



## SOLWAY YACHT CLUB CHALLENGER TRAVELLERS' OPEN MEETING 28<sup>TH</sup> / 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Registration 08.00 – 08.30, Briefing 08.50, 1<sup>st</sup> Race 09.50, High Water 11.10, 7.5m Tide

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> Race 11.10, Briefing 10.10, High Water 12.30, 7.6m Tide, Prize-giving 15.00

**This Notice of Race is issued on the assumption that there will be no significant Covid 19 restrictions in place at the time of the event. If this is not the case, and Solway Yacht Club, the Challenger Class Association and Sailability Scotland SCIO still consider it feasible to run the Championship in compliance with RYA Scotland, Scottish Government and their own guidance, a revised Notice of Race will be issued.**

## **WELCOME**

Solway Yacht Club invites you to join us for a weekend of wonderful sailing in a great environment and in a setting of outstanding natural beauty.

The sailing area (see chart below) is a wonderful scenic estuary that opens out into the Solway Firth. Racing for the weekend will take place in the more sheltered area stretching from where the river begins to open out to the fringes of the Solway Firth. The estuary gives competitors the exciting experience of sea sailing but in an area sheltered from the strongest winds. Tides and currents add to the mix. The large and comfortable clubhouse is in an elevated position with views over to Glen Isle.

## **ACCOMMODATION & PARKING**

There are many hotels and boarding houses within easy walking or motoring distance as well as caravan, camping and holiday chalets nearby, but early reservations are advised. A list of local accessible accommodation is issued with this Notice of Race. Note - No vehicles are to be used for overnight sleeping on Club premises or in car parks within the village of Kippford.

There is limited car parking space at the club site and the public car park. However, please respect local businesses' interests. For the safety of competitors and spectators, vehicles may not be driven onto the pier area and boat park other than to drop off or collect boats.

Access to the Club boat park will be provided from 18:00 to 20:00 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and from 08:00 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>, or outside these periods, by prior arrangement with John Broadbent on 01556 630424 or Chris Nurney on 07990 840277.

## **USE OF CLUB FACILITIES, CATERING & BAR**

Competitors and their families will be made Temporary Members of The Solway Yacht Club for the duration of the Championship.

The Clubhouse changing rooms on the ground floor with ramp access will be available to competitors and the Club has arranged for the use of the Kippford Village Hall between the Clubhouse and boat park where the Club will hold the Briefing and event Prizegiving. Disabled Persons' toilet facilities are available at the Village Hall and at the adjacent public toilets.

It is expected that SYC will be holding a social event in the Village Hall on the Saturday evening to which the Challenger sailors and others in their party will be invited to attend. More details will be provided closer to the time.

SYC also hopes bacon butties will be available to the competitors prior to racing on the Saturday morning, and tea and cakes after sailing prior to the prize-giving on the Sunday afternoon.

## **HOW TO FIND US**

Kippford lies to the south of Dalbeattie along the A710. From the west, follow the A745 and then the A711 from Castle Douglas to the boundary of Dalbeattie. From the north, follow the A711 from Dumfries until the far end of Dalbeattie.

For both, now take the A710, which is signposted "Solway Coast". Follow this road for around 3 miles. The Clubhouse is just before the foot of the hill on the left and the boat park is on the right just round a sharp left corner.

The postcode for Satnav is DG5 4LL.

## CONDITIONS

1. The meeting will be open to members of the Challenger Class Association, Sailability Scotland and members of the RYA, or a RYA recognized Yacht Club, sailing a borrowed boat. Eligible boats should be entered using Webcollect on the Solway Yacht Club Website by Thursday midnight, 26th May. Any queries on the use of Webcollect should be addressed to John Broadbent on 01556 630424 or Lindsay Tosh on 01387 860254. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the SYC Sailing Secretary or Race Officer on payment of an additional £5 that will be donated to the RNLI. Competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event shall be required to complete and lodge a hard copy of the parental/guardian's consent form (included in the entry form on Webcollect) at the Registration / Briefing prior to the start of racing .
2. The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024, the event Sailing Instructions and the Challenger Class Association rules. In the event of conflict, the event Sailing Instructions and any posted amendments to them shall prevail.
3. The entrant will be deemed to be the helmsman named on the Webcollect entry form.
4. Changes of hull or sail from those described on the entry form will not normally be allowed, but in event of damage or other circumstances must be notified to and approved by the Principal Race Officer and / or Sailing Secretary prior to commencement of the race or races in which they are being used.
5. Personal buoyancy in compliance with EN393 or better must be worn by all competitors and their "buddies", if sailing with one, while afloat. Boat buoyancy may be subject to scrutiny. A suitable painter or tow rope of at least 8m must be carried on all boats to facilitate towing and rescue.
6. Depending on the number of entries, a tally system may be used to ensure all competitors return safely after racing. If tallies are used, all competitors are obliged to use the system and to cooperate fully with its requirements.
7. Dogs should be kept on a leash at all times while on SYC premises.
8. Car numbers should be kept to a minimum and should be parked in club or public car parks and are not allowed onto the boat park once the series has started other than to deliver and collect competing boats.
9. Any alterations to these conditions or other details on the entry form shall be at the sole discretion of the Commodore and Race Committee of Solway Yacht Club.
10. In the event of a contradiction between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply. The Sailing Instructions will be made available online in the same way as the Notice of Race prior to the event and paper copies will be made available at Registration and the Briefing.

