



LOCH VENACHAR SAILING CLUB
in association with
SAILABILITY SCOTLAND SCIO



INVITATION and NOTICE OF RACE

Scottish Open Challenger Championships (SOCC) 2024
Sponsored by Hugh Campbell
& Scottish Challenger Traveller Series 2024 Qualifier T4
3rd & 4th August 2024
Sponsored by Sir Boyd Tunnock of Tunnock, Uddingston

1. **Organising Authority** - Loch Venachar Sailing Club (LVSC) in association with Sailability Scotland SCIO.
2. **Rules**
 - 2.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Challenger Class Rules, this Notice of Race and such other rules as the Sailing Instructions may prescribe. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall override the Notice of Race.
 - 2.2. All Challengers must have grab lines of free specification fixed to each spinnaker and a suitable tow line of free specification fixed to the bow and long enough to be led back to the cockpit and handled by the sailor.
 - 2.3. A Challenger Hull is defined thus - "A boat's Hull shall consist of a central main hull, plus port and starboard spinnakers bolted together with two aluminium tubular crossbeams".
 - 2.4. Racing Rules will be changed as follows:-
 - Rule 27.1 & 40 Personal buoyancy will be worn at all times whilst on or near the water.
 - Rule 41 A boat racing is permitted to receive outside help from Official Patrol Boats for any reason other than added propulsion.
 - Rule 44.1 RRS Part 2 infringements shall incur a ONE turn penalty.
 - Rule 49 Helm and crew shall remain seated in their normal positions within the main hull or upon a Buddy Seat, unless in an emergency.

3. Advertising

Advertising will be controlled as per World Sailing Regulation 20 - 'Advertising Code' and as per any requirements of the Event Sponsor.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to the Challenger Class of boat.
- 4.2. The entry may be split into Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleets.
 - 4.2.1. Experienced and able bodied sailors will sail solo in the Gold Fleet.
 - 4.2.2. Less experienced Sailors with a disability will sail solo in the Silver Fleet at the discretion of the Race Committee if there is sufficient entry to justify a separate fleet.
 - 4.2.3. Sailors with a disability requiring a buddy will sail in the Bronze Fleet.
 - 4.2.4. If 2 or fewer sailors register for any fleet, the organisers reserve the right to

consolidate that fleet with another.

4.3. Pre-entry.

4.3.1. Full Members of the Host Venue, Sailability Scotland, and Challenger Class Association living outwith Scotland making a £15.00 non-refundable pre-entry will be entitled to assistance with the entry fee from sponsorship received from Sir Boyd Tunnock of Tunnocks, Uddingston.

4.3.2. Pre-entry form is available on link -

<http://www.sailabilityscotland.org.uk/entryform.html>

Parent or Guardian of under 18 year old competitors to countersign entry forms.

4.3.3. Pre-entry Payment can be made by PayPal or Credit/Debit Card via this link -

<http://www.sailabilityscotland.org.uk/Shop.html>

4.4. Late entries after 26th July 2024 may be taken by the Host Venue and accepted at the discretion of the Organiser. However, there will be an additional late entry fee of **£10** and you will be required to pay your own entry fee of **£30** in full direct to the club.

4.5. Advance entries from non-members may be made by to the Event Organiser or Sailability Scotland using the Entry Form available on the web pages and accompanied by a payment of **£30**.

5. Schedule

5.1. Racing will take place on Saturday 3rd August 2024 and Sunday 4th August 2024.

5.2. Competitors register at LVSC clubhouse from 09.00hrs

5.3. Briefing will be at 10.00hrs

5.4. The event will be a 5 race regatta held over 2 days.

5.5. Regatta start times -

Sat First Race start at 11.00hrs (will not be before this time)

Lunch followed by

Races 2 & 3 back to back, time to be announced

Sun Races 4 & 5 back to back, start 10.30hrs (will not be before this time)

Lunch followed by

Helpers race time to be announced.

Prize-giving as soon as possible after racing time to be announced.

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be made available to all competitors at registration and will be published prior on LVSC's and Sailability Scotland's websites.

7. Starting Procedure and Courses to be Sailed

7.1. Starting Procedure will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

7.2. Race courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions and at the sailors Briefing(s).

8. Scoring System

8.1. The scoring system to be used will be as in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point system.

8.2. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.3. Races to count

8.3.1. When up to 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.3.2. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.4. Race results will be scored in overall finishing order regardless of fleet. Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleet results may be extracted for prize giving purposes - they shall be extracted from overall results and not scored separately.

9. Venue

- 9.1. LVSC on Invertrossachs Road on the South side of Loch Venachar nr Callander FK17 8HG. "What Three Words" - <https://what3words.com/lifeboats.roosters.mild>
- 9.2. Arrangements for access to the club site before noon on Friday 2nd should be made in advance with the event organiser.
- 9.3. There are many hotels and guesthouses in the area which is a popular holiday destination. Camping on the Club site is permitted by arrangement with the LVSC event organiser.

10. Catering

- 10.1. Normal tea/coffee, soup, filled rolls and cakes will be provided by the Club each day.
- 10.2. An evening meal for sailors and helpers will be arranged on Saturday evening at a local hotel. Whatever early indication that can be given, re numbers wishing to attend, will be greatly appreciated.

11. Visual Images Consent

By signing the entry form, competitors grant the Organising Authority or their agents, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use, show or publish any motion pictures, still pictures and live or recorded coverage in any media, of or relating to the Regatta, unless they have advised the organising authority otherwise, in writing prior to the event.

12. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive telephone or radio communications not available to all other boats.

13. Prizes

Will be awarded for **SOCC**:-

- First Overall - "The Sandeman Trophy"
- Winner of the Last Race - "The Clyde Cruising Club Trophy"
- Top Scottish Helm - "The Helensburgh Challenger Quaich"
- Top Lady Helm - "The Consular Corp Trophy"
- Winner of the Helpers Race - "The John Heron Trophy"
- First Silver Fleet

Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

14. Liability

A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the prevailing conditions. By launching, the boat confirms that it is fit for the conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

A boat is required to hold adequate insurance and, in particular, to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3m for the duration of the event.

Nothing done by the organisers and their agents can reduce the responsibility for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the event. The organisers encompass everybody helping to run the races and the event, including the Organising Authority, Race Committee, Race Officers, Patrol Boat Crews and Beach Masters.

The provision of Patrol Boats does not absolve any boat of its responsibilities.

15. Contacts and Event Organisers

Loch Venachar Sailing Club Contact(s)	John McPartlin	jfmcpartlin@outlook.com	07753-824667
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16. Check, Clean and Dry procedures to avoid the spread of invasive aquatic species

Visiting sailors are asked to follow the procedures advised in order to prevent the spread of non-native species. There is a requirement to ensure that boats are clean before they visit the site using the principle of [Check Clean Dry](#).

And video - [Dinghy - Check Clean and Dry - Prevent the spread of Invasive Species - YouTube](#)

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