	CASTLE SEMPLE SAILING CLUB in association with **SAILABILITY SCOTLAND SCIO**	

INVITATION and NOTICE OF RACE

Scottish Challenger Traveller Series 2026 Qualifier T1
Saturday 25 April 2026
Sunday 26 April 2026

Sponsored by Sir Boyd Tunnock of Tunnock Uddingston

1. Organising Authority - Castle Semple Sailing Club in association with Sailability Scotland SCIO.

2. Rules

2.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Challenger Class Rules, this Notice of Race and such other rules as the Sailing Instructions may prescribe. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall override the Notice of Race.

2.2 All Challengers must have grab lines of free specification fixed to each sponson and a suitable tow line of free specification fixed to the bow and long enough to be led back to the cockpit and handled by the sailor.

2.3 A Challenger Hull is defined thus - “A boat's Hull shall consist of a central main hull, plus port and starboard sponsons bolted together with two aluminium tubular crossbeams”.

2.4 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:-

Rule 27.1 & 40 Personal buoyancy will be worn at all times whilst on or near the water.

Rule 41 A boat is permitted to receive outside help from Official Patrol Boats for any reason other than added propulsion.

Rule 44.1 RRS Part 2 infringements shall incur a ONE turn penalty.

Rule 49 Helm and crew shall remain seated in their normal positions within the main hull or upon a Buddy Seat, unless in an emergency.

3. Advertising

Advertising will be controlled as per World Sailing Regulation 20 - ‘Advertising Code’ and as per any requirements of the Event Sponsor.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1. The event is open to the Challenger Class of boat. Other Classes may be sailing at the discretion of the Host Venue, details will be in the Sailing Instructions and explained at the briefing.

4.2. The entry may be split into Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleets.

4.2.1 Experienced and able-bodied sailors will sail solo in the Gold Fleet.

4.2.2 Less experienced Sailors with a disability will sail solo in the Silver Fleet at the discretion of the Race Committee if there is sufficient entry to justify a separate fleet.

4.2.3 Sailors with a disability requiring a buddy will sail in the Bronze Fleet.

4.2.4 If 2 or fewer sailors register for any fleet, the organisers reserve the right to consolidate that fleet with another.

4.3. Pre-entry.

4.3.1 Full Members of the Host Venue, Sailability Scotland and Challenger Class Association living outwith Scotland making a £20.00 non-refundable pre-entry will be entitled to assistance with the entry fee from sponsorship received from Sir Boyd Tunnock of Tunnocks, Uddingston.

4.3.2. Pre-entry form is available on link - https://www.sailabilityscotland.org.uk/events.php

Parent or Guardian to countersign entry forms of under 18 year old competitors.

4.3.3. Pre-entry Payment of £20.00 can be made by PayPal or Credit/Debit Card, BACS details via this link - https://www.sailabilityscotland.org.uk/pay.php

4.4. Late entries after 18 April 2025 may be taken by the Host Venue and accepted at the discretion of the Organiser. However, there will be an additional late entry fee of £15 and you will be required to pay your own entry fee of £30.00 in full direct to the club.

4.5. Advance entries from non-members may be made direct to the Event Organiser or Sailability Scotland using the Entry Form available on the web pages and accompanied by a cheque or other payment for £30.00.

5. Schedule

5.1 Racing will take place on Saturday 25 April and Sunday 26 April 2025.

5.2 Competitors register at CSSC Clubhouse e from 09:00 to 10:00 on Saturday.

5.3 Briefing will be at CSSC Clubhouse at 10:15 on Saturday.

5.4 The event will be a 5 race regatta held over 2 days.

5.5 Standard regatta start times (subject to change) -

Sat First Race start at 11.00hrs (will not be before this time)
Lunch followed by
Races 2 & 3 back to back time to be announced

Sun Races 4 & 5 back to back start 10.30hrs (will not be before this time)
Lunch followed by
Helpers race time to be announced
Prize-giving as soon as possible after racing time to be announced

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be made available to all competitors at registration and may be published prior on the Venue's and Sailability Scotland's websites.

7. Starting Procedure and Courses to be Sailed

7.1 Starting Procedure will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

7.2 Race courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions and at the sailors Briefing(s).

8. Scoring System

8.1 The scoring system to be used will be as in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point system.

8.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.3 Races to count

8.3.1 When up to 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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

8.4. Race results will be scored in overall finishing order regardless of fleet. Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleet results may be extracted for prize giving purposes - they shall be extracted from overall results and not scored separately.

9. Venue

9.1. The address of the club is Castle Semple Sailing Club, Lochlip Road, Lochwinnoch PA124EA. The sailing club is located a short way past the car park along the lochshore path. Boats may be dropped in front of the visitor centre, and car parking is available in the public car park.

9.2. The club will be open on Saturday morning from 09:00. Access to the club can be arranged for boat drop-off on Friday by arrangement with the club.

10. Catering

Tea and coffee making facilities, as well as light refreshment, will be available in the CastleSemple Clubhouse during the event.

11. Visual Images Consent

By signing the entry form, competitors grant the Organising Authority or their agents, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use, show or publish any motion pictures, still pictures and live or recorded coverage in any media, of or relating to the Regatta, unless they have advised the organising authority otherwise, in writing prior to the event.

12. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive telephone or radio communications not available to all other boats.

13. Prizes

Awards will be made to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each fleet. A prize will also be given to the winner of the Helpers Race and other prizes at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

14. Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a) 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;

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other

property whether afloat or ashore;

c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
g) 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 safety briefing held for the event;
h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3M against third party claims for the duration of the event.

15. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

16. Contacts and Event Organisers

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