



CENTENNIAL WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

Chopard

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club
16 – 21 July 2007



Before reading the Notice of Race, and, in particular, before arranging transport for your 8 Metre, there are some other sailing possibilities in the west of Scotland which you might like to consider if you are going to bring your yacht to the Clyde. At least two 8 metres are going to be based at Rhu from April.

One of the main events of the Scottish sailing calendar is the **Bell Lawrie Scottish Series**, which will run from Friday 25 to Monday 28 May from Tarbert, Loch Fyne. It is understood that, if there were sufficient entries, the organising authority, the Clyde Cruising Club, would consider giving a separate start for 8 Metres. This is a prestigious event with keen racing in picturesque surroundings and there is also an active social programme. Details can be found at www.clyde.org.

After the Worlds why not have a few days of relaxing sailing and fun at the **Crinan Classic Festival** being held from Wednesday 25 to Saturday 28 July at Crinan – an attractive fishing village on the Atlantic side of the Crinan canal, gateway to the Western Isles?

The Programme is as follows –

Wednesday 25 July: Boats muster in Crinan for the inauguration of Crinan Classic with a toast to the boats and a march with the local pipe band.

Thursday 26 July: Racing starts after morning hog rolls. The racing will take place around some of the most breathtaking sailing grounds in the world. Following racing there will be various fun activities laid on for all, both on and off the water.

Friday 27 July: More hog rolls, more racing and more fun ashore during the day. In the evening warm yourself up with a few local drams for the big ceilidh bash at the Crinan Boat Yard.

Saturday 28 July: Even more hog rolls followed by Loch Crinan Ladies' Race – compulsory lady helm. The festival will conclude with The General Race, open to all displacement motor boats including traditional fishing boats.

The Festival will finish in good time for those participating in, or spectating at, West Highland Week to get to nearby Craobh (pronounced 'Cruve') Haven Marina for the start of the week on Sunday 29 July.

Entry forms will be available at a later date. For further details, please phone Ross Ryan or Mike Dalglish on 0044(0)1546 830261 or email crinanclassic@yahoo.co.uk or visit the website www.crinanhotel.com

Finally, there is **Tennents West Highland Yachting Week** between 29 July and 3 August.

The format of the event includes passage races between Craobh, Oban and Tobermory and 'round the buoys' races at Oban and Tobermory. This is a chance to see some of Scotland's finest cruising scenery and enjoy excellent racing all at an event generously sponsored by a beer company! Again, if there are sufficient entries, the Eights will get a separate start. When the Class was on the Clyde in the 1960's and 1970's there were about 10 Eights competing regularly and it would be great to see the Class back again at this event. Have a look at www.whyw.co.uk.

It would be a pity to come to Scotland and not enjoy some of the magnificent cruising offered in the waters to the west of the Crinan canal.





ROYAL NORTHERN & CLYDE YACHT CLUB



**8 METRE CENTENNIAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CHOPARD
16TH TO 21ST JULY 2007**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY – ROYAL NORTHERN & CLYDE YACHT CLUB
IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL EIGHT METRE ASSOCIATION**

NOTICE OF RACE

Competitors should note that the Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to sail in compliance with the Charter, the text of which can be found at www.rya.org.uk/AboutRYA/programmesinitiatives/racingcharter/RacingCharter.htm

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008.
- 1.2 The RYA requires that notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change their prescriptions other than prescriptions to rules 50.4, 78 and Appendix G. These can be found in full at www.rya.org.uk/KnowledgeBase/racingrules/the+rules.htm. Particular attention is drawn to the prescription to rule 68 which reads as follows -

‘Rule 68 Damages

1. Any claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.’
- 1.3 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 1.4 Rules of the International 8 Metre class will be changed as follows –
 - 1.4.1 Yachts designed prior to January 1, 1960 with no hull modification as defined by IEMA are permitted a maximum measurement of 8.07 metres, using the rating formula of the Class Rule. Such yachts shall otherwise have valid measurement certificates. The owners shall submit a signed statement that no hull modifications or ballast changes, which would affect the rating, have been made since the last measurement.



1.4.2 The maximum number of crew may be increased to seven for all yachts designed prior to 1960. All yachts shall be required to declare their number of crew and the names at registration and shall with that crew throughout the regatta. All yachts may register one alternative crew on their crew list and may use this crew by registering the change by 1900 at the regatta desk on the day before the crew change is to take place. Any additional changes shall be subject to approval by the International Jury.

1.4.3 All yachts must carry on board a towline of minimum 15 metre length and life jackets for every crew member on board.

1.4.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising Category C will apply in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 with the following amendments –

2.1.1 In accordance with Class Rule 36, no advertising is allowed on the mainsail or genoa.

2.1.2 The organizing authority reserves the right to require each boat to fly a sponsor's flag.

2.1.3 In participating in the regatta a competitor automatically grants the organizing authority and sponsors of the regatta the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show at any time, and at their sole discretion, any still or motion pictures and live, filmed or taped television and other reproductions taken during the regatta without compensation.

3. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

3.1 Boats may be required to carry positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International 8 Metre Class which have a valid measurement certificate, completed registration and paid the entry fee.

