

REGATTA INFORMATION
JUNE REGATTA
Helensburgh Sailing Club
Saturday June 15th – Sunday June 16th
2013



Welcome

Helensburgh Sailing Club extends a warm welcome to all visitors to the club. We aim to provide a great weekend of both racing on the water and entertainment in our new clubhouse.

Arriving at the club

The club will be open from 18:30 on the Friday night

For safety reasons, within the dinghy park area a one way system will be operating. Please enter by the North entrance & if in the dinghy park, exit from the South gate only.



Parking and boat unloading

The sailing club has two free on-site car parks with capacity to park ~120 cars and a raised dinghy park area where cars may only be taken to unload boats but cannot be left unattended.

Cars & road trailers must not be left in the dinghy park but moved as soon as possible to the North Car Park. Please do not leave trailers in the main car park. All cars should have a notice displayed with a contact mobile phone number so we are able to contact you in the event of a problem.

IMPORTANT: In order to ensure the safety of the competitors you are asked to drive at **no more than 5mph**, unload your boat in the dinghy park on arrival and immediately move your car and road trailer (if any) to the extension car park to the north of the club. Only cars parked in the car parks should be moved during the event. 50% of the main car park is reserved for car owners of the race organising & safety teams.

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RIBs Launching, overnight & recovery

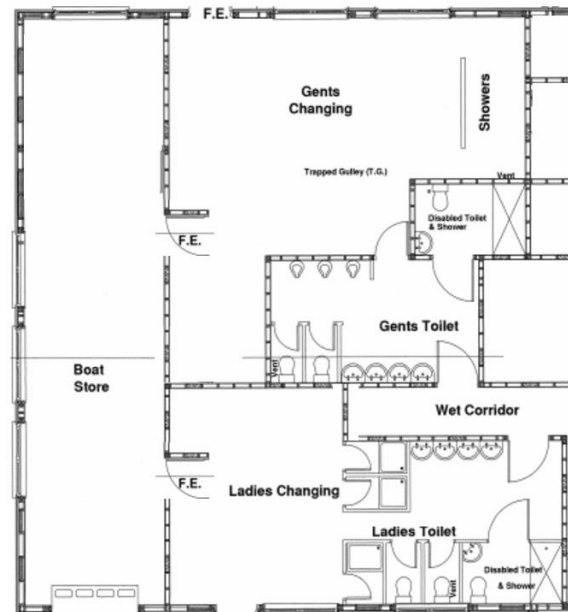
Visiting RIBs that are part of the official safety/support team, shall launch at the club, but must book in and receive their boat and fuel tank identification. RIBs should have a full tank of fuel on arrival. All other RIBs not part of the safety/support team shall be parked in the North (extension) car park. Free, deep water launching/recovery for these is available at Helensburgh pier. Visiting RIBs that are purely spectating will need to make their own pre booking arrangements with Rhu Marina 01436 820 238 and pay for their own berth. Alternatively they could be recovered and relaunched on Sunday morning at the pier.

Refuelling: Tanks (Clearly marked) should be left beside the Red container, beside the tender rack at the top of the main slipway – these will be refilled for you late on Saturday afternoon and again on Sunday – anyone with a requirement to leave early please advise.

Changing Facilities

The new clubhouse has ample changing and showering facilities with an overflow extension into the boat store that can be divide male/female as required depending on numbers. Under floor heating and a very efficient extraction system makes for a very warm & comfortable after sailing experience. For those staying in campers, tents or caravans the changing rooms will remain heated overnight to dry off wet gear.

Please note: HSC cannot accept any responsibility for visitors or members equipment left unattended in the changing rooms or anywhere else on the premises.



Camping

Camping is available within the dinghy park with several areas of grass. The lawn outside the Clubhouse is not available for pitching until later on Saturday evening. Toilets and shower facilities are available in the clubhouse, which will remain open but keypad locked throughout the night. Fresh water is also available at the club house. Rubbish must be disposed of in the bins.

Camper Vans should be parked in the extension Car park overnight

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For safety reasons: No vehicles should be moved in the camping area after sunset (18:00 BST) and we would request that once parked you do not move your vehicle until you are ready to leave. If you intend to use your car please park in the extension car park. This will ensure the safety of all those attending the event and reduce any potential problems at the field entrance should it be wet.

Rubbish

We would appreciate if you could deposit your rubbish in the bins or the trailer at the north side of the clubhouse.

