



Shell Regatta 2010 – 3-5th September - Updated 17/08/10

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Intro

The Shell Regatta is a Shell sponsored yachting event that is open to sailors and non-sailors alike. Although booking priority goes to Shell members first, the event is essentially open to all. The event is specifically designed to introduce people to sailing yachts by having a minimum of 2 complete novice sailors on each boat. See pix of last year's event [here](#) or previous year's [here](#).

Event Status

Most crew places are now taken and paid up. However there are still some 8 places left, so [booking a place](#) now is still possible.

So what's it all about?

The Shell Pecten Sailing Club have chartered 12 yachts out of Largs Marina (on the Scottish West Coast just south of Glasgow). The yachts vary in size from 31-50 ft. And 6-10berths. The regatta has had a similar format each year but this year again there will be a sailing 'challenge' rather than the traditional races. It will go like this:

Friday

Leave home on the Friday to arrive at Largs ca 1700. Get kit onto the boat and attend skipper's briefing. Meet for drinks in the Marina Bar at 1930. Supper at the marina restaurant or elsewhere in Largs. Night on boat.

Saturday

Get up & have breakfast at the Marina Restaurant. Get boat and crew ready for the challenge and depart the marina.

Participate in sailing challenge. Lunch on board. Complete challenge near agreed venue for Saturday. This year the venue will be at the [Portavadie marina](#) situated at the eastern side of the

entrance to Loch Fyne. Tie up boats ca 1700. Evening meal, prize giving and entertainment all arranged at the venue which starts at 1930 sharp. Night on boat.

Sunday

Get up and have breakfast on board (or sail somewhere nice first. Each boat free to sail back to Largs via whatever route they fancy. Lunch on board. Return to Marina by ca 1530. Clean up boat, pack up and leave Largs ca 1630.

Transport

Usually arrange individually, boat by boat.

Catering

Food and drink on board arranged by each crew.

Friday - dinner at Largs arranged by each crew

Saturday - breakfast and Saturday diner, prize giving and entertainment arranged by the regatta committee.

Booking, Cost & Payment Details

The cost this year is £147.50 per berth which includes the yacht charter, breakfast on Saturday and Saturday's post-challenge dinner and entertainment. All other costs are down to the crews ie: lunches Saturday and Sunday, snacks, drinks, transport etc. [Booking](#) and [Payment](#) details

Event details for all crew members

Transportation

This is left up to individuals/crews/boats to arrange. The venue, Largs Marina, is just south of Largs which is itself 25miles west of Glasgow. We're all meeting in the club house for drinks on arrival. Your boat will only be available from 1900. [Largs Marina](#)

Food

Included in the trip is breakfast on the Saturday morning and dinner on Saturday night. The rest is required to be arranged by the individual skippers/crews, for lunches on Sat and Sun, breakfast on Sunday morning and some snacks for underway. Remember to bring plenty of water (you can rely on the boat's tanks, but it doesn't always taste good). Soups and warm drinks are a good idea during the day in case of a cold weekend. Go to ['Ship's Biscuits'](#) for catering ideas.

On the Friday night we leave it up to the crews to arrange something. Regattas restaurant and bar (01475 686684) in the marina is always good and worth pre-booking. If you arrive late get a snack on the way or ask for a table right away at the Regattas. They stop serving food after 21.00 hours.

Breakfast will be at 0730 in Regatta's

On Saturday evening the Buffet is at 19:30 in the Portavadie Marina.

Clothing

3 things to remember, space, warmth, and a change of clothing. The West coast of Scotland can be a wet, cold, and windy place at the end of the summer (but then again bring swimming gear and suntan cream cos it may not be!). Either way bring plenty of warm clothing.

This should include waterproof jacket and trousers, gloves, and a woolen hat. Some clothes may get absolutely soaked so you should bring spares. The other important thing to remember is to wear soft soled shoes which will not mark the decks of the boats. Stowage space will be limited, so pack your clothes in soft bags (not suitcases) to make it easier to cram them into odd nooks and crannies. You will need to bring your own sleeping bag. If you do not have a sleeping bag then either bring blankets or an old quilt/duvet. Pillows are also worthwhile bringing.

Wet gear hire - Sailing Gear can be hired from the charterer. However, they do not provide boots. If the weather is looking good or moderate rain then typical hiking gear will be sufficient (but non-marking soles are essential). Skippers should find out from their crew who may need gear and then arrange this directly with the charterer. Call Flamingo Yacht Charter's Avril McGarry on +44 (0)1475686088 or e-mail avril.flamingo@hotmail.com . [Additional thoughts about what to take.](#)

Money

Each boat crew is responsible for dividing up the cost of food and drink, and of any diesel the boat uses. If there are any breakages then you must tell the skipper. Damage or losses will be divided amongst the crew (eg: winch handles are expensive by the way, and do not float!!).

Event costs are £147.50 each. No refunds are available after the 16th July deadline where

replacement crew cannot be found. The organisers will find replacements when there is a waiting list.

Insurance terms

As usual the skippers will be required to leave a cheque or credit card number with the charter company when taking the boat over. This may vary from boat to boat and covers the cost of Insurance Excess in the event of the boat being damaged enough to make an insurance claim. Again the skipper should ensure that this is covered between the crew if it is invoked. The insurance details are available to each skipper from the charterers booking form and the crew should understand and agree to the extent of any liabilities prior to the event.

Portavadie

Pontoon space has been reserved for us and berthing dues are paid.

