

ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB

Notice of Race Club Racing 2011

(This notice of Race does not include the Channel Race (Fri 10th June) and Offshore Week (Sun 12th June/Sat 18th June) which will be covered by separate Notices of Race)

1. Organising Authority.

The organising authority is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

2. Rules

Racing will be governed by

- 2.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing,
- 2.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply
- 2.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply.
- 2.4 The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 monohull shall apply to IRC and RTYC Progressive Handicap classes.
- 2.5 The applicable class or/and handicap system, including for IRC boats IRC Rules 2010 Parts A, B and C.
- 2.6 RTYC Safety Rules.
- 2.7 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

Note1 Links to the relevant web sites to read the above Rules etc. are available from the RTYC web site www.royaltorbayyc.org.uk.

3. Advertising.

- 3.1 The event is classified Category C.
- 3.2 Sponsored Classes to carry the Sponsors Logo during Club Racing.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The Classes to race will be as follows:-
 - RS Feva
 - Cadet
 - Day Boats
 - Sports Boats
 - Boats holding valid IRC Rating Certificate (excluding Dayboat endorsed certificates).
 - Boats allocated a RTYC Progressive Handicap. (Including White Sail Cruisers).
 - Dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick Rating.
- 4.2 The Race Committee may at their discretion allocate divisions of the above classes according to handicap rating and as designated in the Sailing Instructions or changes thereto.
- 4.3 To qualify for points in a Junior Series an RS Feva may only be sailed by those under 18 on the 01st January 2011.
- 4.4 Additional classes to those in 4.1 may be added by the Race Committee.
- 4.5 All Sports Boats will race as one Class this will include Laser SB3's.
- 4.6 An Entry Form obtainable from the Club Office or www.royaltorbayyc.org.uk must be completed and the Entry Fee paid to the RTYC Club Secretary before competing in any race or series of races.

- 4.7 An owner, who changes their hull in a one design class during the season, may count the old hull scores along with the new hull scores towards The Class Championship. Individual Series Points are not accumulative. A new boat should fill in the Club Entry Form but no fee will be required.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF CLASSES

- 5.1 IRC, RTYC Progressive Handicap boats will be required to display their class flag with a hoist of not less than 9 inches on their back stay, or if the boat has no backstay, on the starboard shroud whilst racing.

6. Fees

- 6.1 Unless a boat has entered as per 6.4 she will not score points.

- 6.2 Entry fees for the full programme of races shall be as follows:-

RS Feva	£25.00
Cadet	£25.00
PY Dinghies	£30.00
Day Boat	£50.00
Sports Boat	£50.00
IRC	£50.00
RTYC Progressive Handicap	£50.00

- 6.3 Entry fees for any single race or single series of races will be 50% of the full entry fee, except that there shall be no entry fee for the race for Bill's Goblet on 30th May 2011.

- 6.4 Entries must be received by the Club Secretary no later than 1200 on Friday before a Sunday Race and 1200 on Wednesday before a Wednesday Race.

- 6.5 IRC Boats will be included in the calculation of handicaps for the RTYC Progressive Handicap but will not count for prizes.

- 6.6 A separate Notice of Race will be published for IRC and Cruise races run in cooperation with SDCRA or the Combined Clubs of South Devon with separate fees including those races run by the RTYC for this open series.

- 6.7 The Channel Race and Offshore Week races will also have separate Notice of Race and fees.

7. Programme

- 7.1 The Provisional Club Racing Programme 2011 which is available on www.royalorbayyc.org.uk or printed copies are available from the Club Secretary.

- 7.2 The RS Feva, Cadet and PY Dinghy may choose to sail on Saturday afternoons instead of Sunday.

- 7.3 To constitute a series, a minimum of 2 boats must have entered the Class and at least 66% of the series races must have been contested by any 2 boats.

8. Measurement.

- 8.1 A valid measurement or Rating Certificate shall be held at all times by each boat for the class for which she is entered, and must be produced to the Race Committee if requested.

A valid copy of IRC and sports boat rating certificates must be lodged with RTYC prior to racing.

- 8.2 Rating Certificates for IRC may be changed during any series of races. Any change of rating from that declared on the Entry Form must be notified to the Club Secretary not less than 24 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the next race of the series for which a change is required.
- 8.3 Ratings for RTYC Progressive Handicap will be fixed for a boat's first race by reference to the ISA Echo handicap standards or any previously assessed RTYC Progressive Handicap rating. Progressive Handicaps will be adjusted by the Race Committee using performance data from each race result. If a boat intends to sail with white sail with no spinnaker for a series then that must be notified to the Club Secretary not less than 24 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the first race of that series. A boat cannot change from white sail to full sail or vice versa during a series.
- 8.4 Ratings for Portsmouth Yardstick dinghies may be initially set and subsequently adjusted by the Race Committee.

9. Sailing Instructions.

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available to entrants on www.royalorbayyc.org.uk or hard copy from the Secretary from noon on the 01st April 2010.

10. Courses.

- 10.1 Courses will be fully described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Scoring.

