

SCOTTISH CHALLENGER TRAVELLER SERIES 2017 GUIDELINES FOR HOST CLUBS

These guidelines are intended to provide a framework for clubs hosting a round of the Challenger Traveller Series. For each event the Organising Authority will be the Host Club *in association with Sailability Scotland (SS)*.

1. The Organising Authority shall be responsible for race management, provision of suitable facilities, toilets for disabled persons (including wheelchair users), course markers, and safety cover on the water, launch/recovery assistance and general running of the event.
2. It is expected that all Clubs and Travelling Competitors will adhere to the RYA "Advice How To Avoid Spreading Invasive Species".
3. Notice of Race (based on Challenger Class Association standard) should be issued at least four weeks prior to the event and should include an indication of suitable local accommodation and catering options.
Sailing Instructions should be agreed, based on Challenger Class Association standard and made available to all competitors at registration.
4. ALL Notices and Sailing Instructions should indicate that the event forms part of the Sailability Scotland Challenger Traveller Series 2017.
5. Solo and pillion fleets should generally have a combined start.
6. Able-bodied sailors are eligible to take part in solo fleet and their results will count.
7. There shall be a minimum of four races scheduled for 2 day events with a race for helpers if time allows.
8. Back to back races should have the approval of all the sailors.
9. A Race Committee (usually OOD, SS rep +1) should be formed to carry out dynamic risk assessment on suitability of conditions for racing and safety of competitors and beach crew.
10. The Beach Master shall be clearly identified at each briefing.
11. The "Beach Crew" should comprise a minimum of 3 in-water personnel, and a minimum of 6 onshore. Personnel may be co-opted from visiting clubs. Additional personnel may be required in poor conditions.
12. There shall be radio contact between OOD, Beach Master and each Safety Boat.
13. A minimum of two Safety Boats shall be deployed prior to launching of the Challenger fleet for all races (including Helpers Race) and must remain active until all Challengers are recovered.
14. Safety Boats should be provided at a minimum ratio of one to every five Challengers.
15. A helm and a minimum of one crew together with relevant safety equipment should man each Safety Boat at all times.
16. **Race results are required in overall finishing order regardless of fleet. Fleet results may be extracted for prize giving purposes.**
17. Race by race and overall results should be provided to the SS representative at the event or sent to SS at Edinburgh within seven days of the event.
18. SS would like copies of photographs of the event and may use them for publicity purposes. The rights of each individual photographer will be acknowledged and respected.
19. The host club shall provide prizes for each fleet and the winner of the helpers' race.
20. Host clubs are encouraged to offer a social event after sailing on the Saturday. The entry fee may be adjusted to reflect the inclusion of such an event.