

The Celtic Challenge
A Fun Team Race between
Glandore Harbour Yacht Club (GHYC)
&
Royal Anglesey Yacht Club (RAYC)
23rd & 24th June 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the rules of each class concerned and these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2 The format of racing will be Admiral's Cup style team racing under regular RRS with the aim of keeping race management & racing safe and simple. The event shall be sailed in International Dragon One-Design boats provided by GHYC members. The final number and constitution of teams of 2, 3, 4 or 5 boats shall be decided upon the number of boats available to sail at the time of the event and the number of visiting RAYC sailors. Each boat shall be sailed by a minimum of three people, one of which shall be an owner's caretaker/pilot. There may be more than one team from each club.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the GHYC official notice board at the Club House. Results will be posted as soon as possible after racing finishes.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the GHYC flag staff in the Glandore Square, above Glandore Inner Harbour.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 4 minutes' in the race signal AP.

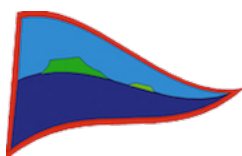
5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

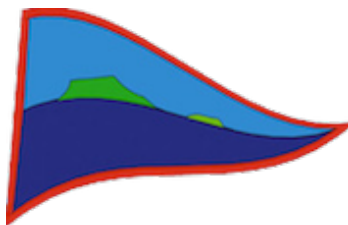
Race Schedule is included in the NOR

6 RACING AREA

The Event will be sailed in the waters of Glandore Harbour to include areas extending to High Island

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7 COURSES/MARKS

- 7.1 Courses will be created by the Race Officer and advised to the Fleet prior to the First Gun for that race. All crews are advised to have material to take note of the course, which will be given over VHF 68
- 7.2 At the discretion of the PRO, a Spreader mark may be added to the course. The Spreader Mark shall be rounded on the same side (Port or Starboard) as the first Mark. The Spreader Mark will only be rounded on the first loop of the course. The PRO may advise the Fleet/s of the addition of the Spreader Mark via CH 68.
- 7.3 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2(a). "Shortened Course" may be broadcast on ch. 68, at the discretion of the PRO.
- 7.4 Courses Shortened, using the Code Flag S, by the shore based Race Officer will require a course to include the Harbour Mark within the course. Once the S Flag is displayed and the double Horn sounded, competitors will proceed to the Harbour Mark passing it in the direction from the previous mark, this adds to 32.2 (a)
- 7.5 Courses may also be shortened by the Race Committee displaying Code Flag F in the vicinity of a mark while making repetitive sound signals. Boats should round/pass the mark on the required side and sail directly to the finishing line. Boats should cross the finish in the direction from the mark at which F is displayed. This adds to Rule 32.2.

8 MARKS

The chart in Addendum 1 shows the approximate location of the marks.

9 NAVIGATION MARKS/OBSTRUCTIONS

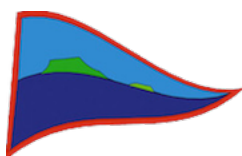
The attention of competitors is drawn to the existence of many underwater hazards, see Addendum X both marked and unmarked, within the racing area. Should competitors choose to sail close to, or among these hazards, they do so at their own risk. GHYC accepts no responsibility for the consequences of any such deviation from the set courses.

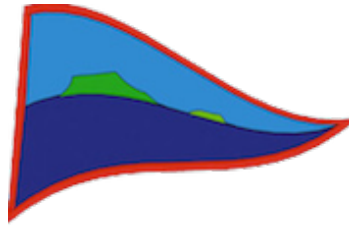
10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26
- 10.2 A moveable shore based red/orange staff with a yellow reflective top and a flagged outer limit mark as described in Addendum 2 – Starting Flags & Notes. An inner distance mark, red buoy with pole, may be positioned on or near the shore side of the line. Boats shall start between the flagged limit mark and the inner distance mark at the final crossing of the Start Line... . OR . .
- 10.3 A staff with an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a flagged limit mark as described in Addendum 2 – Starting Flags & Notes
- 10.4 For all downwind starts no boat can hoist a spinnaker unless at least 2 boat lengths downwind of the start line, this adds to RRS 26
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be the same as the line used to start.
- 11.2 Boats that have finished shall not re-cross the finishing line in any direction except for some unavoidable cause. Any so doing may be penalised. Only the PRO may lodge a protest.





