

*49er*

# UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

**THURSDAY 14 – SUNDAY 17 JULY 2011**



Organising Authority  
**ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB**  
TORQUAY DEVON ENGLAND

In conjunction with the  
*49er* UK Class Association

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST)**

## **1. RULES**

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

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located in the entrance foyer of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0930, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Flag Pole at the base of Haldon Pier.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 Dates of racing:

Racing will take place on Friday 15, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July 2011.

5.2 Number of races:

A total of twelve races will be sailed, four each day.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is:-

Friday 15 July      1355

Saturday 16 July   1155

Sunday 17 July     1055

5.4 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound) for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

The Class flag will be numeral pennant No 4.

## **7. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be within Torbay.

## **8. THE COURSE**

The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display:

(a) Number of rounds to be sailed on a black board.

(b) The approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

When rounding the leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

## **9. MARKS**

Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be orange inflatable buoys.

New marks, as provided in instruction 0, will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

Starting marks will be a race committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end, and a white buoy with an orange flag at the port end.

Finishing marks will be a race committee boat displaying a blue flag, and a white buoy with a blue flag at the port end.

## **10. THE START**

The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

If a boat fails to start or breaks rule 30.3, the race committee will point flag X at her, make a sound signal, and hail her sail number. The hailed boat shall immediately retire from the race. If she fails to do so she will be disqualified without a hearing and her score will not be excluded. This changes rule A5.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **14. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES**

The time limit is 45 minutes, and the target time 30 minutes.

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

## **15. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **16. SCORING**

16.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2. On Friday 15 July a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores converted into a place. The series place will be carried forward as a one race score to count towards the overall series score. Boats will be able to discard this score.

16.3. When from 1 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.4. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times while afloat. Inflatable buoyancy vests are not permitted. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes rule 40.1.

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20. SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay more than 100metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **21. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash into the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **22. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park on Haldon Pier, Torquay Harbour.

## **23. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

## **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the notice of race or sailing instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility. 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. 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 beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities. The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat as set out in this paragraph.

## **25. INSURANCE**

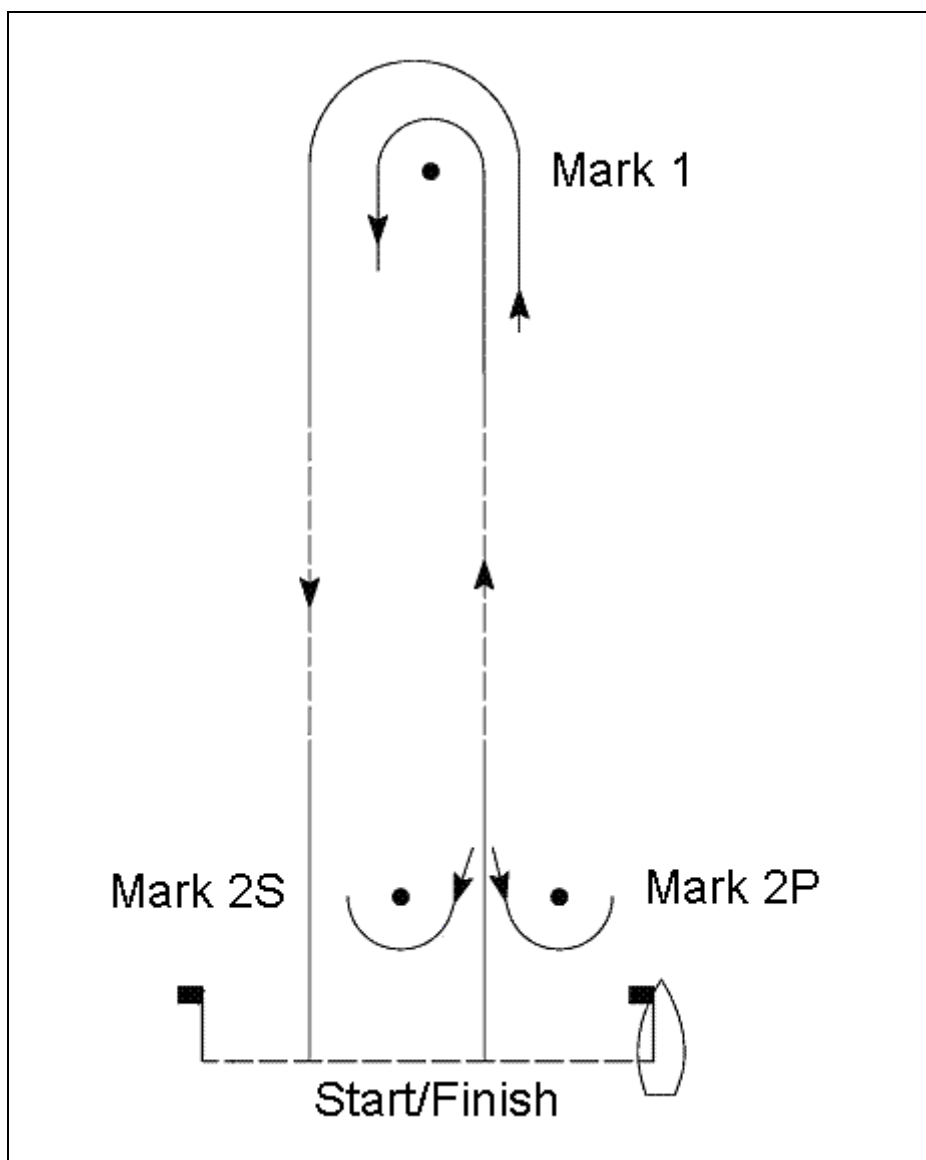
Boats are required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000 or the equivalent.

## **26. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

The media rights belong exclusively to Royal Torbay Yacht Club and the 49er UK Class Association. By participating in this event a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

The participants also undertake not to allow any act of reproduction, public communication or any distribution of images of the race, without the previous authorisation from Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

**Attachment A**  
**COURSE DIAGRAM**



<b>Signal:</b>	<b>Mark rounding order:</b>
<b>1 Round</b>	Start, 1, Finish
<b>2 Rounds</b>	Start, 1, 2S/P, 1, Finish
<b>3 Rounds</b>	Start, 1, 2S/P, 1, 2S/P, 1, Finish
<b>Note:</b>	On the last leg to the finish the gate 2S/P is not a mark.