Club Kitchen

The Sailing Club kitchen will be open as follows: -

Saturday: 09:00 till 18:00
Sunday: 08:30 till 16:00

Food on offer

Saturday/Sunday:

Breakfast: Hot Rolls

Packed Lunches: Filled Rolls, Sweet Bars, Crisps, Drinks

Lunch: for those not afloat – Soup, filled rolls, toasties (?), Tea/coffee, home baking, etc

HSC Club Bar & Entertainment

Friday evening: 17:30 till 23:00
Saturday: 16:00 till 23:00
Sunday: 15:00 till 19:00 (or close)

Please note: To comply with licensing regulations, the 4ft lino strip in front of the bar is designated as a restricted bar area. When the bar is open, no children under 14 are allowed in this area. **No alcohol will be served to anyone who cannot prove they are over 18.**

First Aid

Anyone who should require First Aid should report to the Kitchen where advice will be available.

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Internet Access

The clubhouse has a Wireless Access Point available over the weekend – Free for Competitors, Family and Friends – The connection will be unsecured for the weekend.

There is also a weather station on the clubhouse with display in the main clubroom and regularly updating page on the club website.

Local info & things to do in and around Helensburgh

- Petrol: – Tesco Express, Helensburgh Seafront – 1.5 miles SE of Club.
- Cash: Helensburgh town centre several machines also at Petrol station
- Tea/Coffee/scones/cakes etc – available from the Kitchen
- Walking the **Highlandman's way** - A historic Coffin Road (see our website headline photo) Round trip walk 2.5 hours about 6/7 miles
- Walk around **Ardmore Nature** reserve followed by a coffee/lunch at Ardarden farm shop, Cardross
- **Hillhouse** - Rennie Mackintosh <http://www.armin-grewe.com/crm/crm-hillhouse.htm>
- Helensburgh has a great **Local Library** – including Logie Baird's 1st Television
- **Geilston Hall** – Cardross. 10 acres of Gardens
 - <http://www.gardens-of-argyll.co.uk/gardens/geilston-garden.html>
- Recently opened **Whisky Shop**
- **Alternatively, a gentle walk along the seafront into Helensburgh with the binoculars to watch the action live as it happens off Helensburgh Pier**

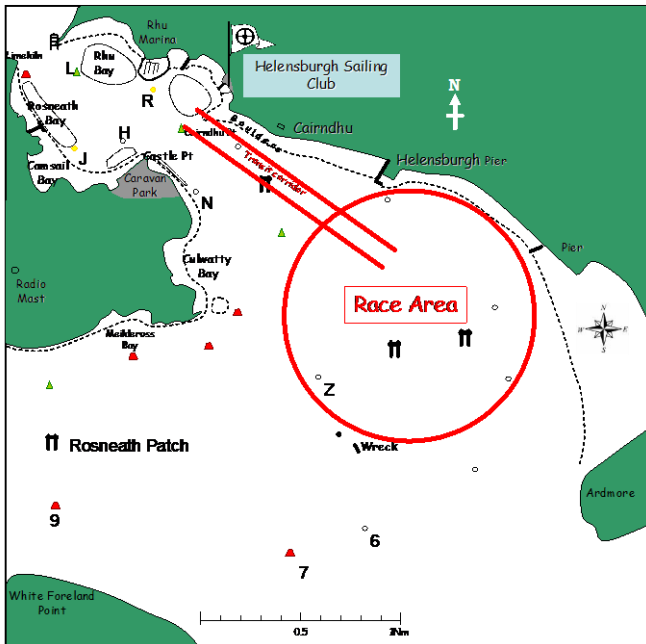
Above all we hope you have a good event and look forward to you returning to Helensburgh in future.

Lost Property: Got home something is missing? Might have left it behind email: lostproperty@helensburghsailingclub.co.uk and we'll have a look for you and return it by post if found. (carriage costs will apply – sorry)

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The Race area – Approx 1 mile SE of Dinghy Park



At the Sailing Club there is a disused outfall pipe running offshore marked with a large yellow cross at its end –Those leaving the shore from the main slip way **MUST** leave this to **Port**. There is significant risk of damaging your centreboard on the submerged pipe.

Competitors must note that the racing area is about a mile SE of the Dinghy Park and must allow sufficient time to sail there using the transit corridor after launching. In light airs and against a flood tide this may take up to 40 mins.

On return to the club, again via the transit corridor, after racing, remember to return to the correct slipway where your trolley will be. And those returning to the main slipway remember to avoid the outfall pipe leaving it to **Starboard**

Fresh water washing will be available but it is recommended this is done on the Sunday to help avoid congestion.

Under water obstructions:

Generally there are very few, with mainly deep water for sailing. However the shore between Kidston Park (beside the clubhouse) and Helensburgh Pier is shoal and has a number of large rocks visible at spring low water. It is advisable not to sail inside a line between the end of the pier and halfway between the wall at Kidston Park shore and the large green navigation buoy (Cairndhu) 400m southwest of the slipway.