



ABERSOCH KEELBOAT WEEK 2025

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 (RRS). The prescriptions of the RYA and Class rules shall apply, unless any of these are altered by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Racing will be provided under handicapping for IRC, including IRC Limited Validity TCC and the RYA YTC National Rating System.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors and race results will be posted on the official notice board located on the middle deck at SCYC.

2.2 There will be a skippers briefing on the lower deck at SCYC 12:00 Sunday 17th August

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast at SCYC.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 International Code Flag L (Black & Yellow Quarters) will be flown from the main mast of SCYC only. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 10:00 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES & COURSE INFORMATION

5.1 There will be 1 race areas and 1 committee boat, Course diagrams are contained in Appendix 1 & 2

5.2 Courses will be displayed on the committee boat before the warning signal for each class. The marks indicated are rounding marks and rounded in the order indicated. Courses will also be transmitted on WhatsApp.

5.3 On Friday a warning signal will not be displayed after 14.30 hours.

5.4 It is intended that IRC 1 & 2, Small keelboats and Sports boats will sail windward leeward courses Monday to Friday. White sails will race around the cans. All classes will have an offshore start by committee boat.



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5.5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	FLEET	WARNING SIGNAL	START	COURSE See Clause 5
SUNDAY 17.08.2025 Practice Race. Prize giving 17.30hrs	White Sails	13.45 hrs	13.50 hrs	Club line start . Inshore course one race.
	IRC 1	13.55 hrs	14.00 hrs	Club line start, Inshore course one race.
	IRC 2	14.05 hrs	14.10 hrs	Club line start, Inshore course one race.
	Sports Boats	14.15 hrs	14.20 hrs	Club line start, Inshore course one race.
	Small Keelboats	14.25 hrs	14.30 hrs	Club line start, Inshore course one race.
MONDAY 18.08.2025 Prize giving 17.30hrs	White Sails	11.55 hrs	12.00 hrs	Committee boat start.
	IRC 1	12.00 hrs	12.05 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	IRC 2	12.05 hrs	12.10 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Sports Boats	12.10 hrs	12.15 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Small Keelboats	12.15 hrs	12.20 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
TUESDAY 19.08.2025 Prize Giving 17.30hrs	White Sails	11.55 hrs	12.00 hrs	Committee boat start.
	IRC 1	12.00 hrs	12.05 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	IRC 2	12.05 hrs	12.10 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Sports Boats	12.10 hrs	12.15 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Small Keelboats	12.15 hrs	12.20 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
WED 20.08.2025 Prize giving 17.30hrs	White Sails	11.55 hrs	12.00 hrs	Committee boat start.
	IRC 1	12.00 hrs	12.05 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	IRC 2	12.05 hrs	12.10 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Sports Boats	12.10 hrs	12.15 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Small Keelboats	12.15 hrs	12.20 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
THURSDAY 21.08.2025 Prize Giving 17.30hrs	White Sails	11.55 hrs	12.00 hrs	Committee boat start.
	IRC 1	12.00 hrs	12.05 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	IRC 2	12.05 hrs	12.10 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Sports Boats	12.10 hrs	12.15 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Small Keelboats	12.15 hrs	12.20 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1



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Friday 22.08.2025 Prize Giving 17.30hrs	White Sails	11.55 hrs	12.00 hrs	Committee boat start.
	IRC 1	12.00 hrs	12.05 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	IRC 2	12.05 hrs	12.10 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Sports Boats	12:10 hrs	12:15 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Small Keelboats	12.15 hrs	12.20 hrs	Committee boat start, race 2 B to B with Race 1

5.6 NUMBER OF RACES.

Class	IRC1	IRC2	Pandoras	White Sails
	10	10	10	5

5.7 DISCARDS

All fleets:

8 races	2 discards
7 races	2 discards
6 races	2 discards
5 races	1 discard
4 races	1 discard
Less than 4 races	0 discards

6. MARKS OF THE COURSE.

6.1 The starting mark for both inshore and offshore courses will be a blue inflatable buoy.

6.2 The mark 1, will be a club mark or blue inflatable. Mark 2 orange inflatable, Mark 3 (starting mark) Mark 4 orange inflatable.

