

DEVON YAWL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2011



11 JUNE – 12 JUNE 2011

**Organising authority
Royal Torbay Yacht Club**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, Devon Yawl Association Class Rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the race office in the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RTYC flagpole situated at the inshore end of Haldon Pier.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1.

Dates of Racing	Number of Races	First Scheduled warning signal
Saturday 11 June 2011	3	First scheduled Warning Signal 1255
Sunday 12 June 2011	2	First scheduled Warning Signal 1025

- 5.2. The warning signal for subsequent races each day will be as soon as practicable.
- 5.3. After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4. No warning signal will be made after 1400 on the last day of the championship.

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. The class flag will be flag T.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be in Torbay.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Appendix 'A' show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflated cylindrical buoys with RTYC lettering.
- 9.2. The starting marks will be the race committee signal boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a white dan buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 9.3. The finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and mark 3 at the port end.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a mast bearing an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark (mark 3).

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. There are no time limits and the race committee may shorten the course at any time and for any reason. This changes rule 32.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish with 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the race office located at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices, obtain their copy of the protest form and make sure that they and their witnesses attend the hearing. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
- 14.4. Breaches of instructions 16.1, 19, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 14.5. On the last day of scheduled racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- 14.6. Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- 14.7. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. When from 1 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3. When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.2. The carrying of outboard engines is optional.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Crews may only be changed during the event from the person named on entry form with written permission in advance from the race committee.
- 17.2. Where a hull, spar or sail is damaged to such an extent that it cannot be used in the next race after all reasonable steps are taken to carry out repairs, competitors may change equipment with the prior agreement of the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1. 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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 19.1. Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard safety and race committee boats.

20. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 20.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the championship except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

21. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 21.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the championship.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The race committee may communicate on VHF Channel 77.

23. PRIZES

23.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

- DYA Rose Bowl and Devon Rally Cleat (two prizes) - Overall winner.
- Foc'sle Trophy - Overall second place.
- Builder's Trophy - Winner, first race.
- Topsham Plate - Winner, second race.
- Exe Enigma - Winner, third race.
- Fulford Shield - Winner, fourth race.
- Devon Yawl Plate - Winner, fifth race.
- Dan Trout Trophy - First Topsham boat overall

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1. Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 "Decision to Race".
- 24.2. The organising authority shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 24.3. The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who shall ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor shall be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 24.4. Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, the boat and the management thereof. The crews are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

25. INSURANCE

- 25.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.00 or the equivalent.

APPENDIX A: Course

2011 Devon Yawl National Championship Course

		Mark Rounding Order		
		<p>Round 1</p> <p>Starting Line Mark 1 (to Port) Mark 2 (to Port) Mark 3 (to Port) INTERNAL ANGLES WILL BE 60°</p>	<p>Round 2</p> <p>Mark 1 (to Port) Mark 3 (to Port) - Finish</p>	
<p>Note: The Committee Boat may lie to wind or tide and her relative angle in the above diagram is representative only.</p>		Mark Descriptions	Rounding Marks	Orange Circular inflatable marks with RTYC Decal
			Start Marks	See Section 9.2
			Finish Marks	See Section 9.3