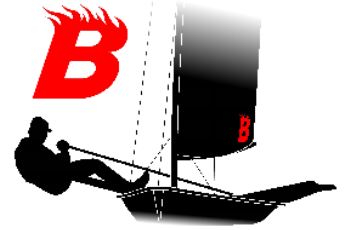


BCA Blaze Scottish Championships incorporating Northern Championships



11th/12th July 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: The event is organised by Helensburgh Sailing Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined by the following: -
 - 1.1.1 Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - 1.1.2 The Class Rules and Guidelines.
 - 1.1.3 The Clyde Dockyard Port (King's Harbour) regulations
 - 1.1.4 This Notice of Race.
 - 1.1.5 The Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 In the event of conflicts among the above documents, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.2.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be available no later than Tuesday 7th July. They will be online on the HSC website.
- 2.2 Printed Sailing Instructions will **NOT** be available from HSC Clubhouse at Registration.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located in the Clubroom of Helensburgh Sailing Club.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to all Blaze and Fire boats sailed by members of the Blaze Class Association. It will not be possible to join Blaze Class Association at the event. BCA membership must be completed online at <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/plans-pricing> by Thursday 9th July to be eligible for a race result.
- 4.2 Entries are to be made online together with the entry fee as described in NoR 5
- 4.3 All helms and crew under the age of 18 during the event shall have their entry submitted by a parent/guardian including details of the adult acting in charge of a child and who shall be present at HSC at all times during the event.
- 4.4 By submitting an entry for this event all sailors declare understanding and acceptance of the Disclaimer of Liability in NoR 22.

4.5 This regatta forms part of the Blaze Traveler Series, details of which can be found on the Blaze Class Association website <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/blazetravellerseries>

5 FEES

5.1 On-line entry prior to midnight 6th July 2026 will be £60.00

5.2 Entries should be made using the online entry form <https://helensburghsailingclub.co.uk/sailing/2026-events> noting that submission is deemed to be the equivalent of a wet signature.

5.3 There is a £15 surcharge for entries made after midnight 6th July 2026.

5.4 Full entry list is available from the club website

6 CREW LIMITATIONS : *Not used*

7 ADVERTISING AND MEDIA

7.1 When provided by the Organising Authority, boats shall display numbers and advertising.

7.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the Class Association, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

7.3 Competitors may be required to participate in interviews during the event. [NP] [DP]

8 QUALIFYING SERIES: None

9 SCHEDULE.

9.1 Registration in the HSC clubhouse on Saturday, 11th July from 09:30

9.2 Briefing in the clubhouse at 10:30

9.3 Saturday, 11th July - The scheduled time for the first warning signal is 11:57pm, with - 3 races back-to-back

9.4 Sunday 12th July - The scheduled time for the first warning signal is 10:27pm, with - 3 races back-to-back

9.5 Prizegiving will be as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 12th July

10 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 All boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for Class rules compliance prior to, or during, or after racing.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT: Not Used

12 VENUE

12.1 The venue is Helensburgh Sailing Club, Rhu Road Lower, Helensburgh G84 8QT.

12.2 Racing will be between Rhu Marina and Craigendoran Pier (disused) on the Clyde estuary up to 2 miles from the Clubhouse.

12.3 Competitors should allow themselves adequate time to get to the race area

13 COURSES

13.1 Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 A boat that breaks one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing shall take a One-Turn Penalty . This changes RSS Rule 44.1

14.2 RSS Rule 44.3 will not apply

15 SCORING

15.1 The Blaze Open event will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A4 using the Low Point System.

15.2 6 races are scheduled; Three completed races will constitute a series.

15.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's regatta series score shall be the total of her race scores.

15.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's regatta series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

15.5 Any Fire will be scored as a Blaze in the main results and separate Fire results also published.

15.6 The sail type declared at registration shall not be changed throughout the event.

16 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

16.1 Support person vessels will be allowed and will be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee.

16.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including relatives of competitors who are not official, patrol or support person vessels shall not be in the racing area, nor shall they communicate with any competitors, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until the last boat returns to shore. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so:

16.2.1 For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 300m from any boat that is racing, and this shall specifically include an area not less than 200m immediately to leeward of the finish line for any race.

16.3 Competitors will not be able to place food, drink, and spares on any support vessels.

17 CANCELLATIONS

17.1 Cancellations & refunds will be made to entrants as follows:

17.2 If the entrant withdraws from the event more than 5 days before the start a full refund will be issued.

17.3 if the entrant withdraws between 5 days and 48 hours before the event, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.

17.4 If the entrant withdraws 48 hours or less before the event there will be no refund.

17.5 Notice of any cancellations will be promulgated by all available means, including social media at least 24 hours before event start time. Notice of cancellation shall also be posted on

<https://www.blaze-sailing.org/event-details/>

17.6 For the purpose of this rule, the event start time will be considered as 4 hours before the first scheduled race in accordance with the Notice of Race.

18 NOT USED

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20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS : Not used

21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1 Helensburgh Sailing Club's full data privacy statement can be found on the website under the "About" link

22 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Each venue jurisdiction may need a different or modified version of this risk statement.

22.2 By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility :-

- For the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event
- That they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore
- That they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions
- That their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
- That the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities
- That the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances

- That it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 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.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

24.2 The minimum number of prizes to be awarded will be:

- BLAZE 1st to 3rd
- 1st Lady
- 1st Youth
- 1st Polyester
- FIRE & HALO Prizes will be awarded to the square root of the number of entries, rounded down, and to a maximum of 3rd place.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 The Club accepts both card and cash payments, but not cheques – Low denomination notes and change are appreciated as there will only be a limited cash float

25.2 Entry fee covers all associated costs for running the event.

25.3 The kitchen will be serving free teas and coffee on Saturday and Sunday

25.4 The **bar** will be open after racing each day for Drinks and **Pizza** will be available on the Saturday night with **music** from Ali Mitchell - guitarist

25.5 Boats will be stored within the HSC Dinghy park but must be tied down overnight.

25.6 Camping and campervans are welcome free-of-charge. The clubhouse will be open (on keypad) overnight.

25.7 For any further information please contact: -

- Blaze Class Association – Email: sailingblaze@gmail.com
- Post: The HSC Office (see 12.1)
- Email: office@helensburghsailingclub.co.uk
- By phone: 01436 673424 and leave a message
- Website: <https://www.helensburghsailingclub.com/>

END OF NOTICE OF RACE