6.3 The marks for inshore courses are shown in Appendix 2.

6.4 To accommodate changing wind direction, Marks 1 and 2 may be moved during the course of a race and after the last boat has rounded that mark. This changes RRS 33, and shall not give grounds for redress.

7. CLASS FLAGS - DIVISIONS

7.1 Each boat racing shall conform to one of the following divisions, and shall carry her appropriate class flag prominently displayed whilst NOT on her mooring / berth.



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IRC (1)	IRC (2) + Sigma 33	Sports Boats	Small Keelboats	White Sails
Numeral 1	Numeral 2	Numeral 3	Numeral 5	Numeral 7
White with Red Spot	Blue with White Spot	Red, White & Blue Split vertically	Yellow and blue Spilt vertically	Yellow, Red Halved horizontally

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The Racing Area will be Tremadoc Bay. The local chart is Admiralty Chart No.1971.

N.B. Beware rocks between Carreg Y Trai Buoy and St Tudwal's Island East. Competitors are reminded that standard navigation procedures should be observed for their avoidance.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS rule26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The Start Line for the Sunday practice race will be the SCYC club line, The following days will be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and the starting Mark.

9.3 A buoy may be streamed from the stern of the Committee Boat. No boat shall pass between this buoy and the Committee Boat

9.4 When an inner limit buoy is laid adjacent to the starting line near a Committee Boat, no part of any boat shall cross a line from the buoy to the nearby mast or staff displaying an orange flag whilst racing. Neither the buoy nor the line is an obstruction. The penalty for breaking this sailing instruction is disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

9.5 The attention of competitors is drawn to the provisions of RRS 23. This Rule will be strictly enforced at the start of every race.

9.6 Any boat which has not reached the vicinity of the Starting Line when the warning signal is made may proceed under power until it nears the Starting Line. The engine must be stopped before it crosses the line, and the boat must make a 360 degree turn under sail prior to crossing the line to start racing. To qualify as a starter, a boat must cross the line no later than 10 minutes after the starting signal for its class. This alters RRS 42.1.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The offshore course finish shall be between the committee boat flying a blue flag and the finishing mark as indicated in appendix A. With the exception that the around the cans will be the SCYC club line or the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag.



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11. SHORTENED COURSE

11.1 For all races, when IC Flag 'S' (white with blue square centre) is flown and accompanied by two sound signals from a Committee Boat at any mark of the course then the Finishing Line will be between that mark and the mast flying a blue flag on that Committee Boat.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit for the IRC1, IRC2 races and the Small Keelboat class will be 2 hours from the time the class starts, at the discretion of the Course Race Officer. The race shall be valid for all those boats finishing within the time limit.

Boats failing to finish within one hour after the second boat in their class, or within the time limit, whichever is the later; will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS 35.

12.2 The time limit for the White Sails classes will be approximately 4 hours from the time the class starts, at the discretion of the Course Race Officer. The race shall be valid for all those boats finishing within the time limit.

Boats failing to finish within one hour after the first boat in their class, or within the time limit, whichever is the later; will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS 35.

13. PROTESTS

13.1 Protests must be lodged with the Race Committee at the Race Office at SCYC, on the correct forms available at that office, within 2 hours after the last boat in the last race of the day of their class crosses the finish line.

13.2 A boat intending to protest must inform the Finish Committee Boat at its earliest opportunity.

13.3 In the event of a Protest between 2 boats, Arbitration is available instead of a full Protest Hearing. Such mediation shall replace the Protest Hearing required under RRS63. This system may only be used if before the Hearing all the parties involved agree to accept all mediation decisions as final. The penalty for the losing boat is 25% of the place penalty. No penalty shall result in a score which would exceed that of disqualification.

