

Helensburgh Sailing Club Winter Open Series 2026

Race Dates: February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026; and March 1, 8, 15, and 29, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Regatta will be organised by Helensburgh Sailing Club.
- 1.2 All enquiries should be directed to office@helensburghsailingclub.co.uk or addressed to HSC, Rhu Road Lower, Helensburgh. G84 8QT.

2.0 RULES

- 2.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and by the Prescriptions of the RYA.
- 2.2 RRS 55 is changed in that the penalty for a breach of this rule will be decided by the Protest Committee.
- 2.3 The King's Harbour regulations will apply, and the relevant details will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

3.0 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 There are no advertising restrictions

4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Classes: The series is open to all dinghies but will be sailed primarily as
- Handicap CATs (Single/Double Handed)
 - Handicap Dinghies (Single/Double Handed)
 - Junior - Topper One Design (5.3/4.2)/ Optimist/ SailQubes/Slow Handicap
- 4.2 Classes and/or starts may be combined or split at the discretion of the organisers.

5.0 ENTRIES:

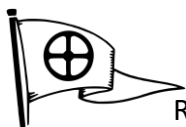
- 5.1 Competitors can enter on-line via the website.
- 5.2 Early entry is appreciated to allow the organisers to assess the overall size of the event.
- 5.3 The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry and/or to ask all or any boats to complete further undertakings or declarations before accepting any entry.

6.0 FEES

- 6.1 Single handed: Member/Visitor Series - £35/50,
- 6.2 Double handed: Member/Visitor Series - £45/60,
- 6.3 Junior: Member/Visitor Series - £30/45,
- 6.4 Visitor entry fees include temporary HSC membership and allocated dinghy park space.
- 6.5 The allocated space in the dingy park will be for the duration of the series at which point the temporary membership will end and the dinghy must be removed from the dinghy park.

7.0 RACES

- 7.1 A total of 18 races are planned – 2 per weekend.
- 7.2 At least one race must be sailed to constitute a series.



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8.0 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race will be at 13:27.
- 8.2 Subsequent races will follow immediately after the last boat finishes the first race (or expiry of the time limit).

9.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Printed sailing instructions will be available from HSC Clubhouse and from a link on the website

10.0 VENUE

- 10.1 The racing area will be located off Helensburgh Sailing Club

11.0 COURSES

- 11.1 Courses will be fully described in the Sailing Instructions and will be a mixture of windward/leeward, triangle or a more complicated course as set by the race officer.

12.0 SCORING

- 12.1 The number of races to count will be based on the following table:-

Sailed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
To Count	1	2	2	2	3	4	4	5	5	6	7	7	8	8	9	10	10	11

- 12.2 A DNC will be counted in the results as 'number of starters + 2'

13.0 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded to 20% of boats in each class.

14.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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. Competitors acknowledge their responsibilities by signing off the Risk Statement in the Entry Form.

15.0 RESPONSIBILITY AND INSURANCE

- 15.1 Appropriate insurance cover must be in effect for all entrants while racing. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.
- 15.2 Competitors under eighteen must have the entry form complete by a parent or guardian.

Notes: (This section does not constitute part of the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.)

The HSC Facebook site will be used to communicate if racing is known to be abandoned due to inclement weather – This will be posted by 09:30 on the Sunday morning.

The racing area will be located off Helensburgh Sailing Club. Competitors should allow themselves adequate time to get to the race area. However, the decision to race away from the club will be made ashore ahead of going afloat.