12 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by One-Turn Penalty, including tack & gybe

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Time limit is 90 mins from start time..
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored In Place and shall proceed immediately to the start/finish area. This changes rule 3

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office or the Club House. Protests and Requests for edress or Reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 The Protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the Protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest room, located as agreed, beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a Request for Redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15 ARBITRATION

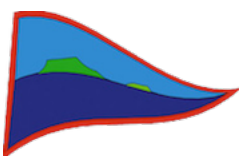
As an alternative to a full Protest Hearing, an Arbitration System may be used. When all parties to an incident agree, a Protest Arbitrator, appointed by the Sailing Committee may decide a Protest. Such arbitration shall replace the protest required under RRS 63. The system may only be used if, before the hearing, all parties agree to accept the arbitration as final. All the parties shall have the opportunity of stating their case. The Arbitrator shall have total discretion as to whether any witness will be called. At any time during the hearing he/she may terminate the arbitration and refer the incident to a full Protest Committee hearing; otherwise, at the conclusion of the arbitration hearing he/she will reach a decision.

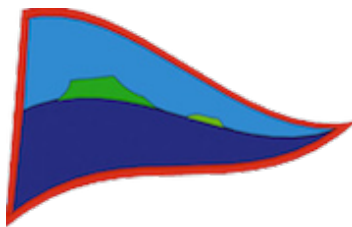
Any party found to have infringed a Rule shall not be disqualified but shall instead incur a 2 place penalty. No penalty shall result in a score which would exceed that of a disqualification. Any decision shall be final; however, a Request for Reopening may be made under RRS 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 A boat that retires or is DNS due to major equipment failure her partnered boat shall also retire, and failure to start due to the same equipment failure in any subsequent races will score both boats as DNS. This changes RRS Rule A4.2
- 16.2 All boat race scores for each team will be combined to identify the winning Team for each race.
- 16.3 There will be no discards
- 16.4 The team with the most Race Wins will be declared the Winner.
- 16.5 In the event of a tie, the number of 1st per team will be compared, if there is still a tie, then 2nd places are compared, if there is still a tie after a comparison of all finished places, then the result of the last race will be used to declare the winner.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS





- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. The boat shall complete a retirement declaration form on return ashore.
- 17.2 The decision to race without adequate safety boat coverage is at the sole discretion of each competitor. This may be overridden by the PRO.
- 17.3 All boats are required to carry safety equipment as outlined by their class rules when they race, (for example: anchor, tow lines and buckets). Random inspections may be carried out.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 Each boat will carry on board a VHF radio. The PRO may broadcast on Channel 68 general information regarding racing to the fleet. Failure to broadcast this information, or to hear it, shall not be the basis for any claim for redress. This alters Rule 41.
- 18.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

19 PRIZES

The perpetual **Celtic Challenge Trophy** will be awarded to the team winning the most races.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Competitors shall sign the registration form and disclaimer of liability.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid, third-party liability insurance.

ALL OWNERS / COMPETITORS MUST HAVE SIGNED THE REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE COMPETING.
Failure to do so will result in a No Score.

22 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

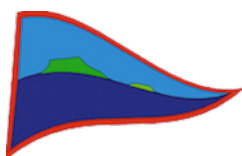
Trash shall be brought ashore and properly disposed.