## RACING PROGRAMME

The Challenger event will take place alongside SYC club racing. Depending on the number of competitors and the speed range in the club fleet relative to the number of Challengers, the Principal Race Officer (PRO) will decide on the order of starting and whether the same course is used for both fleets and announce his decisions during the briefings. As the Club fleet is likely to be different on the 2 days, note that the PRO's decisions may not be the same both days.

See the front page of this NOR for the programme for the weekend. The second (and third if held) race each day will be held as soon as practicable after the completion of the preceding race.

Sailors should be aware that it can take some time to reach the Club Start Line, so boats need to be launched in sufficient time. In the event of light winds, tows will be available to help competitors reach the starting area, hence suitable tow ropes/painters (8m minimum length) should be carried.

## **SCORING SYSTEM**

The low points system as provided in RRS Appendix A will apply. There will be 1 discard when more than 3 races are sailed. The minimum number of races to constitute a series will be 2.

## **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of SYC and will be dependent on the number of entries.

## **ENTRIES, ENTRY DEADLINE AND FEES**

Entries must be made via Webcollect using the Link: <https://webcollect.org.uk/syc> and fees paid via Paypal, bank transfer, or by cash or cheque payable to Solway Yacht Club at Registration (08.00 - 08.30) on Saturday 28<sup>h</sup> May.

The Medical and Consent form must be completed online. In addition, where the competitor is under 18, a paper copy must also be completed, signed by the parent or guardian and handed in at Registration.

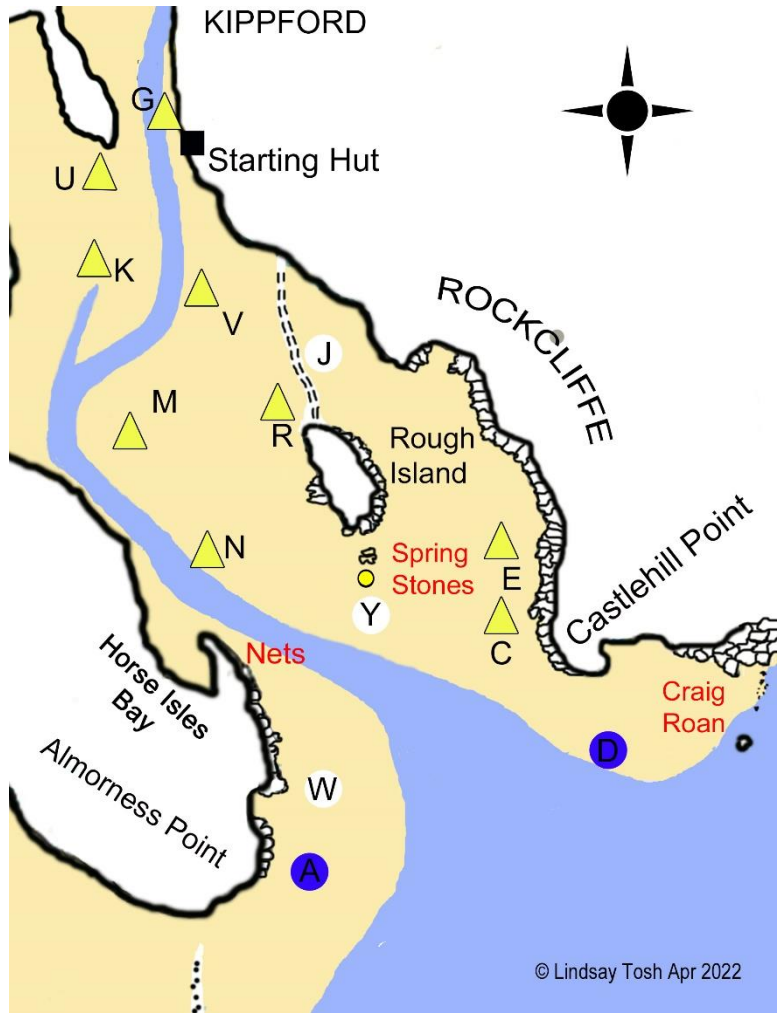
Normal entries will close at 24.00 on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022. See Condition 1 above for Late entries.

