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Dear Club Contact -from Andy Rendle Secretary SCRA

The SCRA are pleased to advise that the St Ayles Skiff International Limited (SASI) have announced the commencement of the 2025-2026 Review of the International Measurement and Racing Rules.

The SCRA is the National Class Association for Scottish Clubs and has been asked to conduct a consultation process within its region by seeking submissions from clubs and producing a consolidated report.

An online survey has been created to support this work.

Participants may submit as many proposals as they wish, **with one proposal per submission.**

Each NCA is requested to review all responses from our region, consolidate them into a summary report, and then present our recommendations to SASI for the next stage of evaluation.

The proposed timeline for this process is as follows:-

SCRA as NCA invites clubs to complete the Review Survey

By 31st January 2026 -club will have submitted their survey responses to SCRA

SCRA to collaborate with clubs and review and collate submissions by 31st March 2026

SCRA submits proposed changes to SASI by 30th April 2026

SASI collaborates with NCAs to assess and evaluate rules by 31st May 2026

SASI issues Rules by 31st June 2026.

To access the survey please see **SCRA:** <https://s.surveyplanet.com/zae8tdf>

The existing SASI Measurement Rules are available at:

<https://www.staylesinternational.org/building-st-ayles-skiff/measurement-rules-2023/>

The existing SASI Racing Rules are available at:

<https://www.staylesinternational.org/rules-of-racing-2021/>

Please note that for regattas and events run under SCRA Rules and effective from 1st January 2026 – the amendments, as approved at the 2025 AGM, are in force.

Build Rules 2026

7. Oars

7.1 Oars shall be made of timber. Plywood is a permitted material for the blade of the oar. The use of plastic or leather sleeving, facings or wear strips fastened to oars to protect wooden parts from wear is permitted.

7.2 Oar blades must not be “spooned” or of the “chopper” style.

7.3 Blades to be symmetrical about a horizontal plane through the shaft axis, i.e. the top of the blade should be a reflection of the bottom.

7.4 St Ayles Skiff oars should not be longer than 4.5m from the end of the handle to the tip of the blade.

Racing Rules 2026

2.3 In addition to any requirements in their class rules, whenever on the water on a race day all racing craft shall carry the following equipment:

- (a) A waterproofed means of communicating with the shore (preferably a working hand held VHF radio, which failing a mobile phone with list of essential numbers for the event).
- (b) At least two means of efficiently bailing the boat.
- (c) Personal Flotation Devices (either a lifejacket or a buoyancy aid) for each crew member. These must be worn by all crew members at all times.
- (d) A length of rope of at least 14mm diameter and at least 8 meters in length, securely attached to a strong point in the bow of the boat and capable of being used to tow boat with crew.
- (e) An Anchor, together with a suitable chain and line of minimum 30 metres, giving a combined minimum weight of anchor, chain and line of 7kg, all as suitable for use in the conditions and area of use.
- (f) In addition it is recommended that boats carry a throwing rope; distress alerting means; space blanket for hypothermia, first aid kit, and spare woolly hat.

We look forward to analysing your submissions and please remember participants may submit as many proposals as they wish, **with one proposal per submission.**

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