GHYC Race Officers –John & Ann Williams

Addendum 1 - Racing Area Marks

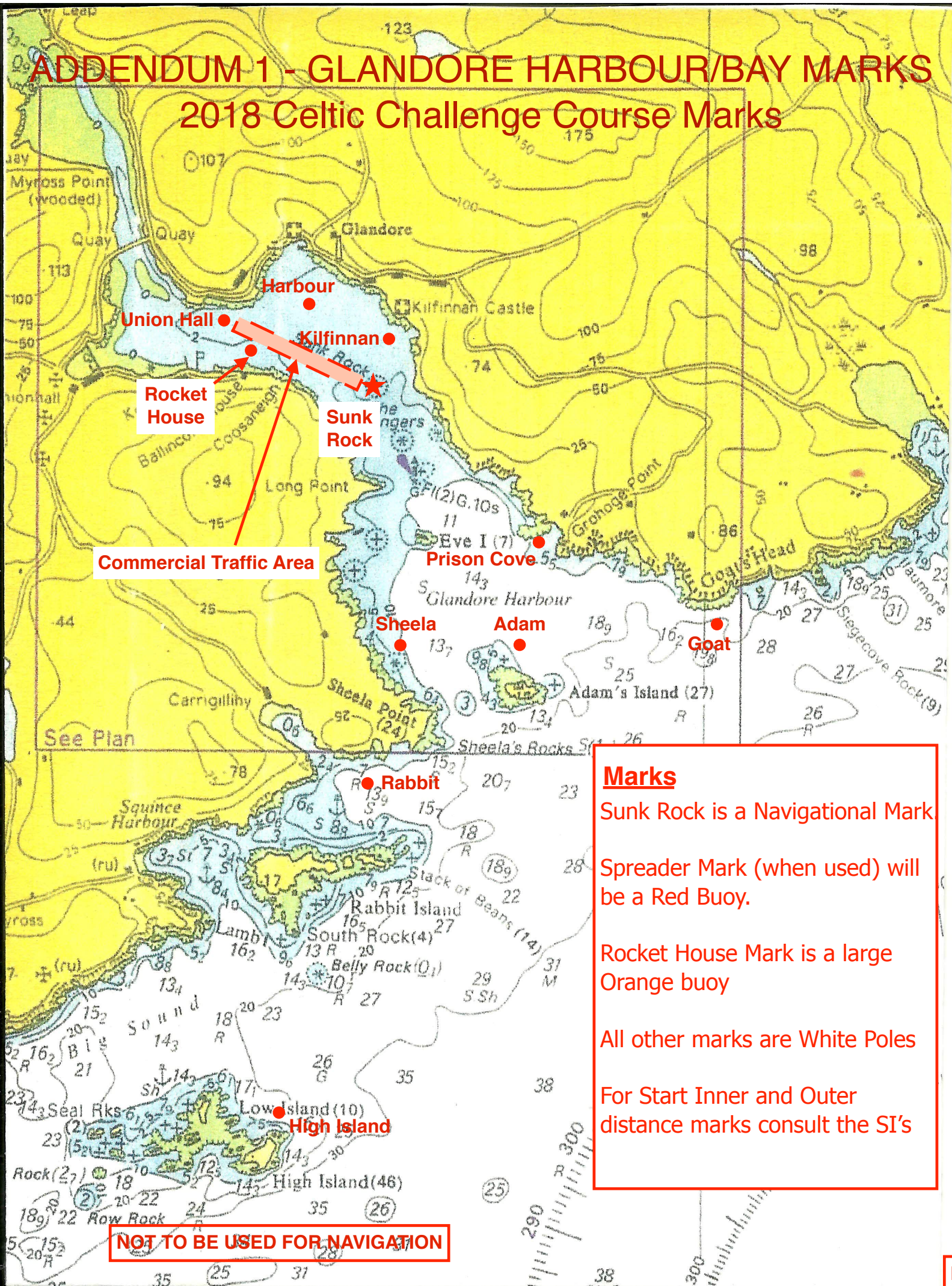
Addendum 2 - Starting Flags and Notes

Addendum 3 – Hazards and Obstructions

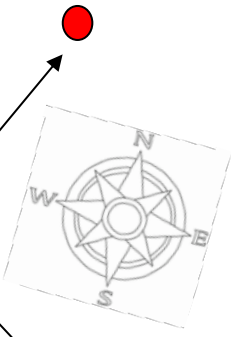
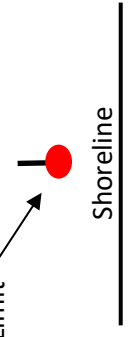
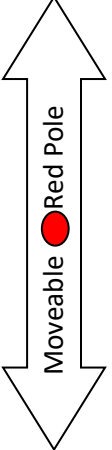










ADDENDUM 1 - GLANDORE HARBOUR/BAY MARKS


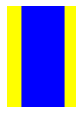






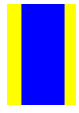


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ADDENDUM 2 - GHYC 2018 - Starting Flags and Notes

Start - Finish Lines - Marks		Notes	
<p>Outer Limit</p>  <p>Inner Limit</p>  <p>Shoreline</p>  <p>Moveable Red Pole</p>		<p>Marks</p> <p>UH - Union Hall RH - Rocket House K - Kilfinnan A - Adam H - Harbour SR - Sunk Rock S - Sheila Point R - Rabbit Island PC - Prison Cove G - Goat HI - High Island</p> <p>Start Line between Shore Pole (Red) & Outer Limit Mark.</p> <p>Note the Inner limit, when used, may not be on the Start Line</p>	
<p>Flag</p>    		<p>Reason</p> <p>Individual Recall Flag is lowered once all offending boat have re-crossed the line, and will be lowered after 4 mins from Start Signal</p> <p>General Recall</p> <p>Shortened Course</p> <p>Go to Finish</p>	
		<p>Sound Signal</p>    	

