



**Mylne Classic Regatta 2009**  
**12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**Firth of Clyde and Kyles of Bute**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

**ROYAL NORTHERN & CLYDE YACHT CLUB**  
**IN ASSOCIATION WITH A. MYLNE & CO**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the KLR Handicap Rule.
- 1.2 Rule 77 and Appendix G will not be enforced during the regatta.

**2. NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted as follows –
  - At Rhu. On the Official Notice Board in the foyer of the RNCYC.
  - At Rothesay. Mylne Race Office.
- 2.2 The Race Committee will be using VHF Channel 77 and may make announcements to competitors concerning the racing on that channel. It is the responsibility of competitors to monitor this channel.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be indicated by flying Flag L on the flagstaff at the RNCYC or from the Mylne Race Office at Rothesay.
- 3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLASS FLAGS**

**4.1** Depending on entries, competing yachts will be split into two classes at the discretion of the Organising Authority, Class 1 and Class 2. Classes will fly the appropriate International Code Flag Numeral Pennant while racing.

**4.2** Racing will take place as follows for both Classes: -

**Monday 13 July. The Silvers Trophy Race Day.** Racing from Rhu to the finishing line off Bute Slip Dock Yard.

**Tuesday 14 July. The Bute Race Day.** Cruise from Rothesay to Tighnabruaich, incorporating a Sail Past and salute to the Bute Slip Dock Yard at Ardmaleish Point. Following the cruise, there will be racing from a start near Tighnabruaich, to Ardmaleish Point. The warning signal will be made when boats are in the vicinity of the start.

**Wednesday 15 July. The Adelphi Fasadale Cup Race Day.** Racing based at Rothesay.

**Thursday 16 July. The Dubarry Trophy Race Day.** Racing from Rothesay to Rhu.

**4.3** The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first start each day, except for Tuesday 14 July, is 10.25. On Tuesday, boats will muster in Rothesay at 09.45 for the start of the cruise; the warning signal for the first start of the following races will be as soon as convenient.

#### **5. RACING AREA**

**5.1** Racing will take place in the upper reaches of the Firth of Clyde, the Kyles of Bute and the waters round Bute and the Cumbrae islands. Admiralty chart number 2131 covers the whole area but competitors may wish to have some larger scale charts.

#### **6. THE COURSES**

**6.1** The courses for each day are shown in Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4. Where there is a choice of course, the appropriate signal will be displayed on the Committee Vessel.

#### **7. MARKS**

**7.1** Laid marks, other than starting and finishing marks, will be orange inflatable buoys. Navigation marks are as described on the chart.

#### **8. THE START**

**8.1** Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. On Monday and Thursday, the warning signal for Class 2 will be made at 10.25, and for Class 1 the warning signal will be made at 11.25. On Tuesday and Wednesday the order of starts will be Class 2 followed by Class 1; the warning signal for the second start will be the starting signal for the first start.

**8.2** The starting line will be as described in the course for the relevant day's racing. At all starts the term "committee vessel" includes any dinghy, RIB or buoy attached to the main vessel.

**8.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and shall keep clear of the finishing line after finishing.

**8.3** A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

**8.4** A boat arriving late in the starting area may remain under power or tow under rule 42.3(h) provided that, after stopping its engine or casting off its tow, it takes a Two-Turns penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions.

#### **9. RECALLS AND GENERAL RECALLS**

**9.1** In addition to rule 29, the Race Committee will endeavour to announce individual recall numbers on VHF Channel 77. Failure to broadcast a yacht's recall number will not be grounds for redress.

## **10. SHORTENING COURSE**

- 10.1** When the shorten course signal is displayed by a committee vessel near an inflatable mark laid for the purpose, not necessarily a previously defined mark of the course, boats shall finish between that mark and the committee vessel. This alters rule 32.2.

## **11. THE FINISH**

- 11.1** The finishing line will be between an orange flag on a committee vessel and an adjacent black inflatable mark laid for the purpose.

## **12. TIME LIMITS**

- 12.1** Time limits will be as follows: -

Monday and Thursday	16.00 hours
Wednesday	15.00 hours
Tuesday	17.00 hours

- 12.2** In alteration of rule 35, A4 and A5, if one or more boats in a class have finished before the time limit, then the time limit for all other boats in that class will be extended by 30 minutes.

## **13. PROTESTS, RYA ARBITRATION & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1** Protest forms will be available at the regatta office at Rothesay or at RNCYC as appropriate. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 90 minutes after the last yacht has finished the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

- 13.2** Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held beginning 15 minutes after the notice of hearings is posted.

- 13.3** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

- 13.4** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall 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.

- 13.5** On the last scheduled day of racing 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.

- 13.6** The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will be available and will be shown on the Official Notice Board at the Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club.

## **14. SCORING**

- 14.1** When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

- 14.2** Provisional results will be displayed on the appropriate official notice board as soon as possible after each race. As an aid to competitors, the results will carry the letters PRO against a yacht's name if a protest has been intimated by or against that yacht.

