



**Loch Venachar Sailing Club  
Challenger Regatta  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026**



Scotland SCIO

Scottish Charity Number SC047162

**Sailability Scotland Challenger Traveller Series 2026 Qualifier T5  
Sponsored by Sir Boyd Tunnock**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 Organising Authority**

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is Loch Venachar Sailing Club (LVSC) in association with Sailability Scotland SCIO.

**2 Rules**

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Challenger Class Rules, the Notice of Race and LVSC local rules, as amended by these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions shall override the Notice of Race.

LVSC Club rules 8 and 9 will apply at all times namely:

- Except in the vicinity of the Club site all sailing boats must keep clear of fishing boats and shore fishermen.
- Boats may not be beached, other than at the club site, except in an emergency or by prior permission.

- 2.2 A Challenger Hull is defined thus - "A boat's Hull shall consist of a central main hull, plus left and right-hand 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.

**Racing Rules will be changed as follows:**

- 2.5 Rule 27.1 & 40, Personal Buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst on the water or pontoons.
- 2.6 Rule 41, outside help - is modified to permit a boat to receive outside help from a safety boat for any reason other than added propulsion.
- 2.7 Rule 44.1, taking a penalty - modified from two turns to one turn for RRS Part 2 infringements
- 2.8 Rule 49, crew position - modified so that helm and buddy should remain seated in their normal positions within the main hull or on a buddy seat except in an emergency.

**3 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse.

**4 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the noticeboard at least 1 hour before the warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 16.00 on the day before it will take effect.

**5 Signals made Ashore**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the clubhouse
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with '15 minutes' in the "Race Signals, AP" Rule.

## 6 Schedule of Races

6.1 Racing will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

6.2 Registration

Competitors may register at LVSC clubhouse from 09.00hrs.

6.3 Schedule

Briefing will be at 10.00hrs.

The event will be a five race regatta held over two days

Date	Time of Warning Signal for 1st Race	Races
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2026	1055 hrs	First Race at 11.00 (will not be before this time) Lunch Races 2&3 to follow (back to back)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2026	1025 Hrs	Races 4&5 back to back 1030hrs (will not be before this time) Lunch Helpers race 14.00hrs Prizegiving

6.4 Back to back races should have the approval of all the sailors

6.5 The above schedule may be adjusted dependent on prevailing weather conditions and forecast. In this case a change to the SI will be posted and all competitors will be informed. However the start of the first race each day will not be any earlier that stated here.

## 7 Class Flag

7.1 The **Challenger** Class Flag will be - (Laser)



## 8 Racing Area

8.1 The racing area will be the area in front of the clubhouse

## 9 The Course

9.1 Course(s) for each race will be as described at the sailors briefing and displayed on the course board not later than 15 minutes before the first warning signal.

## 10 Marks

10.1 Marks will be described and on display on the notice board.

10.2 Committee and patrol boats will be described on the notice board if applicable.

## 11 The Start

11.1 Races will be started using rule 26 (i.e. 5, 4, 1, go) warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal. Times shall be taken from the visual light signals on the clubhouse balcony. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

11.2 The Starting Line will run through the signal mast (a white pole on the clubhouse balcony) and the transit pole flying a Club burgee on the shore. Its outer end will be limited by an outer distance mark. This is a limit mark at the start but may not be exactly on the line.

11.3 An alternative start line may be set by the race officer if wind conditions make this desirable and will be communicated to competitors at the briefing.

## **12 The Finish**

12.1 The finish line will be between the signal mast and the outer mark.

## **13 Time Limit**

13.1 The target time for the leading boat to complete each race is 45 minutes. There will be no time limit for boats' finishing after the first boat has finished but in order to minimise excessive delays between races, the race officer may award a finishing position to those slower boats that are still racing. The race officer's decision is final and will not provide grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes rule 62.

## **14 Protests**

14.1 The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration Procedures) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available and a summary will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The penalty will be a loss of a minimum two places but shall not result in a score worse than DNF.

14.2 If a protest is preferred, forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.3 The protest limit is 60 minutes after the last boat 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 witnesses. Location of hearings will be identified on the notice.

## **15 Scoring**

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

15.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series

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

15.4 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.

15.5 **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.**

## **16 Declarations**

16.1 Boats retiring must inform the race office on coming ashore.

## **17 Radio Communication**

17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **18 Prizes**

18.1.1 Awards will be made to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each fleet and at the discretion of the Race Committee. A prize will also be given to the winner of the Helpers Race.

## **19 Visual Image Consent**

Competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the Regatta, unless the Authority is advised otherwise in writing prior to the Regatta.

**20 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race and also the disclaimers on the Notice of Race and Entry Form. 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**

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.