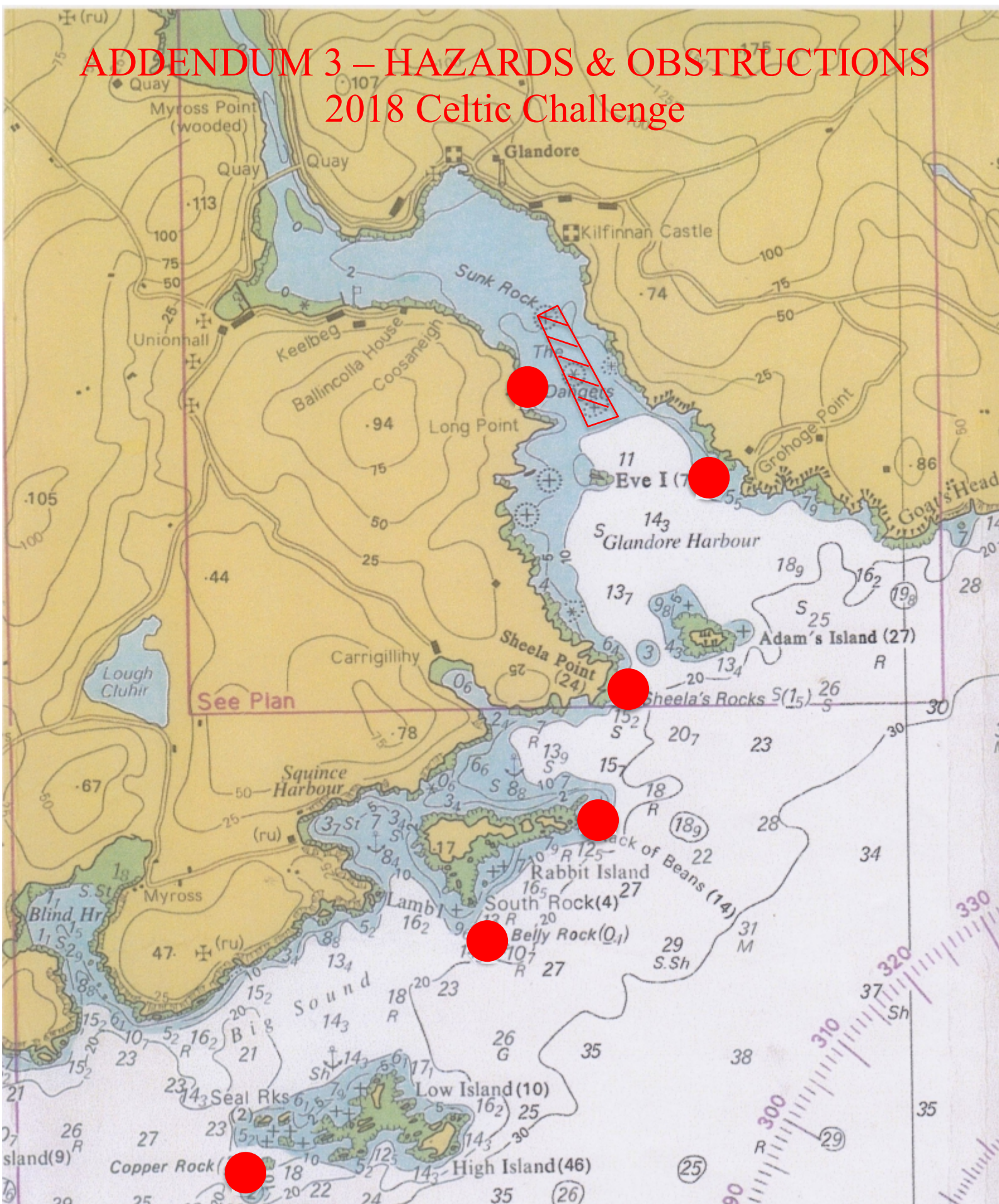
Starting Sequence

Warning Signal - 5 Minutes to Race	Preparatory Signal - 4 Minutes to Start	Preparatory Signal - 1 Minute to Start	Start Signal
<p>Class Flag(s) are raised</p>   <p>Dragons</p>  <p>Squibs</p>	<p>P Flag is raised</p>   <p>And / Or</p>  	<p>P Flag is lowered</p>  <p>And / Or</p>  	<p>Class Flag(s) lowered</p> 

NOTE Channel 68 shall be used by the OD

ADDENDUM 3 – HAZARDS & OBSTRUCTIONS

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NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION