



## 2004 SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2004 Scottish Championships will be sailed for under the burgee of the Solway Yacht Club and will take place on Saturday 22 May and Sunday 23 May 2004. 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 easily reached from the M74, Kippford provides an ideal venue for our Scottish Championships.

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.

### **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 very limited and basic supplies, plus postcards and gifts, whilst the small shop at the Doonpark caravan site which offers basic supplies. The Post Office at Colvend is also a 'Spar' shop and in addition to a good range of grocery and general supplies also sells newspapers. Further afield there are shops in Dalbeattie and Castle Douglas, 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 good pedestrian route through to the pretty little village of Rockcliffe, from where the furthest extent of the racing area can be viewed. Binoculars are a good idea! The path from Rockcliffe out to Castle Point provides further good viewing. Spectators should note that parking in Rockcliffe is very limited.

Further afield, and away from the racing, there are excellent mountain biking trails in Dalbeattie forest, the gardens at Threave are 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 Kirkudbright (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 beach at Brighthouse 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**

Solway Yacht Club will be hosting an Enterprise meeting over the same weekend as our Championships and there will be a barbecue/social (and the bar will be open!) in the clubhouse on the Saturday night.

## **Eating Out**

The Anchor Hotel and Mariner Hotel both serve 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. Don't leave launching to the last minute! 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:

Alan Thomson (01228 523609) or Bernard Clark (01904 705126)

## **Tourist Information Offices:**

Castle Douglas	01556 502611
Kirkcudbright	01557 330494
Dumfries	01387 253862

## **Accommodation List**

This list has been 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](http://www.visit-dumfries-and-galloway.co.uk).

### *Caravan Park and Campsites:*

Kippford Holiday Park	<a href="http://www.kippfordholidaypark.co.uk">www.kippfordholidaypark.co.uk</a>	01556 620636
Doonpark Caravan Park		01556 620259

### *Bed and Breakfast:*

Rosemount, Kippford	Mrs Christine Brown	01556 620214
The Cottage, 1 Barclay Mill, Rockcliffe	Mrs E Bailey	01556 630460
Wilmar, Colvend	M & J Turnbull	01556 620648
East Daylesford, Colvend	Mike & Pat Abery	01556 630483
Millbrae House, Rockcliffe	S Walker	01556 630217

### *Hotels/Inns:*

Anchor Hotel, Kippford	Alistair Young	01556 620205
Mariner Hotel, Kippford	David Georgeson	01556 620259
Clonyard House Hotel, Colvend	Nick Thompson	01556 630372

### *Self Catering Accommodation:*

G & M Thompson ([discoverscotland.net](http://discoverscotland.net)) manage a large proportion of the holiday lets in this area – contact them on 01556 504030

Kippford Holiday Park (see entry under camping above) have 15 caravans and 4 bungalows which are available for rent

# Solway Yacht Club – Racing Marks

