



Forth Cruising Club



Limekilns

Kelpie Cup

Sunday 5th May 2024

Notice of Race

Organising Authority

The organising authority is Forth Cruising Club. All enquiries should be addressed via email to the Regatta Committee, george_scrivener@hotmail.com

Rules

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021 – 2024 *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

Entries and Eligibility

All yachts entering the Regatta should hold a current FYCA handicap or must accept a trial handicap allocated by the Regatta Committee.

The regatta is for FYCA Division 1 and 2 Yachts with separate starts planned. Restricted Sail will be allowable and should be requested at registration. (Restricted yachts are not permitted to fly spinnakers, cruising chutes or twin headsails, but may pole out headsails). Boat handicaps are those published currently by the FYCA for 2024. Restricted sail yachts will receive the +4% uplift. If no FYCA handicap is available then the race committee will provide one. Due to one design Hunter 707 hopefully forming a large part of that class, all Division 1 yachts will start on their baseline handicap.

FYCA Safety Regulations Cat 4R shall apply. Full details of Cat 4R Regulations can be found at

<http://fyca.org.uk/safety-regulations/>

Entry/Registration

Yachts wishing to enter the regatta must register on each day as detailed below:

All boats **must register** on Sunday 5th of May either in person at the Forth Cruising Club race box or using VHF to the Starters hut, call Sign 'Forth Cruising Club' on VHF Ch.M1/37 no later than 15 mins prior to their class warning signal.

Race Area

The main race area is the arena between the Forth Road Bridge to the east and Kincardine Bridge to the west, giving due regard to any restrictions imposed via current Notices to Mariners

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions and courses will be published at least 5 days before the event and will be made available on the FCC website.

It is recommended that competing boats be familiar with these before the event.

Schedule

The race is a longer distance race over a simple course up river towards the entrance to the River Carron and then returning to finish off Limekilns.

Along with the regular racers we would like to encourage Cruising yachts to take part and hope that a simple course, two starts and a long start line will help with this.

One race is scheduled for Division two yachts, (baseline handicap ≥ 975)

Start scheduled for 11:20 BST.

One race is scheduled for Division one yachts, (baseline handicap < 975)

Start scheduled for 11:50 BST.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Part 1 Fundamental Rules, Racing Rules of Sailing. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Regatta.

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety whether afloat or ashore. Nothing, whether in the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the Organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, and the race officer.

Insurance

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

Berthing

Free of charge drying moorings will be available overnight on Saturday 4th and Sunday the 5th of May.

Prize giving will take place on Sunday in the Clubhouse as soon as practicable after completion of racing.

FCC looks forward to welcoming you.