13.4 Protests will be heard at the earliest opportunity after the race in accordance with RRS 63.

13.5 Notices of protests will be posted on the official notice board.

14. PROHIBITED AREAS

It is forbidden for any competitor to sail:

14.1 Inside the beacon marking the surface water drainage outfall approximately 500 metres N.E. of the S.C.Y.C. clubhouse.

14.2 Inside the beacon marking the end of the S.C.Y.C. slipway.

15. SAFETY

15.1 In the interest of safety all yachts must ensure that their anchor is NOT positioned forward of the stem or with any part outboard whilst racing.



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15.2 Any boat not intending to finish a race should inform the committee boat at their first opportunity.

16. POINTS SCORING

Points scoring for all races will be as specified in the Notice of Race 6.5.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 Radio communications between Committee Boat on offshore courses will be on VHF Channel M2 (Icom P4), whilst Channel 37 (Channel 'M1') is reserved for communication with SCYC. Competitors should restrict transmissions on these Channels to matters of urgent necessity. For the convenience of competitors, information relating to daily racing courses and premature starters may be given by the PRO on Channel M2. (Icom P4)

18. MOBILE PHONES

18.1 The race committee may send WhatsApp messages and other information to a single mobile telephone number that has been registered to the boat. To enhance this service, telephones should use a UK based service provider.

19. DISCLAIMER AND RESPONSIBILITY.

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

21.2 RRS Appendix J Addendum A (RYA) 'Risk Statement' will also apply.

20. INSURANCE.

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

21. PRIZES – List of trophies to be awarded in addition to the Daily Prizes.

IRC 1 Class	The Force Tension Cup:- for the winning boat overall in this class
	The Abersoch Keelboat Week Cup:- for the winning IRC (1) in Sunday's Practice Race.
IRC2 Class	The David Fawcett Trophy:- for the winning boat overall in this Class
	The Will Parc Memorial Trophy:- for the winning IRC (2) in Sunday's Practice Race.
Sports Boats	The Haulfryn Cup:- for the winning boat overall in this Class
	The Nat West Salver:- for the winning boat in Sunday's practice race.
Small Keelboats	TBA:- for the winning boat overall in this Class
	TBA :- for the winning boat in Sunday's practice race.
All Classes	The Hardcastle Trophy – for the best performance over the series from a visiting boat in the opinion of the Race Committee
White Sails	The Charles Hancox Gentleman's Race Trophy:- for the winning boat overall in this Class
	The Ewart Jones Memorial Trophy:- for the winning boat in Sunday's practice race



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All Classes	The Kearns Trophy:- for the boat achieving best performance over the series in the opinion of the Race Committee and will selected from the IRC, Sports Boats and small keelboat fleets.
All Classes	Chubb Alarm Salver:- for the boat achieving 2 nd best performance over the series in the opinion of the Race Committee and will selected from the IRC, Sports Boats and small keelboat fleets.
All Classes	The Andrew Shaw Plate:- for the boat achieving 3 rd best performance over the series in the opinion of the Race Committee and will selected from the IRC, Sports Boats and small keelboat fleets.
All Classes	The Sarah Ridgway Trophy:- for the boat showing best endeavour over the series, in the opinion of the Race Committee.
	The Paul Kearns One Life Trophy awarded for the most contribution during the week as decided by the race committee

