



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

Contender Nationals

01st – 04th September 2012

1.0 Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009 - 2012, the prescriptions of the RYA, the class rules of the Contender Class Association, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

1.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority on each side of the bow.

2.0 Entries

2.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race/races. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boats limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or the crew, as a result of their taking part in the race/races. Moreover every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race/races.

2.2 All competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times whilst on the water. This amends RRS 40 and the preamble to Part4.

2.3 In appliance to RRS 77 and "Appendix G-identification on sails " Boats not carrying numbers on sails or carrying numbers which are not readable or different from under which they are registered may be considered as DNS

- 2.4 All competitors must be members of the Contender Class Association.
- 2.5 All boats must hold a valid Contender Class Measurement Certificate.
- 2.6 It is recommended to prevent entanglement that any long hair is worn up.

3.0 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be displayed on the official notice board located in the entrance hall of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

4.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the start of any race to which it relates.

5.0 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at the base of Haldon Pier, Torquay Harbour.

- 5.2 Flag AP with two horn blasts means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered.

6.0 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Sat 01 st Sept	0900 hrs to 1300 1200 hrs 1400 hrs 1900 hrs	Registration - RTYC Race Office Measurement on Harbourside Competitors Briefing (Harbourside) 2 races back to back Commodores Reception at the RTYC.
Sun 02 nd Sept	1100 hrs 1700hrs 1900hrs	2 races back to back BCA AGM (RTYC Clubhouse) Sailing Supper at the RTYC
Mon 03 rd Sept	1100 hrs 1900hrs	2 races back to back Three course meal at the RTYC
Tue 04 th Sept	1030 hrs	2 races back to back No warning signal will be made after 1400hrs. Prize Giving a.s.a.p. after racing at the RTYC

- 6.2 No more than 3 races may be sailed on any one day.
- 6.3 Target time for the duration of each race is 60 minutes for the leading boat.

7.0 Class Flag

7.1 The class flag shall be flag C

8.0 Racing Area

8.1 The racing area shall be in Torbay.

9.0 The Course

9.1 The diagram at Appendix A at the end of these instructions shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The committee boat will display a board showing the number of rounds to be completed.

10.0 Marks

10.1 Primary marks of the course shall be orange inflatable buoys marked. "RTYC "

Alternative marks, if used, will be yellow inflatable buoys.

The starting mark will be a white dan-buoy with an orange flag or a boat flying an orange flag.

The finishing mark will be a white dan-buoy flying a blue flag.

11.0 Starting

11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark or boat.

11.3 A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal.

11.4 An average wind speed of 6 knots must be recorded by the Race Committee before a race can be started.

12.0 Recalls

12.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1

12.2 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

12.3 Black Flag Rule

At the discretion of the Race Officer the Black Flag Rule as per RRS 30.3 can be used.

If a start using a black flag is subject to a general recall, the sail numbers of the boats identified as infringing this instruction will be displayed on the Committee Boat prior to the preparatory signal for a minimum of three minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are displayed. (Adds to RRS 30.3)

Boats so identified shall immediately retire and remain well clear of all boats racing. A boat that fails to observe this instruction will be disqualified from all races in the series without a hearing (alteration of RRS 30.3 & 63).

It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to find out if their sail number is or is not displayed and then to act in accordance with this instruction.

13.0 Shortened Course

13.1 The course may be shortened at any rounding mark by any committee boat displaying code flag 'S'. The finish will then be between the adjacent mark and the committee boat. Where the course is shortened at the leeward mark the finish shall be between the finish mark and the committee boat after rounding the leeward mark.

A Rib may duplicate the S flag signal for the leading boats on approach to leeward mark

14.0 Change of the next leg of the Course

14.1 If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag K with respective sound signals. This changes Rule 33a (change of course flag).

14.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new yellow inflatable buoy (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. This changes Rule 33, (Changing the next leg of the course).

15.0 Finish

15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and the white dan buoy flying a blue flag.

15.2 Tail Enders.

At the discretion of the Race Officer, a tail-ender who has lost contact with the body of the fleet may be told on the water, towards the end of the race, that they need not complete that lap, but may return to the starting area for the start of the next back-to-back race. An appropriate position will be recorded. Failure to take advantage of this provision may result in the next race being started before that competitor has returned to the starting area. SI 13 alters Rule 35 (Time Limit and Scores).

16.0 Time Limit

16.1 RRS 35 will not apply. The time limit for the leading boat will be 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish.

16.2 No finishers - when no boat finishes within the time limit the race will be abandoned.

17.0 Protests

17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 90 minutes after the time of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

17.2 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.

17.3 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

18.0 Declarations

18.1 Any competitor which has either completed a 720 degree or 360 degree penalty for rule infringement, or has retired, shall complete a declaration to that effect on a form located in the RTYC clubhouse foyer within one hour of the time of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

19.0 Scoring

19.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the Racing Rules using the Low Point System.