**Entry Fee:** £20. (NB Sailability Scotland are paying £15/entry in addition towards the event)

## **INSURANCE**

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

Telephone queries to John Broadbent, Sailing Secretary / Event Organiser, on 01556 630424, or to Chris Nurney, Principal Race Officer, on 07990 840277.



## ACCESSIBLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE AREA

**N.B. This list may not be up-to-date and the Solway Yacht Club will not take any responsibility for the suitability or quality of the establishments listed.**

**The Clonyard Hotel**, Clonyard Hotel, Colvend Nr Dalbeattie, DG5 4QW

Tel: 01556 630372

Email: [info.clonyard@yahoo.com](mailto:info.clonyard@yahoo.com)

<https://www.clonyardhotel.co.uk/>

**Douglas House B&B**, 63 Queen Street, Castle Douglas, DG7 1HS

Tel: 01556 503262

Email: [info@douglas-house.com](mailto:info@douglas-house.com)

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/douglas-house-bb-p455431>

**Barend Holiday Cottage**, Sandyhills, Dalbeattie, DG5 4NU

Tel: 01387 780663

Email: [info@barendholidaylodges.uk](mailto:info@barendholidaylodges.uk)

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/barend-holiday-cottage-p869831>

**Grooms Cottage**, Arbigland, Kirkbean, Dumfries & Galloway, DG2 8BQ

Tel: 01556 504030

Email: [info@discoverscotland.net](mailto:info@discoverscotland.net)

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/grooms-cottage-p2144971>

**Barend Lodges**, Dalbeattie, Sandyhills, Dumfries & Galloway, DG5 4NU

Tel: 01387 780663

Email: [info@barendholidaylodges.uk](mailto:info@barendholidaylodges.uk)

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/barend-holiday-lodges-p869821>

**East Brae Cottage B&B**, Crocketford, Dumfries, Dumfries And Galloway, DG2 8QE

Tel: 01556 690296

Email: [eastbrae@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eastbrae@hotmail.co.uk)

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/east-brae-cottage-bb-p193711>

**Kings Apartment**, St Andrew's Street, CASTLE DOUGLAS, Dumfries & Galloway, DG7 1EL

Tel: 01556 504030

Email: [info@discoverscotland.net](mailto:info@discoverscotland.net)

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/kings-apartment-p1058531>

**Merse End**, Rockcliffe, Dumfries & Galloway, DG5 4QH

Tel: 01556 504030

Email: [info@discoverscotland.net](mailto:info@discoverscotland.net)

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/merse-end-p1603961>

**Rose Haugh**, Laurieston, Castle Douglas, DG7 2PW

Tel: 01644 450677

Email: [ann@rosehaugh.myzen.co.uk](mailto:ann@rosehaugh.myzen.co.uk)

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/rose-haugh-p469861>

**Criffel Glen**, Kirkbean, New Abbey, Dumfries, DG2 8AB

Tel: 01556 504030

Email: [info@discoverscotland.net](mailto:info@discoverscotland.net)

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/criffel-glen-p1012171>

**Kendoon Apartment**, Kippford, Dalbeattie, DG5 4LL

Tel: 01556 620001

Email: [johndee61@btinternet.com](mailto:johndee61@btinternet.com)

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/kendoon-apartment-p1314021>

**Woodsedge Kirkennan**, Kirkennan Estate, Palnackie, DG7 1PE

Tel: 01566 600438

Email: [jenny@kirkennan.co.uk](mailto:jenny@kirkennan.co.uk)

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/woodsedge-kirkennan-p1111571>

**Note:** There is a lot of other tourist accommodation available in Kippford and the area around, details perhaps most easily being found online using Tripadvisor.

Hotels, B&Bs, etc. are usually heavily booked at this time of year, so early booking is advised.