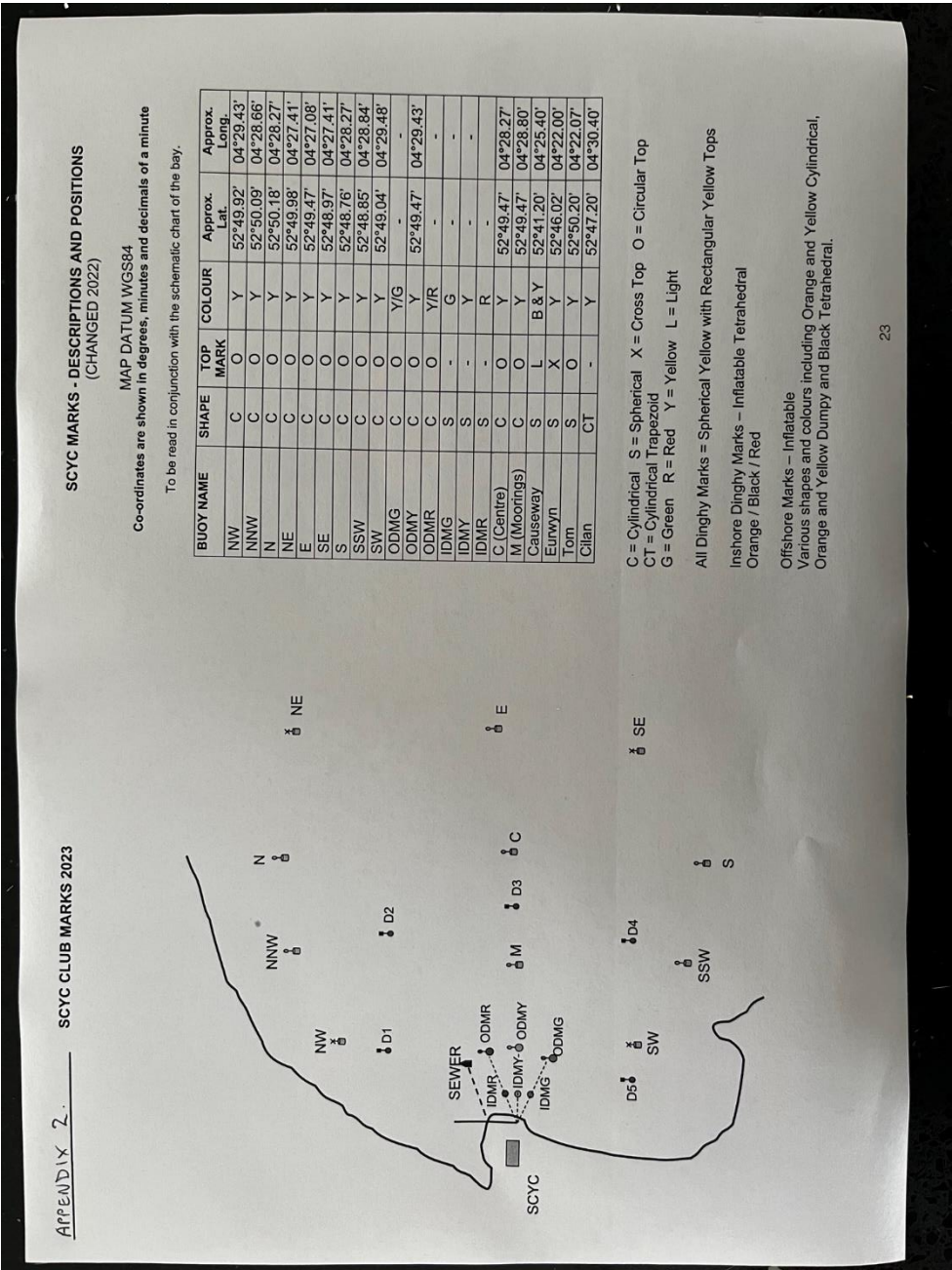
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Appendix 1

Keelboat week 2025. courses

White sails courses will be around the cans after first leg to windward mark. Start CB – 3, 1P TBA by whatsapp.

IRC 1 Windward leeward course. Start CB – 3, a lap consists of 2P..4P Start line gate. The number of laps will be indicated on a board on the committee boat. IRC 2 Windward leeward course. Start CB – 3, a lap consists of 1P.4P Start line gate. The number of laps will be indicated on a board on the committee boat.

Small keelboats & Sportsboats Windward Leeward. Start CB – 3, a lap consists of 1P.4P Start line gate. The number of laps will be indicated on a board on the committee boat.

