



HAVEN KNOX-JOHNSTON KIP REGATTA 2026 9th AND 10th MAY NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Royal Western Yacht Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028*, the Prescriptions of the RYA, IRC Rules Parts A, B and C, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), CYCA Handicap System and Class Rules for One Designs.
- 1.2 The Sailing Instructions may also change some RRS.
- 1.3 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. Eligibility, Entry and Fees

- 3.1 The Series is open to boats in the following classes:

IRC Classes. Boats with a valid IRC certificate rated 0.850 and above, and a minimum SSS of 10.

One Design Classes which achieve a minimum number of 5 entries may, at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, be given a class start.

CYCA Classes. Boats with a valid CYCA handicap of 19.00 min/hour or less.

Two handed boats, with or without spinnaker must have a valid CYCA handicap of 19.00 min/hour or less.

Boats with a valid IRC or CYCA certificate with a handicap outside these ranges may be accepted as entries at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

- 3.2 Entries shall be made using the online entry form available on the event website <https://www.kipmarina.co.uk/kip-regatta-2026/>

- 3.3 Fees for race entry are as follows:

- Yachts over 30ft - £75
- Yachts under 30ft - £65
- One Design (Etchells, Sonatas, 707's) - £40

Berthing for yachts have been arranged at a preferential rate of £27 per night – please contact the marina office directly to arrange.

Small boat Cranage – a reduced rate of £40 (in and out) for regatta entries has been agreed with Kip Marina – please contact the marina office directly to arrange.

3.4 Discounted entry fee (20%) is available for all Royal Western Yacht Club members. Membership available on the club website <https://rwyk.org.uk/membership>.

3.4 Entries submitted after 12.00 Wednesday 6th May 2026 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

4. Registration and Schedule

4.1 There is no formal registration process.

4.2 Racing near Inverkip and adjacent waters will take place on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May with the first warning signal on both days at 10.30. Further details of the courses will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. On Sunday 11th May, no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

4.3 There will be up to 6 races for each class except for two handed classes which will have up to two races (planned to be one each day).

4.4 Except for two handed classes it is intended that there will be no more than three races a day, however additional races may be sailed in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate; the schedule will be in the Sailing Instructions.

5. IRC Crew Limits and Minimum Equipment

5.1. IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by “There is no weight limit. There shall be no restrictions on crew changes. The maximum number of crew excluding juniors (16 and under) that may sail aboard a boat shall be as below”.

Crew **Number** printed on IRC certificate,
up to 9, certificate number plus 1, 10-13, cert. no. plus 2, 14 and over, cert. no. plus 3.

5.2 Boats shall not carry anchors that project ahead of the bow.

5.3 Boats competing in a One Design Class shall comply with their class rules regarding minimum equipment and crew numbers.

5.4 All other boats shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B Parts A and B; unless otherwise specified by class rules for boats racing in one design classes, in Appendix B 5.01 the personal flotation device shall be replaced by an inflatable lifejacket defined in the starred sections of 5.01 of the OSR regulations.

5.5 All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio capable of communicating on channels M1, M2, 8,72,77.

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website <https://www.kipmarina.co.uk/kip-regatta-2026/> on or before 6th May 2026. Copies will be available at Kip Marina Office from 12.00 on Friday 8th May 2026.

7. Venue and Courses

7.1 Racing will be held in Firth of Clyde in the area bounded by Great Cumbrae Island, Cowal, Inverclyde and Kilcreggan shores, Charts Number 1907 and 1994 and/or Folio SC5610.

7.2 The courses to be sailed will be laid courses such as Windward/Leeward/Trapezoid and Round the Buoys races. Details of courses, race areas, classes and starting groups will be in the Sailing Instructions. Two handed classes will race round fixed marks.

8. Penalty System

8.1 An Exoneration Penalty and a modified version of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

8.2 The penalty for a breach of a Rule other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2 may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.

8.3 The Two-Turns penalty shall be replaced by a One-Turn penalty (including 1 tack and 1 gybe). This changes RRS 44.1.

9. Scoring

9.1 One race will be required to constitute a series.

When four or less races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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

10. Prizes

10.1 RWYC trophies together with a keeper will be awarded to Class winners and the overall winner.

10.2 Place prizes and other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority depending on the number of starters in each class.

10.3 The Prize Giving will be held in the Chartroom at Kip Marina as soon as possible after the finish of the last race.

11. Data Protection

11.1 The personal data 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 data is contract. If you are not bound by the rules the legal basis for processing that personal data is legitimate interest. Your personal data will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal data 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.

11.2 Rights to use Names and Likenesses, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.

12. Risk Statement

12.1 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." See also World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 1.02.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser 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 for the event;
- h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

13. Inspections

13.1 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

14. Insurance

14.1 The owner/skipper is required to ensure that the boat has adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party and passenger claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000 or equivalent.

15. Further Information

15.1 For further information please contact: Reception, Kip Marina, The Yacht Harbour, Inverkip, Renfrewshire, PA16 0AW.
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