19.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

19.3 Each boats score shall be the total of her race scores, with;
Her worst score discarded if 4 to 6 races have been completed.
Her 2 worst scores discarded if 7 or more races are completed.

19.4 Series Tie if, after discard, two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8

20.0 Propulsion

20.1 Class rule 22 permits pumping, rocking and ooching when the wind speed exceeds 10 knots and the leg is not a beat. The race committee may signal that these actions are permitted as specified in the class rules by displaying flag O before or with the warning signal. The flag will be removed at the starting signal.

20.2 If the wind speed exceeds the specified limit after the starting signal the race committee may display flag O with repetitive sound signals at a rounding mark to signal that the actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules, to a boat after she has passed the mark.,

20.3 If the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag O was displayed the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sound signals at a rounding mark to signal that rule 42, as changed by the class rules, applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.

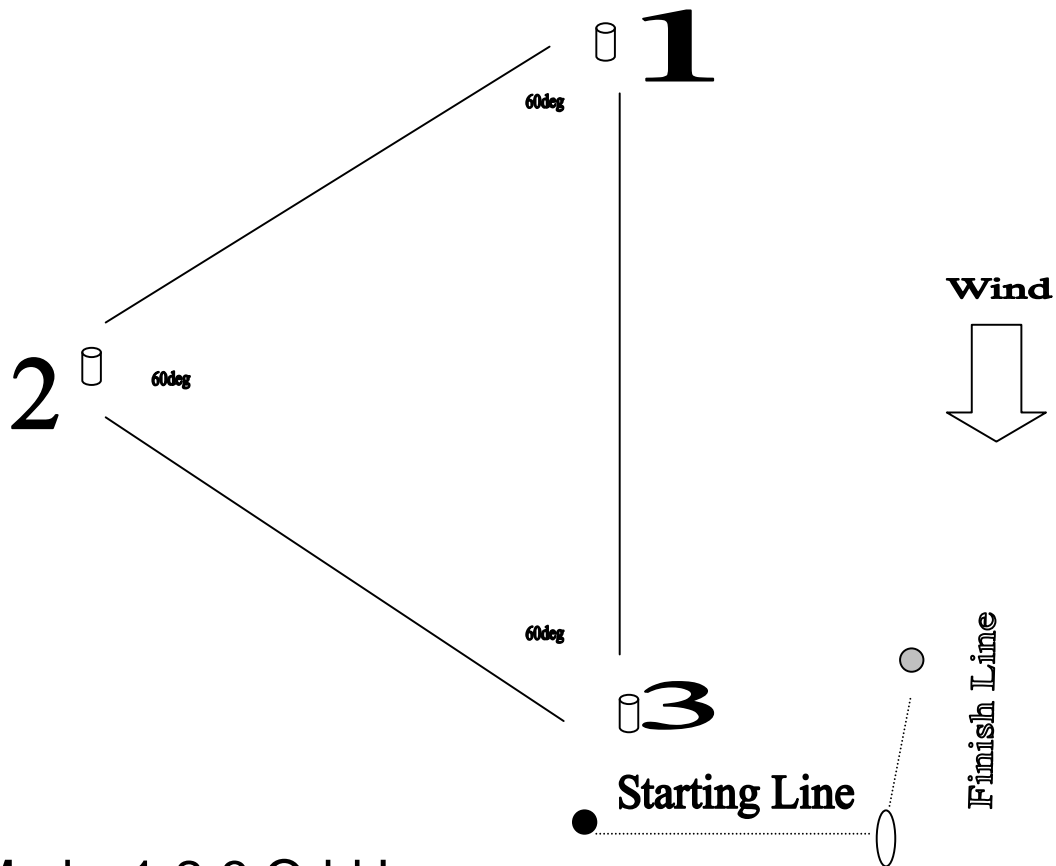
21 Insurance

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

22 Torquay Tides

Sat 01 Sept	Sun 02 Sept	Mon 03 Sept	Tue 04 Sept
LW 0144 0.1m	LW 0227 0.1m	LW 0302 0.2m	LW 0330 0.3m
HW 0754 3.9m	HW 0829 3.9m	HW 0900 3.9m	HW 0926 3.8m
LW 1404 0.2m	LW 1445 0.2m	LW 1515 0.2m	LW 1542 0.4m
HW 2006 4.1m	HW 2041 4.1m	HW 2110 4.6m	HW 2136 3.8m

Appendix A Course Diagram



Marks 1-2-3 Odd Laps
Marks 1-3 Even Laps
All marks left to port.

The number of laps will be displayed on the committee boat prior to and during the starting sequence.

Where the course is shortened at the leeward mark the finish shall be between the finish mark and the committee boat after rounding the leeward mark.