



ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB

CLUB RACING PROGRAMME 2013

Introduction:

Changes have been introduced for 2013 to re-allocate Classes, Start Times and Order of Starting on Wednesdays. Dinghy handicap classes will race on Saturday Afternoons and PY Dinghy Handicap Class will also race on Sunday Mornings. These will be scored as separate series. Clause 4 of the Notice of Race provides details of classes.

NOTICE OF RACE

(This Notice of Race does not include the Channel Race (Friday 5th July) and Offshore Week (Sunday 7th July/Saturday 13th July) which will be covered by separate Notice of Race).

1. Organising Authority.

The organising authority is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

2. Rules.

2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply.

2.3 The applicable class or/and handicap system rules, including for IRC boats IRC Rules 2013, Parts A, B and C, but excluding rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4.

2.4 Torbay Harbour Bye-Laws.

Note: Links to the relevant web sites to read the above Rules are available from the RTYC web site www.rtyc.org.

3. Advertising.

3.1 Rights to use Names and Likenesses. Competitors' automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the Club Race Programme.

3.2 Sponsor's Logo. If competitors are issued with material by the Organising Authority for their boat bearing a sponsor's logo, they shall display such material as instructed.

4. Eligibility and Entry.

4.1 The race programme is open to all boats of the following classes or handicap divisions.

4.1.1 Boats holding a valid IRC Certificate (excluding Day Boat endorsed certificates) and a minimum SSS number of 10. (IRC class)

4.1.2 Keelboat and Dayboat Handicap Class including all boats who do not have IRC certificate, a Portsmouth Yardstick Dinghy handicap or are rated as Sportboats.

4.1.3 Dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap. (PY Dinghy handicap class)

4.1.4 Dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap of 1175 and above, sailed by junior crews who are under the age of 18 on 1st January 2013. (Junior handicap class).

4.1.5 Sports Boat handicap class.

- 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.
- 4.3 Additional classes may be added by the Race Committee at their discretion.
- 4.4 A minimum of five entries is required for a Class to receive separate scoring.
- 4.5 Starts may have to be shared with other Classes.
- 4.6 Eligible boats may enter by:
Completing an Entry Form, obtainable from the Club Office or download from www.rtyc.org and sending it, together with the required fee, and with any RTYC berthing fee, before competing to: Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH.
- 4.7 An entrant who changes a sail number, boat or hull or substantive change that affect the racing, must notify the race committee in writing by completing a new entry form, and no additional fee will be payable.
- 4.8 Entry for the 3 Coastal races for IRC and South Devon handicap cruisers is open to members of the South Devon Combined Yacht Clubs

5 Fees

- 5.1 Entry fees for the full programme of races shall be as follows:-
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| Junior class | £30.00 |
| All senior classes | £60.00 |
- 5.2 Entry fees for a single race will be £10 (£5 juniors) or single series of races will be £20 (£10 juniors), except that there will be no entry fee for the race for Bill's Goblet.
- 5.3 Non Members wishing to race the whole programme will be subject to a 50% surcharge on entry fees described above.
- 5.4 Entries must be received by the Club Secretary no later than 1200 on Friday before a Saturday/Sunday race and 1200 on Wednesday before a Wednesday race.
- 5.5 The 3 Coastal races for IRC and South Devon handicap Cruisers are open to include member vessels from South Devon Combined Yacht Clubs (SDCYC). Members of the SDCYC may enter these races without any further fees.
- 5.6 The Channel Race and Offshore Week races will also have separate Notice of Race and Entry Fees.

6 Programme.

- 6.1 The Provisional Club Racing Programme 2013 is available on www.rtyc.org or printed copies are available from the Club Secretary and will be displayed on Club notice boards.
- 6.2 Races for the Junior handicap class will be on Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. Races for PY Dinghy handicap classes will be on Saturday afternoons, Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. The first warning signal for the programme will be 1355 on 30th March 2013. Races for all other classes will be on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings The first warning signal for the programme will be 0955 on 31st March 2013.
- 6.3 There will be 6 scheduled series for 2013
- Spring Weekend series
 - Spring Wednesday series
 - Summer Weekend series
 - Summer Wednesday series
 - Autumn series
 - Winter series
- 6.4 There are 3 Coastal races for IRC and South Devon Handicap Cruisers
- Teign Outfall Race -Sunday 28th April
 - Torquay to Dartmouth –Saturday 22nd September
 - Dartmouth to Torquay –Sunday 23rd September

7 Measurement.

- 7.1 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 other appropriate boat rating certificates must be lodged with RTYC prior to racing.

7.2 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. Handicaps for all classes other than IRC will be allocated according to all available published information and may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee on the basis of observed performance.

8. Sailing Instructions.

8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on www.rtyc.org or hard copy from the Club Secretary from noon on the 29th March 2013.

8.2 Sailing Instructions for the IRC and South Devon handicap races Torquay to Dartmouth and Dartmouth to Torquay will be published separately.