- 11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2 RRS Rules A4.2 and A9 are changed to provide that a boat that does not come to the starting area shall be scored **Number of Starters plus Four Points** more than the number of competitors starting in a race.
- 11.3 Any boat that enters after a Series has commenced will score the number of starters plus four points for each race missed.
- 11.4 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if four or more races have been completed. If nine races are completed in any series, the worst two scores are discarded. If twelve races are completed in any series the worst three scores are discarded. If fifteen or more races are completed in a series the worst four scores are discarded.
- 11.5 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.
- 11.6 Any competitor who misses a race to help with the race or any Club Event will be awarded Series Average Points Excluding Discards. Those wishing to claim, should fill in the Form provided and hand it in to the Main Office.
- 11.7 If more than two races are sailed on one day, then the first two races only will count towards the series.

12. Personal Buoyancy.

12.1 All competitors in RS Feva, Cadet, PY Rated Dinghy and Sports Boats shall wear life jackets or adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat. This changes Rule 40.

12.2 All boats competing in classes other than those in 12.1 shall carry adequate personal buoyancy for each person on board whilst racing. Such personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when IC Flag "U" is flown before or with the warning signal to which this requirement applies. This changes Rule 40.

13 Manual Power – RTYC Progressive Handicap Class.

13.1 RRS 52 and ERS B5 do not apply and the use of automatic pilots whether electronic or otherwise are allowed.

13.2 Boats using stored power for the adjustment or operation of running rigging (eg backstays, runners, checkstays, sheets, guys, etc), but excluding the hoisting, reefing or furling of sails, shall declare this to the RTYC Race Committee.

14 Safety

14.1 All Sports Boats, Laser SB3, and Folkboat shall comply with the following rules. If class rules provide a higher standard then class rules apply.

14.1.1 Buoyancy. Boats shall either be self-righting from 90 degrees or have enough reserve buoyancy to support the boat and crew for at least 30 minutes following a capsized. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.

14.1.2 VHF Radio. Boats shall carry either a fixed or portable VHF Radio.

14.1.3 Fire Extinguisher. Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a suitable fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres min. capacity attached to a lanyard.

14.1.4 Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard. Boats shall carry personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS Rule 40.1. It is recommended that personal buoyancy is worn by all crew members at all times whilst racing. Boats shall also carry a rescue quoit or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line and at least one lifebuoy or life sling.

14.1.5 First Aid. Boats shall carry a suitable waterproof first aid pack with instructions.

14.1.6 Anchor. Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.

14.1.7 Compass. Boats shall carry a suitable compass - handheld acceptable.

14.1.8 Equipment. All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.

14.1.9 Propulsion. A means of propulsion, other than the boats sails, is to be provided.

14.1.10 Communication. Handheld VHF must be carried at all times and the designated race channel listened to during races.

14.2 All IRC boats and RTYC Progressive Handicap boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 monohull, plus a means of propulsion other than the boat's sails. Links to the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations are available on www.royalorbayyc.org.uk .

14.3 All boats other than those above shall comply with Class or Handicap System Safety Rules.

14.4 Much of the racing for Cruisers, day boats and sports boats will be by VHF radio on the designated race channel. All boats must have a working VHF radio and should monitor the designated VHF race channel while racing.

15. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

15.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment, the right in perpetuity to make use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4.

16.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of race or in the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

16.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

16.4 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in at least the amount stated in clause 17 below for the duration of the race.

16.5 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and Beachmasters.

16.6 In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury is accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, the Race Committee or the crew of any rescue craft.

17 INSURANCE

17.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party cover of not less than £2,000,000 and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate. No responsibility will be accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, or any other party involved in the organisation of the Race.

18. PRIZES

18.1 Except where stated in Sailing Instructions trophies will only be awarded to members of RTYC.

18.2 Prizes and trophies will be awarded for each class and series of races, together with special races and Club perpetual award trophies. The Sports Boat Class will be awarded first and second prizes for Series.

- 18.3 Class Champion trophies will be awarded to the boat that has the best overall results adding up the points achieved in each series excluding the winter series.
- 18.4 The Wilkinson-Cox Trophy for the Club “Champion of Champions” will be awarded to a Class Champion based on the following:
- 18.4.1 Any Class Champion who has been awarded the Trophy in the previous two years is not eligible to receive the Trophy.
- 18.4.2 All Club Series apart from the Winter Series are included in this calculation.
- 18.4.3 Add up all the points (*points*) that each of the class champions have achieved in races in which they were not DNC.
- 18.4.4 Add up the number of races (*races*) that those *points* were achieved in.
- 18.4.5 Any Class Champion who has *races* of less than 25 is not eligible to receive the Trophy. The sailing committee may, at a formally convened meeting, decide to remove this restriction for a class or classes in the event of special circumstances.
- 18.4.6 Find the largest number of *races* (*mraces*) any class champion has sailed.
- 18.4.7 Calculate the average number of boats that sailed in each of the fleet’s races throughout the club racing (*aveboats*)
- 18.4.8 Find the largest number of *aveboats* in any fleet (*maveboats*)
- 18.4.9 Perform the following calculation for each Class Champion to create comparable scores $Performance = points \times mraces \times maveboats / (races \times aveboats)$
- 18.4.10 The Trophy is awarded to the Class Champion with the lowest *Performance* score.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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