

**INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
AT
CASTLE SEMPLE
29th APRIL – 2nd MAY 2022**

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1. EVENT SCHEDULE

Day 1, Friday 29th 12:00 to 18:00hr Measurement, Registration and Practice.
Informal evening social gathering at the Bowfield Hotel.

Competitor briefings are scheduled for 15 minutes before the first warning signal each day.

Day 2, Saturday 30th 08:00 to 09.30hr Final Measurement and Registration.
10:00hr First Warning Signal.
18:00hr No more warning signals. Any heat where the first boat has not finished by 18:30hr will be abandoned.
Informal evening social gathering at the Bowfield Hotel.

Day 3, Sunday 1st 09:30hr First warning signal.
18:00hr No more warning signals. Any heat where the first boat has not finished by 18:30hr will be abandoned.

PARTY NIGHT! 19:30hr Event Dinner - Bowfield Hotel & Country Club,
Bowfield Road, Howwood, Johnstone PA9 1DZ

Day 4, Monday 2nd 09:30hr First warning signal.
No RACE will start after 15:30hr. Any race where the first boat in A Heat has not finished by 16:30hr will be abandoned.

PRIZEGIVING WILL BE HELD ASAP AFTER END OF RACING

2. VENUE

Castle Semple Visitor Centre and Country Park, Lochlip Road, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, PA12 4EA, Scotland

3. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority for the event is the Model Yachting Association (MYA) and responsibility for the management of the event is delegated by the MYA to the MYA Scottish District.

4. RULES

The event will be governed by the current version of the following rules:

- Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by the RRS Appendix E
- Equipment Rules of Sailing
- MYA Regulations for the Organisation of National Championships
- MYA Standard Sailing Instructions
- IOM Class Rules
- HMS

Copies of the above may be viewed at the event. Before the event copies of the above may be found in the [Race and Event Documents](#) section of the MYA Knowledge Base.

5. REGISTRATION

The following shall be presented to the Race Committee at the time requested in the event schedule:

- A valid class certificate for the boat to be raced
- If applicable, the owner's valid Personal Sail Number certificate
- For foreign competitors, proof of membership of their Delegated National Member
- Emergency Contact details

If any of the above are not available at the event, but a competitor claims that they exist, the competitor shall sign a declaration to that effect and send a copy of the missing document to the Race Committee within seven days of the end of the event.

6. SCORING AND RACING SYSTEM

Scoring will use the latest version of HMS and the Racing System shall be as stated in Section 4.

7. MEASUREMENT

The IOMGBR class association may direct that boats in the event shall be check measured. Random spot checks may be conducted throughout the duration of the event.

8. FREQUENCIES

Permitted frequencies are 27 MHz, 40 MHz and 2.4 GHz

For frequency bands other than 2.4GHz, a minimum of two (2) frequencies shall be stated on the entry form and be available at the event.

9. PROTESTS

The Race Officer reserves the right to use observers drawn from the competitors. If needed, a protest committee will be appointed by the Race Committee to hear any protests arising from the event and may comprise competitors not involved in the incident. Protests will be heard & adjudicated by RYA NJ Mr Robert Owens who may enlist the assistance of two competitors to form a protest committee. The decision of the RYA NJ will be final.

10. ENTRIES & ELIGIBILITY

The number of entries shall be limited to 84 by the provisions of the Heat Management System (HMS). Entry is open to all MYA members and also open to members of foreign clubs affiliated to a Delegated National Member of IRSA.

Entry from UK MYA members will open from noon, Saturday 1st January, 2022.

Entries from members of foreign clubs will open from noon, Saturday 15th January, 2022 for any remaining places (not taken by UK MYA members) up to the maximum limit.

A reserve list will be created for entries received once the entry limit has been reached.

All entries shall be made by, and paid for, using the MYA on-line entry system.

The closing date for entries is noon, 16th April 2022.

Any entries made after noon 16th April 2022 will be at the discretion of the Organising Authority and may be subject to a late entry fee.

Entry to this event will be confirmed once cleared funds have been received on a first come first served basis. Confirmed entries will be posted on the event page of the IOMGBR website. Sail number clashes will be advised on the website prior to the event and allocated based upon the time and date of entry with priority given to those entering earlier.

11. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee of £50.00 (non-refundable unless restrictions do not allow a competitor to travel) will be payable at the point of entry when using the MYA website and payment can be made using Credit/Debit Card.

12. COMPETITORS WITH DISABILITY

Competitors who require any form of help or special requirements should, prior to entry, get in touch with the Event Secretary given in Section 15 to check if the organisers are able to help with the provision of any such special requirements. The onus is on the competitor to establish whether the available facilities are adequate before deciding to enter the event.

13. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner of the event. Should the winner be an overseas resident, the perpetual trophy will remain in the possession of the MYA.

Prizes or trophies will be awarded for 1st to 10th place. In addition, various “spot” prizes may be awarded.

A perpetual trophy will also be awarded to the first Junior Competitor aged under 18 years.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1. RRS 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.”

14.2. Sailing is, by its nature, an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event covered by this notice of race, 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, 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, recovery boat and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of recovery 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 briefing held for the event.
- h) At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves plus the decision to participate or continue must rest with the competitor.

15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, ADVICE AND ENQUIRIES

Castle Semple: information about the location, things to do, facilities, etc.

Castle Semple is a public area which has a concrete path for launch and recovery. This will be barriered-off from members of the public. The sailing area is freshwater. The water level is highly variable but typically 12" (30cm) below the level of the path.

Clothing: Wellington boots are strongly recommended. Be prepared for the weather to range from cold with strong winds/rain to warm and sunny!

Car parking: There is ample car parking just yards from the water's edge.

Camper vans: Vehicles are welcome. However, vans should be parked on the side of the parking area away from the loch between the two white posts at right angles to the bank. They can stay overnight but must be parked as described. There are no hook-up facilities.

Café and toilets are very close to the sailing area and car park.

Proximity to Glasgow: The nearby Lochwinnoch railway station has regular services to the historic city of Glasgow and the Ayrshire coastal towns including Ayr and Troon. Glasgow offers many excellent museums, tours and, of course, retail therapy!

Accommodation

Other useful information such as accommodation and local attractions can be found below:

[Camper vans sites](#)

[Booking.com](#)

[Premier Inn](#)

[Travelodge](#)

[Visit Scotland Accommodation](#)

[Bowfield Hotel and Country Club](#)

The Bowfield Hotel has previously proved very popular with skippers. Accommodation and reception rooms have been block-booked for the event at a significantly discounted rate. Once an entry has been confirmed, a code will be issued whereby an entrant will be able to book a room on a first come, first served basis. To maximise occupancy, no single occupancy bookings will be accepted. Apart from parking for the social events, the Bowfield has no facilities for overnight stays for camper vans (unless a resident).

Event socials: The Bowfield will be "Social HQ"! Every evening, all event participants will be welcome at the Bowfield for social gatherings. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at participants' expense. **NB The hotel does not accept any cash payments for accommodation, food or beverages – card payments only.**

Event Dinner: 19:30hr, Sunday 1st May at the Bowfield Hotel. All participants and accompanying family are invited.

If you have any enquiries about the organisation of the event, please contact the Event Secretary
David Smith (Tel: 0141 639 1705; email: david@dl-smith.co.uk).