

Sail Caledonia.

27th May to 3rd June 2017

Notice of Race

1 Organising Authority

The organising Authority is the Great Glen Boating Club (the "GGBC").

Full details of the programme can be found on the **Programme** page on the website.

2 Rules

2.1 All races will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (the "RRS"), as modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 In the event of any conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.3 Scoring

The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply to all races with 1 discard allowed.

2.4 Use of Oars

Rule 42 of the RRS will be modified by the Sailing Instructions to allow the use of oars for certain races.

2.5 Sporting Behavior

Sail Caledonia is intended to be a relaxed event and it is anticipated that many skippers will not have detailed knowledge of the RRS. Accordingly, we encourage skippers to sail in a sporting manner bearing this in mind. Aggressive 'tactical' racing could therefore lead to disqualification if such actions are judged to have compromised the safety of other boats or crew or the general enjoyment of the event by all.

2.6 Rules When Not Racing

The RRS shall not apply to boats which are not racing. In such circumstances the international Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (the "IRPCS") shall apply, together with any local by-laws.

3 Conditions of Entry

3.1 Classes:

Entry is open to boats of between 5 and 9 metres LOA, generally complying with the class descriptions as listed below, subject to the Organising Authority reserving the right to refuse admission to any boat without giving reason. The Organising Authority may also admit boats of LOA slightly less than 5m at its discretion.

Class 1 - Displacement keel boats of traditional shape and sail plan

Class 2 - Centre-board boats of traditionally inspired shape and sail plan

Class 3 - Drascombes and similar craft

Class 4 - Development boats (modern materials, sails etc)

Class 5 - Leisure Class (may use motors, not qualified for all races)

Specialised racing sails, including spinnakers and other similar sails are not permitted. Trapezes, outriggers and sliding seats are also not permitted. Special cases may be considered in the "Development" Class.

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The Organising Authority reserves the right to allocate a boat to any particular class on the basis of anticipated or actual performance in the interests of promoting close competition, and to split any class.

3.2 Entry Fees. **See the Booking page on the website.**

3.3 Application for Entry

Applications for entry should be made by completing the application form which can be downloaded from the Booking page.

Applicants will be advised of acceptance within 4 weeks of application. Upon acceptance, a non-refundable deposit will be payable in order to secure a place on Sail Caledonia. The balance of the entry fee is due no later than 8 weeks prior to the start of the event. In the event of cancellation by the entrant later than this date, the full fee remains due and payable.

3.4 Registration

The Responsible Person for each boat will be required to register upon arriving at Sail Caledonia at which time they must produce evidence of insurance cover to comply with 3.3. No boat will be allowed to participate in any part of Sail Caledonia without the registration process having been completed to the satisfaction of the Organising Authority.

4 Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions for all races will be sent out to applicants on acceptance of their entry and confirmed at daily briefings during the event.

5 Safety & Risk

5.1 Responsibility for Safety

Whilst the Organising Authority may on request provide information and advice to assist entrants with planning for the event, and will provide patrol boat cover during racing and rallying, they can not and will not take responsibility for the safety of individual boats and their crews.

Accordingly, entrants to Sail Caledonia should be entirely satisfied that, barring exceptional circumstances, they will be able to compete in the racing and complete the navigation of the lochs and canal reaches without assistance.

Each boat shall have a designated Responsible Person of a minimum of 18 years of age who shall be entirely responsible to the Organising Authority for the conduct and safety of the boat, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether on this Notice of Race, or the Sailing Instructions, or anywhere else, shall reduce this responsibility. The name of the responsible person shall be advised to the Organising Authority during registration.

It is for the Responsible Person to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or setting out for the race/rally area or by starting or continuing in any part of Sail Caledonia the Responsible Person confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and that the crew has sufficient equipment, experience and fitness to participate safely in the respective part of Sail Caledonia.

The Organising Authority reserves the right to disqualify a boat from a particular race or from the remainder of Sail Caledonia in circumstances where they consider that the actions of the person in charge (including starting or continuing in a race) pose a danger to the boat, its crew or others. The procedures for dealing with such events will be set out in the Sailing Instructions. Competitors should note that unsafe conduct can also lead to suspension of their licence from British Waterways to use the Caledonia Canal.

5.2 Personal Safety

Each person participating in Sail Caledonia shall wear suitable personal buoyancy at all times when afloat or when working with warps whilst locking through the canal.

Persons shall also wear suitable protective clothing to avoid the risks of hypothermia or excessive exposure to the sun.

5.3 Safety Equipment

Each boat is required to carry a level of safety equipment consistent with the type of boat, number, age and experience of crew etc. The Organising Authority reserves the right to inspect such equipment and to exclude any boat from participation which fails to meet this requirement. Minimum requirements will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

6 Facilities, Accommodation, Social Events, Etc.

Details of facilities, accommodation, social events, shore activities and attractions will be provided on the web-site at least 12 weeks prior to the start of Sail Caledonia.

7 Trophies

Trophies for the various regattas and for the overall race series will be determined once numbers of entrants are confirmed. Details will be provided via the web site and in the Sailing Instructions.

8 Publicity

8.1 Entrants to Sail Caledonia should be aware that the event is likely to attract a high level of media interest. Accordingly, all entrants agree to the use of sound recordings, video film or photographic images for the purposes of publicising Sail Caledonia and the Highlands of Scotland and to the publication of the names and details of boats and their crews. Such publicity may take the form of television or radio broadcasts, newspaper and magazine articles or web-pages, etc.

9 Liability and Insurance

9.1 Entrants to Sail Caledonia do so entirely at their own risk and neither the Organising Authority nor any other person involved with the promotion, management or running of Sail Caledonia shall be liable for any loss, damage, personal injury or death, howsoever occurring to any party whilst they participate in Sail Caledonia.

9.2 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve entrants of their responsibility for their own safety, nor does it imply an obligation on the part of the Organising Authority to provide a rescue service.

9.3 The fact that the Organising Authority may conduct an inspection of a boat or obtain details of the skipper or crew does not imply acceptance that the boat is fit to participate in Sail Caledonia, nor does any such action reduce the responsibility of entrants for their own safety.

9.4 All entrants are required to hold third party indemnity insurance with a minimum indemnity level of £2,000,000. All competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. No boat will be allowed to participate in any part of Sail Caledonia without having produced evidence of such insurance cover.

10 By participating in Sail Caledonia you accept that a Scottish court has sole jurisdiction in any disputes.