



INVITATION and NOTICE OF RACE

Scottish Challenger Traveller Series 2026 Qualifier T5 **1st & 2nd August 2026**

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 2025 - 2028 (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. A Challenger Hull is defined thus - "A boat's Hull shall consist of a central main hull, plus port and starboard sponsons bolted together with two aluminium tubular crossbeams".
- 2.3. All Challengers must have a tow line of free specification. Recommended 5 metres minimum length. Shall reach from a secure bow point back to the helmsperson
- 2.4. All Challengers must have a grab line of free specification fixed to each sponson, which shall be fixed near the outer ends of both front and rear crossbeams.
- 2.5. 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 **£20.00** 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 - <https://forms.gle/xvRqWz6bugoJs7y16>
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 - <https://www.sailabilityscotland.org.uk/pay.php>

4.4. Late entries after 24th July 2026 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 **£40** in full direct to the club.

4.5. Advance entries from non-members may be made to the Event Organiser or Sailability Scotland using the Entry Form available on the web pages and accompanied by a payment of **£40**.

5. Schedule

5.1. Racing will take place on Saturday 1st August 2026 and Sunday 2nd August 2026.

5.2. Competitors register at LVSC clubhouse from 09.00hrs on Saturday

5.3. Briefing will be at 10.00hrs on Saturday

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

5.5. Regatta start times -

Saturday 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

Sunday 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 31st should be made in advance with the event organiser.
- 9.3. Launching and recovery is via slipway, but a portable hoist is available onshore if required.
- 9.4. 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

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority and depending on entries.

14. Risk Statement

Rule 3 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:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3M against third party claims for the duration of the event.

15. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

16. Contacts and Event Organisers

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| Loch Venachar Sailing Club Contact(s) | John McPartlin | jfmcpartlin@outlook.com | 07753-824667 |
| Sailability Scotland Contact(s) | Duncan Greenhalgh | duncan.greenhalgh@gmail.com | 07952704361 |

17. 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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