



## LOCH EARN SAILING CLUB

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### First Fling 2026

Saturday 2 May – Sunday 3 May 2026

Event Details	
Event Name	First Fling 2026
Organising Authority	Loch Earn Sailing Club (LESC)
Venue	Loch Earn Sailing Club, St Fillans, Perthshire
Dates	Saturday 2 May 2026 – Sunday 3 May 2026
Contact	sailing@lochearnsc.com
Fleet Information	
Fleet 1	Enterprise – Class Racing
Fleet 2	Supernova – Class Racing (Saturday Only)
Fleet 3	Blaze – Class Racing
Fleet 4	RS Aero – Class Racing
Fleet 5	Open Handicap – Portsmouth Yardstick
Fleet 6	Open Keelboat – PY based Handicap
Schedule	
Saturday 2 May	First Warning Signal: 13:00   Briefing: 12:00
Sunday 3 May	First Warning Signal: 11:00
Races Scheduled	Up to 6 races (3 per day, weather permitting)
Entry & Fees	
Entry Fee	As per club membership – see section 4
How to Enter	Complete the form found at: <a href="https://lochearnsc.com/contact-us/open-event-registration/">https://lochearnsc.com/contact-us/open-event-registration/</a>
Entry Deadline	To be confirmed – early entry encouraged

## 1. Organising Authority

The event is organised by **Loch Earn Sailing Club (LESC)**, St Fillans, Perthshire. All enquiries should be directed to the Sailing Secretary at [sailing@lochearnsc.com](mailto:sailing@lochearnsc.com).

## 2. Rules

The event shall be governed by the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025–2028**, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the relevant class, and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) as issued. In the event of a conflict between this NOR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail.

## 3. Eligibility & Entry

The event is open to all eligible boats in the classes listed below. Competitors must be members of Loch Earn Sailing Club or a reciprocal club, or must hold a valid RYA membership. Guest competitors are welcome — please contact the Sailing Secretary to discuss eligibility.

Entries should be submitted by email to [sailing@lochearnsc.com](mailto:sailing@lochearnsc.com) prior to the event. On-the-day entries may be accepted at the Race Officer's discretion and are subject to availability.

## 4. Entry Fee

Entry fees are as follows:

Boat Type	Member	Non-Member
Single Handed Dinghy (Before 17/04)	£5	£20
Double Handed Dinghy (Before 17/04)	£10	£35
Keelboat (Before 17/04)	£10	£35
Single Handed Dinghy	£10	£30
Double Handed Dinghy	£15	£45
Keelboat	£15	£45

## 5. Classes & Fleets

The following fleets are invited to compete. Each fleet will be started and scored independently:

Fleet	Class Flag	Start Order	Scoring
Enterprise	E	1st	Class Racing
Supernova (Saturday Only)	SN	2nd	Class Racing
Blaze	BL	3rd	Class Racing
RS Aero	RA	4th	Class Racing
Open Handicap	H	5th	Portsmouth Yardstick (PY)
Open Keelboat	C	6th	Portsmouth Yardstick (PY)

Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) numbers shall be those published by the RYA for the current year. Competitors wishing to race in the Open Handicap fleet with a non-standard class should notify the Sailing Secretary in advance so that an appropriate PY number can be confirmed.

## 6. Programme & Schedule

1. Competitor registration will open 09:00 **on Saturday 2 May**.
2. A competitor briefing will be held at **12:00 on Saturday 2 May** from the club patio/race hut. Attendance is strongly encouraged.
3. The first Warning Signal on Saturday will be at **12:54**. Up to three races are planned.
4. The first Warning Signal on Sunday will be at **10:54**. Up to three further races are planned.
5. No Warning Signal shall be made after **15:00 on Sunday 3 May**.
6. Prize-giving will take place following the conclusion of racing on Sunday. Competitors are encouraged to remain.

## 7. Racing Area & Courses

Racing will take place on **Loch Earn**, using the fixed club marks as shown on the course card issued to competitors at registration. Courses will be displayed at the Race Hut prior to each starting sequence.

## 8. Scoring

The **Low Point scoring system (RRS Appendix A)** will apply. Up to six (6) races are scheduled. One (1) discard will apply after four (4) or more races have been completed. A minimum of two (2) races must be completed to constitute a valid series.





Open Handicap and Open Keelboat fleets will be scored on elapsed time corrected by Portsmouth Yardstick (PY).

## 9. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the leading competitors in each fleet at the discretion of the organising authority. Details will be confirmed at the briefing. All competitors are encouraged to attend prize-giving.

## 10. Facilities & Social Arrangements

### Facilities at a Glance

-  Camping: Available on site — £5 per person per night. LIMITED SPACES — pre-booking essential.
-  Catering: Meal at the Clachan Inn, Lochearnhead (10-minute drive down the road)
-  Bar: There is no bar on site. Competitors and guests may bring their own alcohol.
-  **If intending to bring a camper, email: [sailing@lochearnsc.com](mailto:sailing@lochearnsc.com) before entering!**

**Camping:** Camping is available on site at a charge of **£5 per person per night**. Places are strictly limited. Competitors wishing to camp must contact [sailing@lochearnsc.com](mailto:sailing@lochearnsc.com) in advance to confirm availability and reserve a space. Spaces will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Catering:** A meal will be held for competitors at the Clachan Inn, Lochearnhead. Chargeable at **£20 per person**. Pre-booking is required — please indicate your attendance when registering. Allergies will be accommodated given enough notice. Spaces are limited so early booking is advised

**Alcohol:** Loch Earn Sailing Club does not operate a bar. Competitors and guests are welcome to bring their own alcohol for consumption on site. Please drink responsibly and in accordance with club rules.

## 11. Safety

Personal buoyancy **must be worn at all times while afloat**. All competitors are responsible for their own safety and the safety of their crew. The Race Officer may in their absolute discretion postpone, abandon, or cancel any race where conditions are considered unsafe.

The safety of a boat and her entire management is the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge. The organising authority accepts no responsibility for loss, damage, personal injury, or death, however caused.

## **12. Insurance**

All competitors are required to hold valid third-party liability insurance of at least **£3,000,000**. Competitors may be asked to provide evidence of insurance at registration.

## **13. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk (RRS Rule 4). The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or loss of life sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after this event.

## **14. Further Information**

Further information, including Sailing Instructions, will be made available prior to the event. All enquiries should be directed to the Sailing Secretary at [sailing@lochearnsc.com](mailto:sailing@lochearnsc.com).

Updates and any late notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the clubhouse foyer.

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