## **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1** It is a safety regulation that a yacht retiring from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **16. ADVERTISING**

- 16.1** Boats shall display advertising supplied by the sponsor in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. This will be provided at registration.

## **17. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 17.1** All official boats and Committee vessels will display International Code Third Substitute for purpose of identification.

## **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 18.1** Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions nor use a mobile phone while racing, nor receive radio or other communications not available to all yachts.

## **19. PRIZES**

- 19.1** There will be daily keeper prizes for Individual Race Winners in each class and, depending on numbers, prizes for the second and third boats on handicap in each class.

- 19.2** Perpetual Prizes will presented as follows: -

Monday           The Silvers Trophy to the boat with the best corrected time over both classes.

Wednesday      The Adelphi Fasadale Cup to the winning boat in either class as chosen by the sponsor.

Thursday        The Dubarry Trophy to the boat with the best corrected time over both classes.

- 19.3** Overall        The Fairlie Restorations Trophy to the best presented yacht as chosen by Mr Duncan Walker.

Prize for the best presented crew as chosen by Mr Garry Beverley.

Wragg's Wooden Spoon, awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

The Keepsake Trophy to the boat judged by the Organising Authority to have had the best performance over the regatta. (To be kept for 1 year)

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 20.1** In addition to full declaration as signed on the Entry Form, competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

## **21. INSURANCE**

- 21.1** Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## **22. NARROW CHANNELS AND HAZARDOUS AREA**

- 22.1** Attention is drawn to the **International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972**. Particular attention should be taken of rule 9b, which states 'a vessel of less than 20 metres length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a Narrow Channel or Fairway'.

Admiralty Chart number 2131 shows the Racing Area with "Recommended Channels" shown dotted. While racing and on passage within the Firth, north of Cumbrae Head, boats must regard the water enclosed by "Recommended Channels" as a narrow channel.

Furthermore, Clydeport Operations have decreed that any waters of the Firth where vessels, by virtue of their size, draft, speed or proximity to the land, hazards and other vessels, are unable to manoeuvre freely must be regarded as a 'Narrow Channel' within meaning of the IRPCS 9b.

This also applies in the waters of the Queens Harbour (marked as the Southern limit of Dockyard Port of Gareloch & Loch Long on Admiralty Chart No 1994). While racing any yacht which is unable for reason of lack of wind, or any other cause, to sail clear of a large power driven vessel shall start her engine or paddle to get clear, and thereafter shall report full details to the Race Officer. In the event of a member of the Race Committee observing that a yacht has apparently obstructed the safe passage of a large power driven vessel in channels, the Race Committee may proceed against the yacht.

Competitors are reminded of the Clydeport Operations Byelaw which prohibits yachts and other craft from manoeuvring within 100 metres of any ferry terminal. Particular regard shall be paid to this when in the vicinity of the Caledonian MacBrayne and Western Ferries facilities at Gourock, Dunoon, McInroy's Point and Hunters Quay.

At Rothesay Harbour there is a traffic light system on the pier that needs to be observed by small boat users. Three vertical red lights mean no traffic in or out while Green – White – Green means boats are free to enter and leave. There is a lifting bridge to access the inner harbour and marina. Yachts should call the harbour master on VHF Channel 12 or telephone 01700 503842 to arrange for this to be lifted.

**Military Vessels** routinely transit the Race Area and are accompanied by a security escort. Yachts and support vessels 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. High-speed support vessels should not 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. Yachts and support vessels must manoeuvre as requested by security forces. Submarines on passage may have towed arrays extending up to 1,000 metres astern. Maritime safety broadcasts announced by the MCA on VHF Ch 16 shall identify any such submarines as "positive" and boats shall not pass within 1,000 metres astern of one so designated. (Escort craft will normally instruct boats to keep clear).



## **APPENDIX 1**

**Monday 13 July.**

**The Silvers Trophy Race Day.**

### **1. THE START**

**1.1** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee vessel anchored off Helensburgh (approx position 55 59.8'N, 04 44.5'W) at the starboard end and a black inflatable laid mark to the east at the port end.

### **2. THE COURSE**

**2.1** Both classes shall sail the same course – Start, Red Lateral Buoy No 24 - leave to starboard, Dunoon Bank East Cardinal - leave to port, Dunoon Bank West Cardinal – leave to starboard, Toward Reef East Cardinal No 34 – leave to starboard, Toward Bank No 35 – leave to starboard, Ardyne – leave to starboard, finish. Approximately 16 nm.

### **3. THE FINISH**

**3.1** The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the committee vessel anchored off Ardmaleish Point (approx position 55 52.7'N, 5 04.3W) at the port end and a black inflatable laid mark to the east at the starboard end.

### **4. TIDES**

**4.1** High Water Greenock 04.31 and 17.01 BST



## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Tuesday 14 July.**

### **Bute Race Day**

#### **1. THE START**

- 1.1** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee vessel anchored near Tighnabruaich (approx position 55 53.8'N, 5 13.7'W) at the starboard end and a black inflatable mark laid to the east of the committee vessel at the port end.

