

THE NATIONAL ALBACORE
ASSOCIATION

UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
2012

SATURDAY 21 JULY – MONDAY 23 JULY 2012



Organising Authority

ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB
TORQUAY DEVON

NOTICE OF RACE

ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST)

- 1. RULES**
 - 1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - 1.2 Rules of the National Albacore Association will apply (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions).

- 2. ADVERTISING**

Advertising will be defined as in ISAF Regulation 20.

- 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 3.1 The championship is open to all boats of the National Albacore Class.
 - 3.2 Helmspersons must be fully paid-up members of the National Albacore Association.
 - 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay TQ1 2BH by Saturday 30 June 2012.
 - 3.4 Entries received prior to 14 April 2012 shall be eligible for free entry to a prize draw for a McNamara jib. *(kindly donated by Michael McNamara)*
 - 3.5 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee who may impose a £15 additional entry fee.

- 4 FEES**

The required entry fee is £70.

- 5. SCHEDULE**
 - 5.1 Registration:

Friday 20 July from 1400 hours to 1700 hours.
Saturday 21 July from 0900 hours to 1200 hours.

 - 5.2 Measurement and inspection:

Friday 20 July from 1000 hours to 1700 hours.
Saturday 21 July from 0900 hours to 1200 hours.

 - 5.3 Dates of racing and number of races:

Saturday 21 July	- 2 races
Sunday 22 July	- 3 races
Monday 23 July	- 2 races

 - 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1255 hours.

- 6. MEASUREMENTS**
 - 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
 - 6.2 Boats and equipment shall be presented for measurement to the organising authority and the official Albacore Class Measurer or his nominated representative in accordance with 5.2 above.
 - 6.3 Boats in the Gold fleet shall be presented for weighing with all running rigging removed other than adjustments for shrouds, kicking strap, jib halyard, cunningham and centre board which may remain in position.
 - 6.4 Random measurement and safety equipment checks may be carried out at any time during the championship at the discretion of the official Albacore Class Measurer or the race committee.
 - 6.5 Measurement of sails will only be carried out by prior arrangement with the organising authority and the official Albacore Class Measurer.

- 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1400 hours on Friday 20 July at the Race Office.

- 8. THE COURSES**

Triangle or Windward-Leeward-Triangle courses will be laid in Torbay.

9. FORMAT OF RACING

- 9.1 The championship shall consist of a Gold fleet and a Silver fleet. Fleets will start and race together.
- 9.2 The assignment to either fleet will be decided by the National Albacore Association (NAA) based on past performance. Boats may request to enter either the Gold fleet or the Silver fleet provided such request is not of a lower ranking than that assigned by the NAA.
- 9.3 Assignments will be examined after the first two races and the NAA may make adjustments accordingly. Any such adjustments will not affect any prizes already awarded.
- 9.4 Boats assigned to the Silver fleet will be eligible for a free entry to a prize draw for a new McNamara mainsail and a new McNamara jib, presented by the NAA. See NoR clause 12.2 for additional prizes.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The low point scoring system of appendix 'A' will apply.
- 10.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Major Trophies:

- The Curry Plate** to the highest placed helm in the series.
 - The Marlow Trophy** to the crew of the champion boat.
 - The Russell Wane Trophy** to the second highest placed helm in the series.
 - The Breitling Trophy** to the winner of the First Points Race.
 - The Founders Trophy** to the winner of the Second Points Race.
 - The Racecraft Trophy** to the winner of the Third Points Race.
 - The Albacore Association Trophy** to the winner of the Fourth Points Race.
 - The City of Plymouth Trophy** to the winner of the Fifth Points Race.
 - The Locks Trophy** to the winner of the Sixth Points Race.
 - The Lyme Bay Trophy** to the winner of the Seventh Points Race.
- Special Trophies:***
- Lady Trophy** to the highest placed lady helm.
 - Swansea Bay Trophy** to the highest placed husband and wife team.
 - Under 21 Trophy** to the highest placed helm aged under 21 on the last day of the Championship.

Thorpe Bay Trophy	to the highest placed helm aged 45 or over on the last day of the Championship.
Armed Services Trophy	to the highest placed service helm sailing a boat owned by RNSA, ASA, RAFSA or Affiliated Sailing Organisations.
The Scotsman Trophy	to the highest placed helm from a Scottish Club.
The Anton McNamara Trophy	to the highest placed helm not winning any other major trophy.
The Helensburgh Trophy	to the most improved helm's performance as compared with best previous Nationals results.
The Digby Trailer Trophy	to the highest placed older boat below number 2000.
City of Portsmouth Trophy	to the highest placed helm who is a member of a club within 15 miles of Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
Graham Ebben Trophy	to the highest placed boat between numbers 2000-6000.
Chairman's Goblet	to the highest placed helm and crew whose combined age is over 90 years.
Wolfe Memorial Trophy	to the highest placed helm over 60 years.
President's Open Handicap Trophy	to the winner on handicap for older boats.
Prigmore Trophy	to the highest placed helm competing in their first national championship.
Nita Tapp Trophy	to the last placed helm completing all races.
Geriatric Jug	to the highest placed helm over 70 years.
The Little Ships Trophy	to the leading team from an RYA recognised sailing club of the three highest placed competitors subject to the following requirements:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clubs to nominate one or more teams of three boats each, plus one reserve, from among their members competing. b) The appointed captain must submit details of his team plus reserve in writing to the Race Office not later than 1200 hours on Saturday 21 July. No team may be changed thereafter except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. c) The total lowest aggregate points of the three nominated boats in all races held will decide the winning club. d) To break a tie, the points accrued by reserve boats will be added. Should the tie then remain unbroken, the final overall position of the leading boat of the teams concerned (as shown in the Championship results) will be the decider. e) Should a club wish to substitute its reserve for a nominated boat the Race Office must be informed in writing at least one hour before the start of the race concerned. The displaced boat shall be counted as reserve for the remainder of the championship and no further changes will be permitted.

12.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third placed boats overall in the Silver fleet.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship.
- 13.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 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 including amongst other the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.
- 13.5 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.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or the equivalent.

15. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

The media rights belong exclusively to Royal Torbay Yacht Club and National Albacore Association. By participating in this event a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority and any 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 or any 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 races without the previous authorisation from Royal Torbay Yacht Club.