



Thursday 10th July to Sunday 13th July 2025
CRINAN

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is Autism on the Water.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Prescriptions of the RYA available at www.rya.org.uk shall apply.

1.3 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) shall apply.

https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/25175526/WS_Offshore_Special_Regulations_2024-2025_v51.pdf

1.4 Rules of CYCA handicap system available at <http://www.cyca-online.org.uk/> shall apply.

1.5 Rules of one design classes shall apply for those classes.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing Instructions shall be published on the event website www.autismonthewater.org.uk/regatta-2025 on or before close of entries. The SIs may change some RRS.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 The official noticeboard is on the event website as described in NoR 2.1. There shall be no physical notice board.

3.2 [DP] All boats will carry a marine VHF radio. The Race Committee (RC) shall use VHF radio to communicate to boats. Details of channels will be in the SIs. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The Regatta is open to boats with CYCA handicap between 0.00 and 25.00:

Spinnaker Classes:

Restricted Sail Classes:

The following restrictions shall apply to yachts entering Restricted Sail classes during the Points Series but not for the Feeder Races:

A headsail may be set but a spinnaker shall not be set, both as defined in *The Equipment Rules of Sailing*, available on the World Sailing website. A headsail will be attached to a permanent forestay (or forestays in the case of a cutter) along the whole luff; sails will not be flown loose luffed.

Only one headsail may be flown at any one time from any forestay, except when changing sail so long as both sails are on the same stay and are hoisted together for the shortest possible time consistent with changing sail.

Mizzen staysails will not be set.

Classic Classes:

Within the Spinnaker and Restricted Sail classes, subject to numbers, Classic yachts shall also be scored as a separate group; for this event, classic yachts are defined as built in wood, steel, aluminium or ferrocement before 1980 and GRP boats designed over 50 years ago, including, but not restricted to Folkboat (all classes), Contessa 32, Contessa 26, SCOD, Nicholson 32 & 36, Twister, Stella, Honeybee, all Classic S&S Swans regardless of design date and one-offs, International 8 meters and 6 meters, International Dragon (classic, vintage and modern), Flying Fifteen, International Etchells, Soling, National Squib and Loch Long One Design.e.tc

Para Sailing

Open to all Para/Sailability recognised classes including 2.4mtr and Challenger boats.

4.2 Class divisions shall be decided after close of entry and shall be shown on the event website.

4.3 Classes may be altered, divided or amalgamated, or boats moved between classes at the discretion of the OA.

4.4 Entries shall be made with the entry fee using the entry form/system on the event website or by requesting a paper form.

4.5 Entries received after the closing date for entries, Sunday 6 July and alterations to entries, shall only be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

4.6 *Motor Boats*

Motor Boats are most welcome, more information shall be available on the event website.

5 FEES

Entry fees shall be as shown on the Entry Form.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Boats entered in the two handed class are limited to two crew members.

7 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES -Not needed at this event

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Feeder and Return Homewards Races will not count towards the regatta scoring.

Thursday 10 July, first warning signal 18.55 for all boats in a single start, Inverkip to Ardrishaig.

Friday 11 July, first warning signal 07.40 for all boats in a single start, Oban to Crinan.

Sunday 13 July first warning signal 11.40. Pursuit race for all boats, Crinan to Oban.

9.2 The Event, Thursday 10 July to Sunday 13 July:

9.3 Boats shall register by the start of their first race of the series, a crew list including emergency contact details, the names of all crew under 18 and other contact information as set out in the relevant form on the website.

9.4 Para classes, Saturday 12 July first warning signal 11:55

9.5 All other classes, Saturday 12 July, first warning signal 10:25

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

10.2 [DP] Boats shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B; in Appendix B 5.01, the personal flotation device shall be replaced by an inflatable lifejacket defined in the starred sections of 5.01 of the main regulations.

10.3 [DP] Boats in the Inverkip to Ardrishaig overnight race shall comply with OSR Category 3.

[DP]Boats shall not carry anchors that project ahead of the hull or permanent bow appendage.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT - Not needed at this event

12 VENUE

There will be feeder races from the south and east, and Oban; the event will be run from Crinan with courses around Loch Crinan, Loch Craignish and the Sound of Jura.

13 COURSES

2 Coastal Races of approx. 11nm. The sailing instructions will describe the marks to be used in detail and courses will be described on the day on VHF.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Penalty for a breach of a rule, other than a rule of Part 1 and 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.5.

14.2 The Two-Turns penalty shall be replaced by the One-Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS, 17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS, 18 BERTHING, 19 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS, 20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – All not applicable at this event

21 DATA PROTECTION

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 OA'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.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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."

22.2 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, inspection and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser 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) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

A list of prizes will be on the event website.

25 CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure may be misconduct.

26 FURTHER INFORMATION Further information can be found on the event website.