



2026 Notice of Race



Organising Clubs

The Organising Authority (OA) is the East Patch Racing Committee, which is a joint committee from the Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club and Helensburgh Sailing Club.

Enquiries should be addressed using the ContactUs page at www.eastpatch.org.uk.

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of the RYA
- 1.2 The regulations of Peel Ports Clydeport and also of the Clyde Dockyard Port (King's Harbour) will apply and the relevant details will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 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).
- 1.4 Notation (DP) may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 1.5 CYCA Handicap, RYA YTC (Trial) Rules and the rules of the respective Class Associations, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

2. Sailing Instruction

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) can be obtained online at www.eastpatch.org.uk

3. Communications

- 3.1 (DP) Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications whilst racing that are not available to other boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones. Special announcements to competitors will be made on VHF Channel M (37) as required.
- 3.2 (DP) **All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels M (37),16.**
- 3.3 There is no physical notice board, the online notice board is the website at www.eastpatch.org.uk
- 3.4 (NP) The Race Committee may make courtesy announcements to competitors on Channel M.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Boats shall have a valid CYCA handicap certificate and if also racing with YTC handicap rating similarly. If competing as One Design, you must comply with the rules of the relevant class association.
- 4.2 The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry and or to ask any boat to complete further undertakings or declarations before accepting any entry. Entries from single-crewed boats are not acceptable.
- 4.3 Boats will race in the following classes:

<u>Class</u>	<u>CYCA Handicap</u>
H/C Class 1	CYCA. Up to and including 17.00 min. and YTC rating.
Restricted Sail (RS)	CYCA Handicap and boats with YTC rating.
National Sonata	One Design
Handicap 3	Any CYCA Handicap 17.25 and above

- 4.4 Boats participating in the YTC trial should advise the EP of their handicap on receipt via the ContactUs page at www.eastpatch.org.uk
- 4.5 The OA reserves the right to accept entries out with the bands and amalgamate, cancel, divide or rearrange classes at its sole discretion.
- 4.6 Boats may enter the event by registering online www.eastpatch.org.uk and paying the relevant fees.

4.7 Boats must enter for a complete series to be eligible for a prize in that series.

5. Fees

5.1 Entry fees for each Series are given in the entry form.

6. Crew Limitations

6.1 IRC Crew Number/weight limitation will not apply.

7. Advertising

7.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category C and other information related to ISAF Regulation 20.

8. **Qualifying series and final series** – not applicable at this event.

9. Schedule.

9.1 The programme consists of four series, as shown below along with the times of the Warning Signals and the number of races to be sailed in a series.

9.2 Dates of racing; (all Wednesdays)

Primary Points 1	1850 Warning Signal H/Cap 1 and RS
22, 29 April, 6, 13, 20 May.	1855 Warning Signal Sonata 1900 Warning Signal H/Cap 3

Primary Points 2	As above
27 May, 3, 10, 17, 24 June.	

Secondary Points 1	As above
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 July.	

Secondary Points 2	As above
5, 12, 19, 26 Aug, 2 Sept.	

10. **Equipment Inspection** – Not applicable at this event.

11. **Clothing and Equipment** – Not applicable at this event

12 Venue

12.1 The race area is off Helensburgh bound by Ardmore point to the east, Rosneath Patch to the west and Peelports channel to the south. Competitors should note that the race area is subject to the regulations of Peelports and King's Harbourmaster. The relevant details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

13 Courses

13.1 The courses are mainly windward/leeward round a combination of laid marks and navigation buoys.

13.2 There is a detailed description and diagram in the Sailing Instructions.

14. Penalty System

14.1 The two-turn penalty shall be replaced by the One Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

14.2 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for full Information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rules). The outcome of a RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

15. Scoring

15.1 Two races in each series are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 a) when fewer than four races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score

b) when five races have been completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

16. Support Vessels – not applicable at this event

17. Charter or loan Boats – Not applicable at this event

18. Berthing – Not applicable at this event

19. Haul Out restrictions – Not applicable at this event

20. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools - 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 other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal base for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is of 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 RRS 3 states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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 the risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew and 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 action or crews' 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 organiser does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

23. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 or the equivalent for the duration of the event/series entered.

24. Prizes

- 24.1 The number of races scheduled in each series is shown on the programme. In all series two races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 24.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first 20% of the number of boats entered in a class in each series using the CYCA handicap or OD results.

25. Disclaimer of Liability

The safety of a boat and its entire management, including civil responsibility to third parties, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat. The establishment of these Notice of Race and Sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, his boat or his equipment and the management thereof.

The East Patch Racing Committee, on behalf of themselves, the Clubs and their representatives disclaim any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience to persons, boats or associated things arising directly or indirectly, ashore or afloat, from their policy, rules or ruling during the race and related activities.

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