



2010 SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2010 Scottish Championships will be sailed for under the burgee of the Solway Yacht Club and will take place on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 August 2010. This briefing note is provided purely as information for competitors and does not constitute the notice of race.

Solway Yacht Club

The club is based in the small seaside village of Kippford, on the picturesque Solway Coast. Close to Dalbeattie, and less than an hour from the M6, Kippford provides an ideal venue for our Scottish Championships, and we are delighted that SYC have agreed to host the Championships for us once again. The Yacht Club is located on the way into the village and offers ample dinghy parking and also has plenty of car parking spaces for members and visitors. There is a large slipway for launching. The club website give more details www.thesyc.com.

Accommodation

Kippford itself offers B&B and Hotel/Inn accommodation and on the outskirts of the village are 2 camping and caravan sites. There is also a plentiful supply of holiday properties for those who wish to extend their stay beyond the 2 days of the Championships.

Rockcliffe, Colvend and Dalbeattie are all within 10 minutes drive of Kippford and offer further accommodation. A listing is attached and the Dumfries and Galloway Tourist Board can provide further information if required.

Shops

There is a small shop in the village which offers basic supplies (milk, bread, cheese, ham etc), plus postcards and gifts, and there is also a small shop at the Kippford Holiday Park caravan site which also offers basic supplies. The Post Office at Colvend offers a good range of grocery and general supplies and also sells newspapers. Further afield there are shops in Dalbeattie and Castle Douglas (including a Tesco supermarket and some great independent retailers), with the county town of Dumfries offering a wide range of local and national stores.

For the Non Sailors

Those wishing to watch the sailing can enjoy a number of walks around Kippford which offer good viewing of the racing. The 'Jubilee Path' which runs between Kippford and Rockcliffe provides a pretty strictly pedestrian route through to the seaside village of Rockcliffe, from where the furthest extent of the racing area can be viewed and where younger supporters can paddle and build sandcastles. Climb up the 'Mote of Mark' (it's a hillock, not a mountain!) and you will find a spectacular view point, although binoculars are a good idea. The path from Rockcliffe out to Castle Point provides further good viewing of the sailing and the wonderful coastline. Spectators should note that parking in Rockcliffe is very limited and is on the outskirts of the village. Younger supporters will enjoy seeing, touching and exploring the wonderful and quirky sculptures on the estuary side road and tasting the local ice-cream (we suspect older supporters will enjoy this bit too!)

Further afield, and away from the racing, there are excellent mountain biking trails in Dalbeattie forest, the gardens at Threave are well worth a visit (National Trust), and Threave Castle (reached by rowing boat!) is also close by. Castle Douglas offers an excellent range of food, gift and craft shops, and some lovely cafes, and Kirkcudbright (pronounced Kir-coo-bree) is famous as an artists haunt. For those wishing to drive further afield, there is the Galloway forest park, and the towns of Gatehouse of Fleet and Newton Stewart. The beaches in the area are a delight for the younger members of the class association - at Kippford there is a wonderful shell covered cove, whilst just a few miles away Brighouse Bay offers shallow waters and plenty of sand for castles! Sandyhills, which is close by, also offers a lovely sandy beach, and the shore line at Rockcliffe provides plenty of shells and rockpools.

Entertainment

Ian and Margaret Purkis will be hosting their annual N12 BBQ Party at their village home "Fairwater" on the Saturday night and extend a very warm invitation to N12 sailors, family, supporters and SYC friends. All they ask is that guests bring a bottle and come along and enjoy themselves. This will once again be very much a N12 weekend party as well as a weekend of great racing.

Eating Out

The Anchor Hotel and Mariner Hotel both serve bar and restaurant meals at lunchtime and in the evening. There is also a restaurant (which offers takeaway food) in Colvend.

Racing

The area used for racing is south of the launching area (see attached map - the slipway is north of G mark) and it can take some time to reach the start as you will need to negotiate the flooding tide and the yachts moored in the estuary. Although the map shows the Club's starting hut it is most likely that the start line will be set away from the hut and a yacht will therefore be used as the 'start boat'.

Sailing between Rough Isle and the eastern shore is not permitted and there is also an area (marked 'nets') to the west which must be avoided. A full briefing will be given by Solway Yacht Club before racing commences.

Further Information:

For further information please contact Ian and Margaret Purkis (07767 414108) or Bernard and Jennie Clark (01904 705126).

Tourist Information Offices:

Castle Douglas	01556 502611
Kirkcudbright	01557 330494
Dumfries	01387 253862

Accommodation List

This list was drawn up from information kindly supplied by the Dumfries and Galloway Tourist Board - their website can be found at www.visit-dumfries-and-galloway.co.uk. We apologise if any of the details have changed since we did our research!

Caravan Park and Campsites:

Kippford Holiday Park	www.kippfordholidaypark.co.uk	01556 620636
Doonpark Caravan Park		01556 620259
Castle Point Caravan Site		0208 399 6143
Sandyhills Bay Leisure Park	www.gillespie-leisure.co.uk	01557 870267

Bed and Breakfast:

Rosemount, Kippford	Mr and Mrs Taylor	01556 620214
Millbrae House, Rockcliffe	David and Linda Birdsall	01556 630217
Alva House, Mainsriddle	Mrs Linda Wood	01387 780563

Hotels/Inns:

Anchor Hotel, Kippford	01556 620205
Mariner Hotel, Kippford	01556 620259
Clonyard House Hotel, Colvend	01556 630372

Self Catering Accommodation:

G & M Thompson (discoverscotland.net) manage a large proportion of the holiday lets in this area - contact them on 01556 504030 for a catalogue or have a look at their web-site

Kippford Holiday Park (see entry under camping above) have a number of static caravans and timber lodges which are available for rent

Solway Yacht Club – Racing Marks

