

Loch Earn Sailing Club

BROWN CUP

Scottish Schools Sailing Championships

Monday, 10 June, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Loch Earn Sailing Club is delighted to welcome **optos**® as the event sponsor for the 2024 Brown Cup Scottish School Sailing Event.

Rules

The regatta shall be governed by the racing rules of sailing RRS 2021 - 2024, the prescriptions of the RYA, and the rules of the relevant class and the Sailing Instructions.

All Competitors, Teachers, Parents and Guardians are temporary members of Loch Earn Sailing Club for the duration of the event. As such everyone agrees to abide by LESC rules (<https://www.lochearnsc.com/about-us/membership/rules/>).

Entries

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person-in-charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person-in-charge for the crew, the boat, and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person-in-charge or crew, because of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person-in-charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

Personal buoyancy shall be worn on the water. Competitors must obey the instructions of rescue boat crew in the event of adverse conditions, e.g., a competitor may be instructed to leave their boat and be ferried ashore.

Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse foyer. This will be signaled by flying flag L from the flagpole at the starter's hut.

Signals Made Ashore

Pennant 'AP' with two sound signals (one when lowered) indicates "the race is postponed". When boats are ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after the AP is lowered.

Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted one hour before the start of the race they will affect.

Event Schedule

EVENT ACTIVITY	TIME
Sunday Boat Drop Off (optional)	1300-1700 (Sunday)
Club Opens	0800
Registration (out front the clubhouse)	0900-0950
Competitor Briefing	1000
First Signal	1054
End of racing (estimated)	1400
Competitors Snack (hotdog)	1400-1600
Prizegiving	1600

Registration

Prior to sailing, all competitors must check in at registration in the clubhouse.

All under 18 helms/crews must have a parent/guardian or responsible adult confirm that they have read and will comply with the LESC Safeguarding policy, accept the sailing risks and will comply with the provision of this NOR and the associated Sailing Instructions.

Briefing

A competitors briefing will be held at approximately 1000 on Monday outside the clubhouse (or inside if weather is poor). All competitors are required to attend the briefing.

Tally System

A tally system for tracking competitors on-the-water will be in operation. All competitors shall collect a numbered wrist band before launching and return this to the tally board once ashore.

Racing Area

The racing area is shown on the fixed marks card in the appendix of these instructions, at registration, as well as posted on the club website, event website, and outside the clubhouse.

Marks

The courses will use the fixed marks indicated on the 2024 Race Marks card (appendix A). Positions of the marks are approximate. All marks display the appropriate number/letter. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure they are aware of the actual location of marks used.

The Course




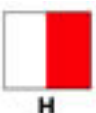





Courses will be set by the OOD using the fixed club racing marks as shown on the 2024 LESC Fixed Marks card in Appendix A.






The course will be displayed on the board beside the starter's hut prior to the warning signal and will include both marks and number of laps for each class. On the course board, marks to be **passed to port will be shown on a RED background** and those to be **passed to starboard shall be shown on a GREEN background**.

Should the Race Officer consider it necessary to change the course after the warning signal, the race will be postponed, and flag AP displayed.

The Start

- The Starting line will be between the orange pole on the shore in front of the race hut and mark X.
- Races will be started using a rolling three minute system with flags as shown below (as viewed from the course side). This alters rule 26.
- In the event of a general recall, the class involved will drop to the rear of the starting order continuing in the three-minute sequence.

FLAG SEQUENCE				ACTION	TIMING	RESULT
				H Flag up	-6 mins before handicap start	Handicap Class: 6 min to start.
				P & T Flags up	-3 mins before handicap start	Handicap Class: 3 min to start, Topper Class: 6 min to start.
				H Flag down, O Flag up.	0 mins.	Handicap Class: start, Topper Class: 3 min to start, Optimist Class: 6 min to start.
				T Flag down.	+ 3 mins.	Topper Class: start, Optimist Class: 3 min to start.
				O & P Flags down	+ 6 mins	Optimist Class: start.

 <p>Individual recall (1 sound signal)</p> <p>X</p>	 <p>Shortened course (2 sound signal)</p> <p>S</p>
 <p>General recall (2 sound signals)</p> <p>Sub 1</p>	 <p>Postponed (2 horn blasts)</p>
 <p>Abandoned race (3 sound signals)</p> <p>N</p>	

Mark Boats

Mark boats will not be used.

The Finish

The finishing line will be between the orange pole at the front of the starter's hut and mark X. Competitors must continue sailing away from the line after finishing and not cross back through it. This changes rule 28.1

Shortened Course

When a course is shortened Flag S will be displayed, accompanied by the relevant class flag and two (2) sound signals. The leading boat will finish at the end of the round still to be completed

Time Limit

The time limit will be two (2) hours, which may be extended at the discretion of the Race Officer. This changes rule 35.

"Average laps" may be used at the Race Officer's discretion.

Protests

Protest forms are available at the race office and must be delivered there within 30 minutes after the last boat in your class has finished the last race of the day.

Scoring

The 'Low Point' scoring system, (rule A4), will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, three (3) races of 45 minutes each are scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series. No discards will be used.

Ties

Ties will be broken in favor of the boat with most first places, then most second places and so on. If the tie remains, the best result in the last race will decide the winner.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

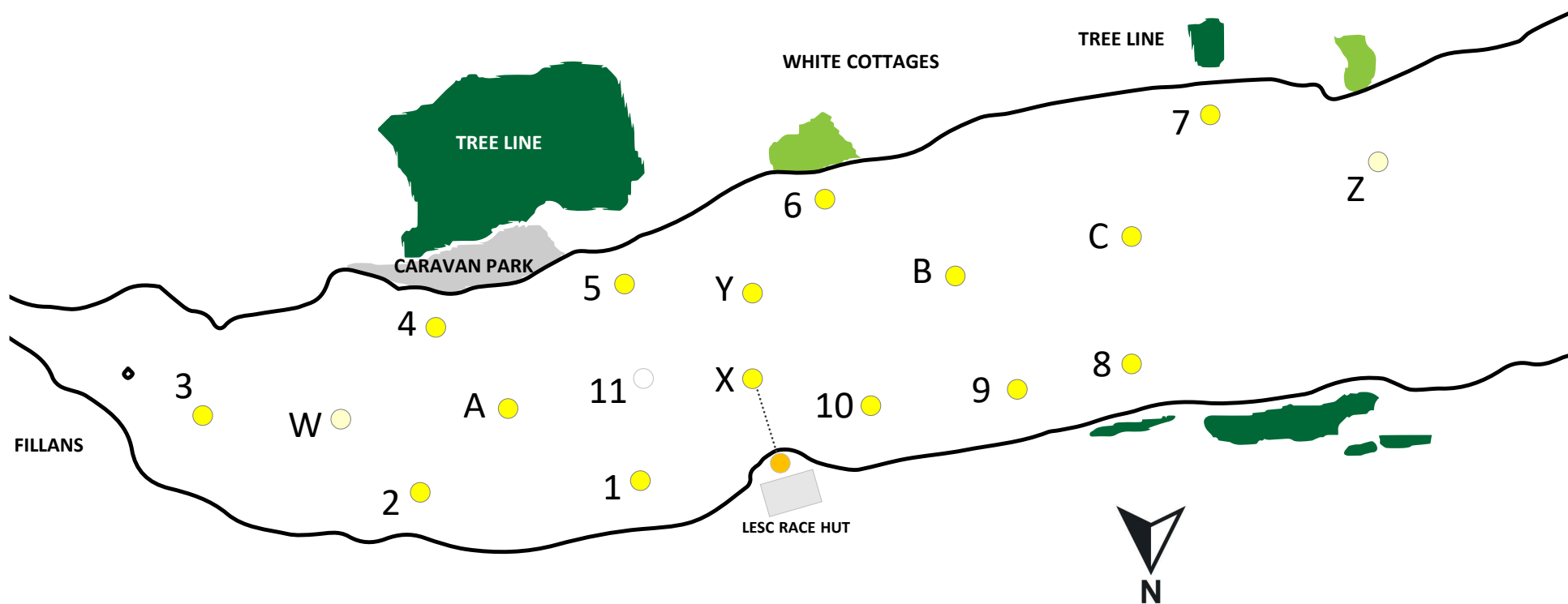
The Brown Cup will be awarded to the top school team of three boats. Additionally, class cups will be awarded for top finishers in each class (topper, optimist, and handicap) as well as the best finishing primary school aged pupil.

The prize giving will be scheduled as soon as practical after racing has finished on Monday afternoon.