#### **2. THE COURSE**

- 2.1** Class 1 shall sail course A  
Class 2 shall sail course B  
If the Committee Vessel displays IC Flag "S" before the start then both classes shall sail course B.
- 2.2** Course A. Start, Garroch Head - leave to port, Ascog Patches – leave to starboard, Bogany Point Buoy – leave to port, Ardyne – leave to starboard, finish. Approximately 24 nm.
- 2.3** Course B. Start, Orange Inflatable Race Mark in approx position 55 51.3'N, 5 11.9'W – leave to port, the North Passage through the Burnt Isles (entry approx 55 55.8'N, 5 10.5'W), Ardyne – leave to starboard, finish. Approximately 14 nm.

#### **3. THE FINISH**

- 3.1** The finishing line for both classes will be between an orange flag on the committee vessel anchored off Ardmaleish Point (approx position 55 52.7'N, 5 04.3W) at the port end and a black inflatable mark laid to the east at the starboard end.

#### **4. TIDES**

- 4.1** High Water Greenock 05.08 and 17.41 BST



## **APPENDIX 3**

**Wednesday 15 July.**

### **The Adelphi FASCADALE Cup Race Day**

#### **1. THE START**

- 1.1** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee vessel anchored in Rothesay Bay at the starboard end and a black inflatable laid mark to the north at the port end.

#### **2. THE COURSE**

- 2.1** Class 1 shall sail course A

Class 2 shall sail course B

If the Committee Vessel displays IC Flag "S" before the start then both classes shall sail course B.

- 2.2** Course A. Start, Bogany Point Buoy - leave to starboard, Portachur Spit Cardinal Buoy - leave to port, Great Cumbrae Island – leave to port, Hun 1 - leave to port, Ascog Patches - leave to starboard, Bogany Point Buoy - leave to port, finish. Approximately 19 nm.

- 2.3** Course B. Start, Bogany Point Buoy - leave to starboard, Mountstuart Safe Water Buoy - leave to port, Ascog Patches - leave to starboard, Bogany Point buoy - leave to port, finish. Approximately 12 nm.

#### **3. THE FINISH**

- 3.1** The finishing line for both classes will be between an orange flag on the committee vessel anchored in Rothesay Bay at the port end and a black inflatable mark to the north at the starboard end.

#### **4. TIDES**

- 4.1** High Water Greenock 05.49 and 18.24 BST



## **APPENDIX 4**

**Thursday 16 July.**

### **The Dubarry Trophy Race Day**

#### **1. THE START**

- 1.1** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee vessel anchored off Ardmaleish Point (approx position 55 52.7'N, 5 04.3W) at the starboard end and a black inflatable mark to the east at the port end.

#### **2. THE COURSE**

- 2.1** Both classes shall sail the same course - Start, Ardyne - leave to port, Toward Bank - leave to port, Toward Reef East Cardinal - leave to port, Dunoon Bank West Cardinal - leave to port, Dunoon Bank East Cardinal - leave to starboard, Green Lateral Buoy Kil No 1 - leave to starboard, Green Lateral Buoy Ard No 5 - leave to starboard, Red Lateral Buoy No 24 - leave to port, finish. Approximately 16 nm.

#### **3. THE FINISH**

- 3.1** The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the committee vessel anchored off Helensburgh (approx position 55 59.8'N, 04 44.5'W) at the port end and a black inflatable mark laid to the east at the starboard end.

#### **4. TIDES**

- 4.1** High Water Greenock 06.38 and 19.12 BST



## **APPENDIX 5**

### **Racing mark descriptions and approximate locations**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Approx position</i>
Cairndhu Buoy	Green Lateral Buoy.	56°00.3'N, 4°46.0'W
Buoy No. 24	Red Lateral Buoy	55 59.4'N, 4 45.5'W
Dunoon Bank East Cardinal	East Cardinal Buoy.	55 56.6'N, 4 54.2'W
Dunoon Bank West Cardinal	West Cardinal Buoy.	55 56.7'N, 4 54.5'W
Toward Reef East Cardinal	East Cardinal Buoy. No.34	55 51.4'N, 4 59.1'W
Toward Bank	Green Lateral Buoy. No. 35	55 51.0'N, 5 00.0'W
Ardyne	Green Special Purpose Buoy	55 52.1'N, 5 03.2'W
Bogany Point	Red Lateral Buoy. No. 36	55 50.8'N, 5 01.4'W
Ascog Patches	Isolated Danger Pile Beacon. No 13	55 49.7'N, 5 00.3'W
Mountstuart Safe Water Buoy	Red/White Pillar Buoy. Mountstuart	55 48.0'N, 4 57.6'W
Portachur Spit	South Cardinal Buoy. No 38	55 44.4'N, 4 57.1'W
Hun 1	Yellow Special Purpose Buoy	55 48.1'N, 4 54.2'W
Kil No 1	Green Lateral Buoy	55 58.7'N, 4 50.3'W
Ard No 5	Green Lateral Buoy	55 58.7'N, 4 47.5'W

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