

GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
CHANONRY SAILING CLUB

1. RULES

- 1.1 These sailing instructions apply to Club racing series and Club Events described on the Club website at chanonry.org.uk/dinghy-racing.html.
- 1.2 Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the classes participating, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Each boat sailing must have Third-Party Insurance for a minimum of £2,000,000.
- 2.2 Entrants will be members (full or temporary) of Chanonry Sailing Club.
- 2.3 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times, and if of the inflatable type must be kept inflated.
- 2.4 A "SIGN ON" sheet will be used. Before each race competitors must enter their boat details on the SIGN ON sheet in the Clubhouse. Failing to do this will mean that the boat will be classed as "Did not compete".

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the race office at the clubhouse.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be indicated by flying flag "L" and will be posted at least 30 minutes before the advertised start time of the race or races concerned.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Starter's Box on the harbour.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Races are scheduled as listed in the Calendar on the Club web site. There will normally be one race per Wednesday in the Wednesday Series, three races per Sunday afternoon and at the discretion of the Race Officer up to three races for One Day racing events.
- 6.2 All races for the Series will be Average Lap Races with an intended race length of around 30 to 40 minutes except for Wednesday when it will be 40 to 75 minutes.

7. CLASSES, SIGNALS AND ORDER OF STARTS

- 7.1 Classes will start at the times indicated in the Calendar on the Club web site. Separate starts for each class will be notified as stated in 3.1 and 4.1 and will start no less than 5 minutes after the previous start.
- 7.2 Order of Starts and Warning Signals/Flags.

Start	Class	Class Flag
1	General Handicap	Num 1
2	Other class as notified	Num 2

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The course will be laid between the Skate Bank and Fortrose Harbour, and the starting area will be off the Harbour, or as indicated on the notice board in the Clubhouse for water-based start lines.

9. COURSE

- 9.1 The course configuration and the order of rounding of marks will be as shown on the notice board in the Clubhouse. Any course diagram used will indicate the number of legs required to complete one round.
- 9.2 The number of rounds is not predetermined.

10. MARKS

The Course Marks are inflated orange buoys normally identified by the mark letter painted on them. In addition, and for certain classes other marks may be used and will be described on the official notice board.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line is defined as a line between the flagpole at the Starter's Box and Mark A of the course. The flagpole will normally be painted white. Any alternative arrangement will be notified on the Notice Board.
- 11.2 Races shall be started using a 3-minute sequence. This alters RRS Rule 26.

Time to start (mins)	Flag	Sound
3	Warning displayed - Num Pen 1	1
2	Preparatory displayed - Flag P	1
1	Preparatory removed	1 long
0	START	1

Times will be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

When running separate starts for the more than one class the starting sound signal for the first class becomes the warning signal for the second start. At the warning signal for the second race Numeral Pennant 2 should be displayed, thereafter the sequence follows the sequence as for the first start.

Note: all competitors should endeavour to be in the vicinity of the start line at least 3 minutes prior to the start.

- 11.3 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line is defined as a line between the pole with the triangle at the Starter's Box and Mark A of the course. The pole and triangle will normally be painted red/orange. Any alternative arrangement will be notified on the Notice Board.
- 12.2 Finishing Procedure: Shortly before the finish there will be two sound signals and flag S will be displayed. All boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line at the end of their current lap.

13. TIME LIMIT (this alters RRS Rule 35)

- 13.1 The time limit on Sunday will be 60 minutes OR 30 minutes after the first boat to sail the course within 60 minutes, whichever is longer.
- 13.2 The time limit on Wednesday will be 90 minutes OR 45 minutes after the first boat to sail the course within 90 minutes, whichever is longer.
- 13.3 Boats exceeding the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish" unless the Race Committee exercises discretion as described in 13.4 and 13.5.
- 13.4 When all or some 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 calculated from the times of some or all boats as they completed the previous round. Factors involved are changes in wind strength and tide.
- 13.5 When some boats have completed one round of the course and a boat is unable to complete one round then, at the discretion of the Race Committee, the boat may be scored with the average of the boat's places in the series.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1 The Club and RYA Racing Charter advocate Advisory Hearings or Arbitration before protest.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of all classes has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS Rule 61.1(b).
- 14.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS Rule 70.5.
- 14.7 There will be no protest fee, but protests deemed to be frivolous by the Protest Committee may incur 5 penalty points added to the place points of the protesting yacht in the race concerned.
- 14.8 The Race Committee, or failing any being present, those senior Officers of the Club (see Constitution) present, or the Race Officer in the absence of all the foregoing, will nominate Protest Committee members as necessary.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply and at least 2 boats must race to constitute a race.
- 15.2 The Musto Skiff Series is single class racing and race placings only will be recorded.
- 15.3 For all other Series and One-Day events the current Portsmouth Numbers published by the RYA will be used to calculate corrected times.

- 15.4 The score for DNC will be based on the number of boats in the biggest start in any one race of the series plus 1.
- 15.5 Anyone undertaking a duty as Race Officer, Safety Officer or Assistant Safety Officer will be allocated 3 points against the helm/boat combination that is declared on either the race entry or result sheet. Except that no combination may count more than 3 duty scores per series.
- 15.6 For each series at least 3 races shall be completed to constitute a valid series. Each boat will count 50% of the total number of races sailed rounded up to the next whole number, except that at least 3 results will count.
- 15.7 For One Day events and the Club Championship at least 1 race shall be completed, and 1 result discarded when 3 races are completed.
- 15.7 Series Ties. If after discard, two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with Appendix A8.

16. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 16.1 For an infringement of Part 2 of the Rules, multihulls are required only to do a 360 degree turn, including one tack and one gybe. This alters RRS Rule 44.2.

17. RACE COMMITTEE

- 17.1 The Race Committee is those members of the Club Sailing Sub-Committee present at the time.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes/Trophies will be awarded at the end of the season for each multi-day Series.
- 18.2 Junior competitors are as defined in the Membership categories; i.e. under eighteen years of age on 1st January in the current year.
- 18.3 The Beaully Firth YC Cup (Cadet Champion) is awarded to the winner who is under sixteen years of age on 1st January in the current year.
- 18.4 Overall Champion, Ladies Champion and Junior Champion prizes will be awarded from the aggregated results of the following series: Fraser MacKenzie; MH Morrison; Chanonry Trophy; Chanonry Quaich; Harbour Rosebowl; Rosehaugh Cup (Drysuit Diehards). Placings will be calculated by creating an aggregate series based on rankings in each series.
- 18.5 No more than one prize shall be awarded to one competitor in each of the Overall Series, Championship or One Day events. Senior/overall prizes are allocated first.