The Saturday night venue is the Portavadie Marina. Note, there are shore-based shower facilities at the marina.

Evenings Entertainments

The fun starts at 19:30, with a Buffet, followed by a short prize giving, and then a disco and band until close. Don't forget your dancing shoes. Please note a Dress theme is an event requirement for each boat this year. Any boat without a dress theme (in the view of the organisers) will suffer an unspecified fate! There will be a prize for the best.

Boat Presentations

As usual no-one should go home empty handed. Each boat will be required to provide a prize - of a low value (£10) - suitable for another boat. The rotation of presentations and which boat will present to which will be decided by the challenge scores. Be prepared to have a prize ready, and you must tell all the other crews why this prize should be valued by the receiving crew - this can be a song, verse, poem, or just a plain old verbal explanation.....but keep it very short, please!!!

The 'Challenge'

It's a well kept secret! Start time will be ca. 0930 with the aim of finishing by 1730. Challenge details will be provided at the Skipper's briefing on Saturday morning at 0830 in Flamingo office.

Sunday

Every boat is free to wake up, have breakfast and sail back to Largs, 24 miles by the shortest route, 32 miles via the beautiful Kyles of Bute, if you get up early (aye right!). The boats should be back by 17.00 hours in Largs.

Have a great sail and a wonderful time!!

Regards, Organisers

Notes for Skippers

Shell Regatta Committee

- Boats, Crew Lists, Yotlinx, communications – David Morrish
- Payment collection – David Morrish
- Treasurer – Andrew Fyfe
- Saturday Venue, Entertainment & Dinner – Carolyn Cosgrove, Joy Towler
- Challenge design/rules – Iain Barraclough, Mike Sutcliffe
- Skippers briefing – David Morrish and Iain Barraclough or Mike Sutcliffe

Committee members can be contacted via www.yotlinx.net > Login > View all members > Select member > Contact this member

Skipper's Responsibilities

1. Safety of crew and boat. See link at top of document.
2. Ensuring transport so that their crew get to and from Largs.
3. Ensuring the provisioning of their boat to cover Saturday's race (Lunch & snacks) and Sunday (Breakfast and Lunch). Remember to bring plenty of water. Soups and warm drinks are a good idea during the day in case of a cold weekend. Please check any special dietary requirements.
4. No dinner/entertainment is provided on Friday night, so each crew needs to arrange their own. Book ahead if you want to use the Marina restaurant, Regatta's.(01475 686684) or next door at the Largs Sailing Club (same number)
5. Ensure crew members understand the insurance excess and how, in the event of an incident, these costs will be shared.

Please note a strict requirement from charterer:

Skippers will need to send completed booking forms and photocopies of their sailing certificates/experience* details to by Tuesday 3rd August.

Booking forms will be mailed to skippers on 18th July.

Boats are only guaranteed to be available from 1900 on Friday. If any crews wish to get an early start then feel free to turn up at Largs marina and see if there are any early boats available. On arrival check-in with the charter office and they will organise handover.

At Portavadie, the marina staff will have been advised to expect the yachts from ca 1700 on Saturday and space for us is reserved and paid for. The costguard will be informed of our Saturday activities, our approximate departure from Largs, our route and our approximate arrival at Portavadie.

The Skippers briefing will be at 0830 on the Saturday morning in the Flamingo Office.

This will cover challenge details and safety. All Skippers must attend.

[Useful Links](#) for weather, tides, marina, charter co. etc. If you have any others, please login and add them to the site.

If you have any comments or questions please contact the organisers.

Regards,


Organisers.

How to book a place

1. (If you are already registered with Yotlinx, skip to step 2)

- a) Instructions for Registering with Yotlinx: www.yotlinx.net
- b) Click on Join Yotlinx from the Main Menu > Join as Friend (free)> Complete the registration.
- c) Any problems call 07843439666 (+44 7843439666), [or e-mail](#)

2. Instructions for registering for the Shell Regatta 2010:

- a) www.yotlinx.net Login > Click on "View Events" > Locate 'Shell Regatta 2010'. If you know which boat you will join (by prior agreement with the skipper) click on this  button, then click on the appropriate event title. If you don't know or don't mind which boat you join, click on the event title 'Shell Regatta 2010'.
- b) Click on the link at the bottom of the event detail screen then select "Crew" or "Mate" from the drop-down menu and click "Register"

You will be contacted by the event organisers.

Payment Details

Cost per berth - £147.50. Payment deadline 16th July, 2010. Please don't wait for the deadline as payment is required to confirm your place. There are several options for payment, **PayPal is the default and preferred option:**

Please note that PayPal is considered one of the most secure online payment options available today and requires considerably less administration.

1) By PayPal

When you have registered for the event you receive an e-mail request for payment from PayPal which will allow you to pay via an existing PayPal account or by credit/debit card. The PayPal request will be cancelled if payment is received by option 2 or 3.

or 2) Electronic bank transfer to:

Name: Yotlinx
Sort code: 30-25-82
Account no: 00732694
BIC: TSBSGB21275

IBAN: GB29 TSBS 3025 8200 7326 94

It is vital you state Yotlinx username and the word 'Regatta' in your transfer description. ie:
'Yotlinx username - Regatta'

or 3) By cheque made payable to 'Yotlinx' to be sent to:

Yotlinx
Pinewood
Crathes
Banchory
Kincardineshire AB31 5JD
United Kingdom

Please state Yotlinx username and the word 'Regatta' on the back of the cheque.