

SCOTTISH CHALLENGER TRAVELLER SERIES 2007

GUIDELINES FOR HOST CLUBS

These guidelines are intended to provide a framework for clubs organising an event with the support of RYA Sailability Scotland:

1. The Host Club should be responsible for race management, provision of suitable facilities, toilets for disabled persons, course markers, and safety cover on the water, launch/recovery assistance and general running of the event.
2. Notice of Race should be issued at least four weeks prior to the event and should include an indication of suitable local accommodation and catering options.
3. ALL Notices and Instructions should indicate that the event forms part of the RYA Sailability Scotland Challenger Traveller Series 2007.
4. Races should be held under ISAF Rules of Sailing 2005-2008.
5. Each event should comprise five races for disabled sailors and a race for helpers.
6. Races should have a time limit of between sixty and seventy-five minutes.
7. All fleets should start together. Where separate starts are required for safety reasons results should be determined on average lap times.
8. Back to back races should be avoided except with the approval of all the sailors.
9. A Race Committee (usually OOD, RYASS +1) should be formed to adjudicate on suitability of conditions for racing and to ensure the safety of competitors.
10. In the event of poor weather or tidal conditions the race programme may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
11. Starting sequence should be noted in the Race Instructions.
12. The Beach Master should be clearly identified at each briefing.
13. The "Beach Crew" shall comprise 3 in-water personnel, and a minimum of 6 onshore. Personnel may be co-opted from visiting teams.
14. All in-water launch/recovery personnel shall wear a buoyancy aid as a minimum.
15. All competitors should wear buoyancy aids or life jackets compliant with latest EU standards. Non-compliance may result in exclusion.
16. There should be radio contact between OOD, Beach Master and each Safety boat.
17. A minimum of two Safety boats should be deployed prior to launching of the Challenger fleet for all races (including the Helpers Race) and should remain active until all Challengers are recovered.
18. Safety boats should be provided at a ratio of one to every five Challengers.
19. A helm and a minimum of one crew together with relevant safety equipment should man each Safety Boat at all times.
20. Race results should be compiled on finishing order. Class positions will be extracted from the overall results.
21. Race by race and overall results should be provided to the RYASS representative after the event or sent to RYASS at Edinburgh within seven days of the event.
22. The host club should provide prizes at each event. This is usually on the basis of the first three in each fleet and the winner of the helpers' race, but may be adjusted according to entry. In such cases fleets may be combined. Additional prizes may be awarded for overall winner or "best effort" at the discretion of the hosts.
23. Wheelchair accessible toilet facilities must be provided.
24. Host clubs are encouraged to offer a small social event after sailing on the Saturday. The entry fee may be adjusted to reflect the inclusion of such an event.