9. Courses.

9.1 Courses will be fully described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring.

10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

10.2 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.

10.3 Rule 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.

10.4 Any boat that enters after a series has commenced will score the number of starters, plus four points for each race in which she did not compete.

10.5 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 six races are completed in any series, the worst two scores are discarded. If 9 races are completed in any series the worst three scores are discarded. If 13 or more races are completed in a series the worst four scores are discarded. If 17 or more races are completed then the worst five scores are discarded. If 21 races are completed in a series the worst 6 scores are discarded.

10.6 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

10.7 Any competitor who does not compete in a race(s) to help with the race organisation, of any Club event, will be awarded Series Average Points (SAP), excluding Discards. Those wishing to claim should fill in the form provided from RTYC racing website and hand it in to the Club Secretary, or notify the race officer who should record this on the result sheet on the day. This should be done on the day, or within seven days of the race.

10.8 If more than two races are sailed on one day, the first two races will count towards the series score.

10.9 An entrant, who changes their boat or hull during the season, and within the same class, may count the old boat scores or hull scores, together with the new boat or hull scores, towards the Class Championship. Individual Series Points are not cumulative.

11. Personal Buoyancy.

11.1 All competitors in PY rated dinghy, and Sports Boat classes and all helms or crews under the age of 18 on 1st January 2013, shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat. . This changes preamble to part 4 and rule 40

11.2 All boats or crews in classes other than those in 11.1 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 race signals and Rule 40.

12. Manual Power –IRC and Keelboat and Dayboat handicap Class.

12.1 Rule 52 and ERS B5 do not apply and the use of automatic pilots, whether electronic or otherwise, are allowed,

12.2 Boats using stored power for the adjustment or operation of running rigging (e.g. backstays, runners, checkstays, sheets, guys etc.), but excluding the hoisting, reefing or furling of sails, shall declare this to the RTYC race committee at time of entry.

13. Safety.

- 13.1 All Sports Boats, Open Keelboat and Dayboat classes shall comply with the following safety rules.
- 13.1.1 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 capsize. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.
 - 13.1.2 VHF Radio. Boats shall carry either a fixed or portable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channel 16 and 72.
 - 13.1.3 Fire Extinguisher. Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a suitable fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.
 - 13.1.4 Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard. Boats shall carry personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with 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.
 - 13.1.5 First Aid. Boats shall carry a suitable waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
 - 13.1.6 Anchor. Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.
 - 13.1.7 Compass. Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld acceptable.
 - 13.1.8 Equipment. All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.
 - 13.1.9 Propulsion. A means of propulsion, other than the boat's sails, is to be provided.
- 13.2 All IRC boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations category 5 monohull, plus a VHF radio and a means of propulsion other than the boat's sails. Links to the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations are available on www.rtyc.org.
- 13.3 All boats, other than those above, shall comply with Class or Handicap System Safety Rules.
- 13.4 The crew of all dinghies and Sports Boats shall wear clothing and safety equipment (including harnesses) in the manner intended by the manufacturer. Long hair shall be restrained to avoid any risk of entanglement with equipment.

14. Radio Communication.

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing, nor receive any communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other digital communication devices.

15. Risk Statement and Responsibility

- 15.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 15.2 Royal Torbay Yacht Club accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to skipper or crew or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.
- 15.3 The skipper and crew shall be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the person in charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.
- 15.4 The race committee shall make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.
- 15.5 No boat shall be accepted as an entry unless the skipper of the boat has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in the entry form.
- 15.6 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 15.6.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept taking part in the responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - 15.6.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 15.6.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 15.6.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate

- 15.6.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 15.6.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 15.6.7 Vessels setting to sea for offshore and coastal races are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;

15.7 **Inspections** The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

16. Insurance.

16.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party cover of not less than £3,000,000 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.

17. Prizes.

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

17.2 Prizes and trophies will be awarded for each class and series of races, together with special races and Club perpetual award trophies

17.3 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.

17.4 The Wilkinson-Cox Trophy for the Club "Champion of Champions" will be awarded to a Class Champion based on the following:

17.4.1 Any Class Champion who has been awarded the Trophy in the previous two years is not eligible to receive the Trophy.

17.4.2 All Club Series, apart from the Winter Series, are included in this calculation.

17.4.3 Add up the points (*points*) that each of the Class Champions have achieved in races in which they were not DNC.

17.4.4 Add up the number of races (*races*) in which *points* were achieved.

17.4.5 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.

17.4.6 Find the largest number of *races* (*mraces*) any Class Champion has sailed.

17.4.7 Calculate the average number of boats that sailed in each of the fleet's races throughout the Club racing (*aveboats*).

17.4.8 Find the largest number of *aveboats* in any fleet (*maveboats*).

17.4.9 Perform the following calculation for each Class Champion to create comparable scores $Performance = points \times mraces \times maveboats / (races \times aveboats)$.

17.4.10 The Trophy is awarded to the Class Champion with the lowest *Performance* score.

18. Further Information.

For further information, please contact

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