



NOTICE OF RACE

ANNUAL CHALLENGE REGATTA

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June 2025

1. The **Challenge Regatta** will be held at Gairloch Boat Club, Pier Road, Gairloch, on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June 2025. The organising authority is Gairloch Boat Club (GBC). Queries can be made via the "Contact us" button on the GBC website: www.gairlochboatclub.org.uk
2. **Rules:** Racing will follow the RYA Racing Charter and will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 including RYA prescriptions (RRS) and the class rules of participating boats. This Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SI) and the Entry Form will be published on the GBC website.
3. **Conditions of Entry:** Entry is open to GBC members and visiting sailors. All competing Helms shall be members of an RYA affiliated club or be full personal members of the RYA. All participants must agree to the conditions laid down in the *Disclaimer of Liability* and *Insurance* paragraphs of this NoR.
4. **Competing Classes:** Racing will be for dinghies and small catamarans. There may be two fleets for Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap boats, with separate starts, depending on the entries. Slow Handicap will typically include Pico and Topper classes.
5. **Entry Form:** Boats may only be entered in races following completion of the relevant entry form and submission of the appropriate entry fees. The Entry Form will be published on the club website prior to the regatta.
6. **Entry Fees** (including catering):
 - Single hander: £20 per adult; £10 per junior under 18.
 - Double hander: 2 adults £30; adult and junior £25; 2 juniors £15.
7. **Registration:** Entries will be taken at the club from 10:30 on Saturday 21st June, or the Entry Form may be downloaded from the website and sent in by post or email.

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8. **Schedule:** A Briefing will be held at the clubhouse at 11:30 on Saturday 21st June. Competitors should note that timings will take into account the low tide levels on both sailing days.
9. **Races:** Six races are scheduled with up to four short races per day and the feature **Round the Island Race** on Sunday as conditions allow. The warning signal for the first race will not be displayed before 11:55 on Saturday 21st June. All races are planned to be sailed back-to-back on each day.
10. **Sailing Instructions:** The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available to all participants at registration and available on the club website prior to the regatta. The courses will be set in **Flowerdale Bay** as noted in the SI and detailed at the briefing.
11. **Scoring:** Races will be handicap races and may be on an average lap time basis. RRS Appendix A shall apply with handicaps based on PY numbers published by the RYA for 2025. Details on scoring the series shall be published in the SI.
12. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each fleet at the discretion of the organising authority. The award of the **Challenge Trophy** will be made to the club with the best placed boats in the Regatta.
13. **Privacy Notice:** Competitors should be aware that relevant entry details may be held as a computer record for the purposes of scoring only. During the weekend, competitors and visitors should be aware that videos and photographs may be taken for subsequent publishing on the GBC website and social media unless the organising authority is made aware of specific objections.
14. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Members of the club, their guests and visitors, may use the club premises, and any other facilities of the club, entirely at their own risk. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (RRS 3, Decision to Race). By launching or going to sea, competitors confirm the boat is fit for those conditions and they are competent to sail and compete in them. 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. The organising authority encompasses everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and or competitors of their responsibilities.
15. **Insurance:** Each participating boat must have valid insurance for third-party liability with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

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