4.2 The owners of participating yachts shall be paid up members of IEMA.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the enclosed entry form and sending it to

Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club

Rhu, By Helensburgh G84 8NG

United Kingdom

The entry form is available online at www.8metre.rncyc.com and follow the links. It is also be available at www.8mr.org

4.4 The closing date for entries is 30 June 2007.

4.5 Competitors shall be considered to be temporary members of RNCYC during the regatta.



5. FEES

- 5.1 The required entry fee is £1,250.00. If the entry fee is paid prior to 30 April 2007 the fee is reduced to £995.00
- 5.2 The entry fee includes storage at Rhu marina any time between 2 and 27 July. This also includes stepping and unstepping of masts and in water berthage from 9 to 25 July subject to Rhu Marina's launching and recovery schedule. There may be an extension to these dates at Rhu Marina's option, free of charge, but only to suit the launching and recovery schedule. Separate arrangements for any periods out with these dates, such as for hire of cradles and additional shore storage or in water berthage to suit owners, must be arranged directly between owners and Rhu Marina. The entry fee also includes US\$ 125 IEMA World Cup fee.
- 5.3 Payment may be made in any of the following ways –
1. Sterling cheque, payable to Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club, drawn on a UK bank.
 2. BACS transfer from UK bank for credit of the Club's account at Royal Bank of Scotland, Helensburgh branch: sort code 83 23 03 and account number 00250061.
 3. From overseas by international clearing system for credit of the Club's account – details as above.

IBAN: GB67RBOS83230300250061
BIC: RBOSGB2L

If making payment by this method, please request that confirmation of payment is notified to recipient when completing the form.

Note that payments from overseas must be net of charges.

4. Credit card – for which there will be a 3% surcharge.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will take place at the race office in the RNCYC Clubhouse between 1400 and 1700 from Wednesday 11 July to Sunday 15 July.
- 6.2 Measurement checks of boats will be at Rhu Marina between 11 July and 14 July and measurement of sails at the Clubhouse during the same time. Anyone requiring full measurement needs to liaise with the class measurer for an appointment prior to the event.
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| Sunday 15 July | Practice Races |
| Monday 16 July | Racing |
| Tuesday 17 July | Racing |
| Wednesday 18 July | Racing |
| Thursday 19 July | Lay Day |
| Friday 20 July | Racing |
| Saturday 21 July | Racing |

The IEMA Annual Assembly will be held at a suitable time, yet to be decided, between Saturday 14 July and Friday 20 July. Details will be circulated later.

- 6.4 A maximum of 9 races will be sailed, with no more than two races scheduled for any day and no more than one race on Saturday 21 July.
- 6.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 6.6 On Saturday 21 July, no warning signal will be made after 1400.



7. MEASUREMENTS

7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at Registration.

7.2 Spot measurement checks may be made during the Regatta.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be sent to entrants immediately after 31 May 2007 and will be sent to later entrants on receipt of completed Entry Form and payment of the Entry Fee. They will also be available at www.8metre.rncyc.com and at www.8mr.org from 31 May 2007.

9. VENUE

9.1 The attachment shows the location of the RNCYC Clubhouse, Rhu marina and the racing area. Admiralty Chart No. 1994 refers. Travel information is also given.

10. THE COURSES

10.1 Courses will be Windward/Leeward configuration with a spreader mark offset from the Windward Mark and a gate may be laid at the Leeward Mark. A diagram will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

11.1 Five completed races are required to constitute a valid Championship.

11.2 When from 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Before racing support boats shall be registered at the race office. Each support boat will be assigned a registration number which shall be displayed throughout the regatta.

13. BERTHING

13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at Rhu marina from 11 July until the end of the regatta.

13.2 Boats wishing to launch before 9 July should contact Rhu Marina to make advance arrangements. The marina can be contacted at info@rhumarina.co.uk.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1 No boat may be hauled out after 1600 on Sunday 15 July except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the International Jury.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.



16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones etc.

17. PRIZES

17.1 The International Eight Metre World Cup will be awarded to the boat with the best overall score in the regatta.

17.2 The Coppa d'Italia will be awarded to the European boat with the best overall score in the regatta conforming to the Deed of Gift for this trophy.

17.3 The Sira Cup will be awarded to the boat, built prior to 1960 conforming to the Sira Cup Deed of Gift and Rules, with the best overall score in the regatta.

17.4 The Neptune Trophy. Boats competing for this trophy need to adhere to the Rules and Deed of Gift. Eligible boats will be scored in the overall scoring and the trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best score in a separate scoring table for this category. Should a discard apply in the overall scoring, a discard will also apply in this separate table.

17.5 The First Rule Cup will be awarded to the boat built between 1908 and 1919 to the first International Rating Rule. Eligible boats will be scored in the overall scoring and the trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best score in a separate scoring table for this category. Should a discard apply in the overall scoring, a discard will also apply in this separate table.

17.6 The Mackinac Centennial Trophy. This new trophy is basically for boats built and designed after 1960 which have not had hull or underwater modification. Fuller details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, which includes the race committee and race officer, 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.

19. INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,000,000 or the equivalent. However, it is strongly recommended that boats have insurance of £2,000,000 or equivalent – approximately €3,000,000.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 Separate details will be posted on the Club and IEMA websites covering general information, weather, accommodation, travel and the preliminary social schedule.

20.2 The Club can be contacted as follows –

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Skype: liz.rncyc.clubhouse-

