

Kyles Coastal Rowing Club.

KCRC Regatta 2014.

Notice of Race.

The Kyles Coastal Rowing Club invites all interested skiff crews to a regatta at Tighnabruaich during the weekend of 24/25 May 2014.

The emphasis will be on fun and enjoyment of the local waters along with some friendly competition. The race programme will be interspersed with 'have a go' sessions for non-participants and it is hoped that demonstrations will be available for nascent clubs or for anyone thinking of forming a coastal rowing group.

A barbecue lunch will be available at the beach at a very reasonable charge.

Date: Saturday 24 May 2014.

Course Location: Kames, Tighnabruaich, Kyles of Bute

Race HQ: Kames Hotel.

Entry Fee: Free

Race Programme:

Racing will take place over two days and will be interspersed with 'Have a go' Sessions for non-participants. Demonstrations will be available for clubs that may be at the conceptual stage of a St Ayles build programme.

The race programmes for Saturday and Sunday are independent. Crews may enter for either Saturday or Sunday events or for both.

Saturday 24 May:

Linear or triangular race off Kames based on single buoy turn format.

The following crew categories will be accommodated (depending on entries):

- Mixed Open.
- Female Open.
- Male Open.

The Saturday race programme will commence at 11:00.

Sunday 25 May:

Caladh Trophy Race.

Depending on the number of entries, the Caladh Trophy race will be run as a moderate distance time trial event starting at Kames. The course will take the fleet through Caladh Harbour and will progress round Eilean Dubh before proceeding back to the finish at Kames. The overall course length amounts to six nautical miles.

It is envisaged that the time-trial format will enable boats to be used by more than one crew during the course of the event; but the organisers reserve the option to amend the format to allow one simultaneous start should this be more appropriate for the number of entries received.

It is provisionally proposed that the Caladh Trophy event will be for mixed crews only. This condition may be subject to review based on response to the notice.

Start time for Caladh Trophy race: 11:00 on Sunday 25 May.

Deadline for Regatta Entries:

Initial registration of entries in the above races/categories should be submitted by 24:00 on Wednesday 21 May to the club secretary (e mail: Tony@alphadelphini.com).

The number of crew members should be specified with the registration, together with the number of boats that it is intended to bring to Tighnabruaich.

Crews registering for the regatta should indicate whether they expect to attend one or both days.

Timing of heats/ final races will be announced following closure of entries.

Regatta Programme:

- Parking of trailers and launching of boats should be carried out at the Tank Slips, Kames (see information below). It is recommended that boats be launched and rowed from the tank slips to the beaching area in the vicinity of the Kames Hotel before 10:00 on Saturday 24 May (approximate distance – 1 mile).
- Registration of boats and crews will take place at 10:00 on Saturday 24 May at the Kames Hotel.
- A coxes' briefing will take place at 10:30 in the Kames Hotel.
- The race programme will commence promptly at 11:00 on Saturday 24 May. The foreshore at the Kames Hotel will be used as the beaching area for the event.
- A lunch-time barbecue will be available for registered competitors from 12:00 on Saturday. There will be a reasonable charge. Food and refreshments may also be purchased at the Kames Hotel. Cafes and shops are available in Tighnabruaich (see web link below under accommodation).

Compliance with Rules of Racing and Adherence to Safety Control Measures.

It is a condition of entry that boats be in compliance with the class rules issued by the SCRA, and that all competitors be familiar with their obligations under the terms of the current revision of the SCRA Rules of Racing.

Tighnabruaich is a popular yachting venue situated on a busy waterway frequented also by shipping. The racing status of a skiff shall not in any way diminish the obligation on coxes to navigate safely and with due regard for other craft in accordance with the international regulations for preventing collisions at sea (Colregs).

Crew captains and coxes are expected to adhere to any special instructions of the race committee and to make sure that all participants are familiar with particular advice or warnings issued by the race committee arising from consideration of local hazards.

Notwithstanding the above provision, crews attending the regatta do so at their own risk, and the KCRC committee will not be liable for the consequences of incidents arising from participation.

Accommodation and Food.

Numerous excellent establishments provide accommodation and food in the Tighnabruaich area. The following website constitutes a useful resource for those wishing to make enquiries.

<http://www.argyllsecretcoast.co.uk/stay.php>

Trailer Parking and Launching Facilities:

The site known as the 'tank slips' situated approximately one mile to the south of Kames offers good parking and launching facilities. It is strongly recommended that this facility be used by all visiting skiff crews. The location of the tank slip is indicated by the blue cross target on the map extract below.



Figure 1 Kames Tank Slip Location (Trailer Parking and Launching)