2024 RACE MARKS

Nicol Halcrow, LESC Sailing Secretary; Mike MacMillan, Brown Cup Race Officer



All marks are yellow except W and Z that are orange faded white, and 11 that is white.

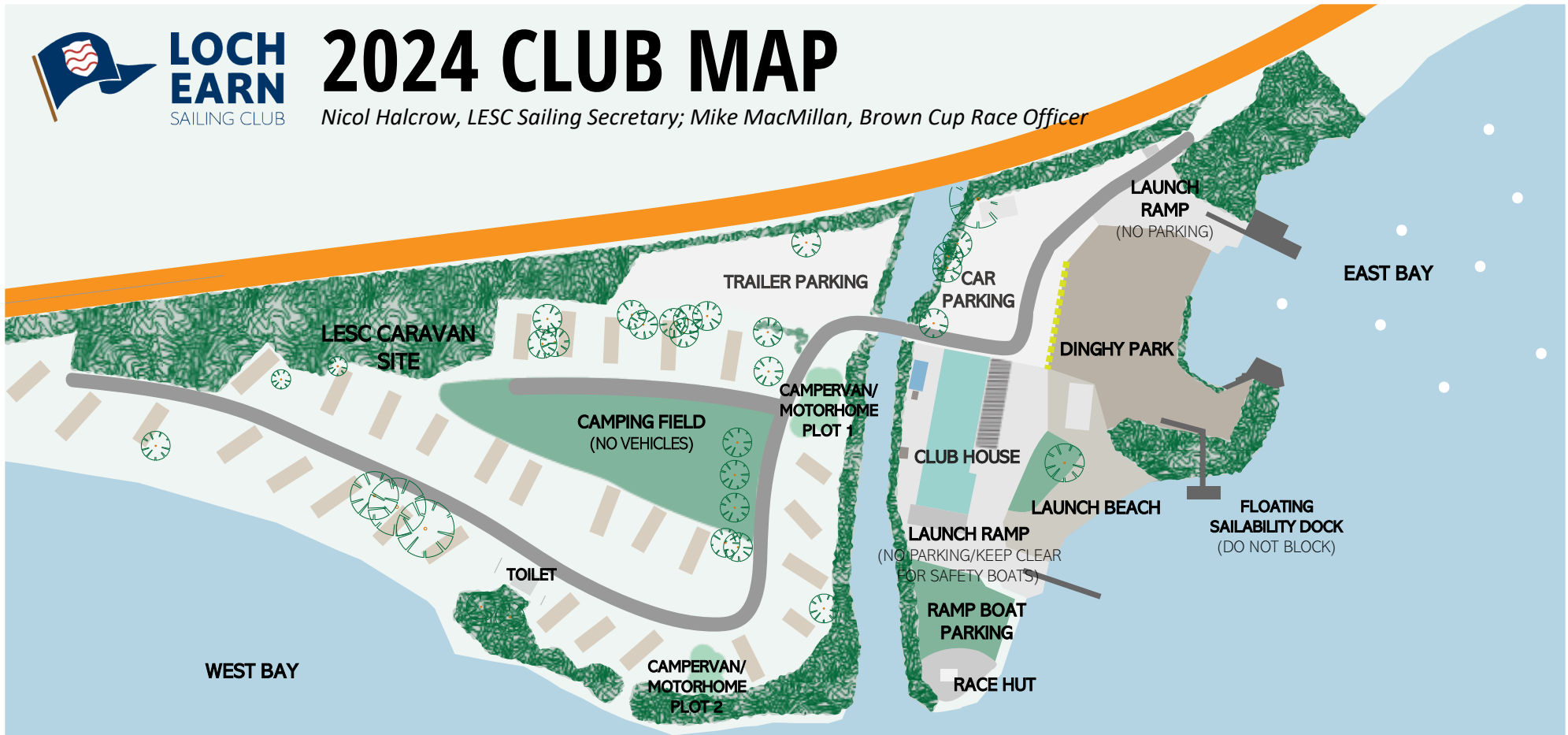
Start and finish line is formed between the orange pole in front of the LESC race hut and mark X.



LOCH EARN
SAILING CLUB

2024 CLUB MAP

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Leave the front gate as you found it.

If it was closed, please close it behind you, and if it was open, please leave it open.

Do not block roads, caravans, or launch ramps.

No car parking beyond the loch end of the yellow bollards near the club house.

Except for blue badge/handicapped use.

