rules

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the RYA Racing Charter and the rules of the classes participating except as any of these may be changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The event is open to all keelboats and cruisers.

3.2 All Visiting helms shall be members of an RYA affiliated club or be full personal members of the RYA.

3.3 Competitors shall complete the entry and pay the entry fee to be eligible to race.

4. Fees

The race entry fee is £10.

5. Schedule

There will be one race, which will commence at 11:00 hours BST.

Tidal predictions for Inverness 15th September 2018 (Source: Belfield Tide Plotter):

HW	04:28 BST	4.3 metres
LW	10:38 BST	1.2 metres
HW	16:50 BST	4.0 metres
LW	22:51 BST	1.4 metres

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1 The sailing instructions and courses will be available on the CSC website www.chanonry.org.uk and from the Race Officer on the day.

6.2 Any changes may be carried out up to 15 minutes before the race start, and such changes will be announced by hail or by radio on VHF channel 09.

7. Marks

The marks of the course will be a combination of CSC marks and NLB navigational buoys as depicted in the document "*2018 BICC– marks V4*" accompanying the Sailing Instructions.

8 Race Area & Courses

The race will take place in the Moray Firth within six nautical miles of Chanonry Point lighthouse. Course marks will be described in the Sailing Instructions and are available

on the CSC website. The courses to be sailed will be announced on VHF channel 09 before the start.

9. Classes & Handicaps

The decision to split entrants into fast and slow handicaps will be taken on the day depending on the entries. Yachts with a handicap of 21.25 minutes/hour and above are most likely to be in the Slow Handicap. The CYCA handicap system will be used based on the latest published CYCA handicap data.

10. Hazards

A number of hazards exist in the immediate vicinity of Fortrose Harbour:

- A yellow buoy marks Craig an Roan rocks ~400 m to the east of the harbour.
- A perch marks a sewer outfall ~200m to the west of the harbour.
- An orange buoy marks a shoal area just to the east of the harbour, while a yellow buoy marks the end of a substantial shoal running NE from the south wall of the harbour; pass between these when entering and leaving the harbour.
- There is a rock marked with a small pale yellow buoy on its seaward side ~100 m off the starter's box on the harbour; 1m above the seabed and does not dry except on extreme spring tide.
- Moored boats and mooring buoys are offshore from the harbour and may have trailing lines at the surface.

The Inverness Firth and Inner Moray Firth Areas are subject to a number of further hazards in particular:

- Strong tides in the narrows
- Creels and associated marker buoys (these may be Submerged in certain tidal conditions) laid in the shallower parts including on Skate Bank Shoal areas
- Boulder-strewn shorelines
- Merchant shipping activity and other recreational usage.

Participants are requested to maintain a sharp lookout and navigate with due care and attention.

11. Disclaimer of liability, risk statement and insurance requirement

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 event.

Rule 4 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."

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

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;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

The provision of a race organiser, and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

This event has no safety boat cover; competitors should have a high degree of self-sufficiency; in the event of a serious safety incident communications should be direct between vessel and Aberdeen Coastguard by DSC or Channel 16 as appropriate;

It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

Their boat is adequately insured (including racing risk), with valid cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.

12. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded after racing at the clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded to up to the first three boats in each class at the discretion of the organising authority. The Black Isle Challenge Cup trophies will be awarded to the first boats in each class following completion of the race. The overall MYA series prize giving will also take place.

13. Berthing, water taxi and hospitality

Free moorings and harbour berthing (both subject to availability & access to harbour dependent on the height of tide), are available for visitors participating in the event who have paid the entry fee. Contact the Harbour Master: harbourmaster@chanonry.org.uk

A Water Taxi will be available pre-race, post-race and post-social.

Post-race, around the prize giving, a social event will be held with hot food and a licensed bar. All past and present MYA crews and families are welcome to attend this social which is scheduled to start in the clubhouse after racing has finished. CSC has adequate car parking facilities for any visitors not competing in the race but travelling by car to the end of season social event. It really helps those providing hospitality to have a good idea in advance of how many people are going to partake in the excellent food produced by the galley team – we will sell pre-purchase meal vouchers for 2 or 3 courses on the morning of the race in the race office at registration (menu will be available), irrespective of whether you pre-purchase, please let us know how many are intending to eat as early as possible - thanks.