



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## COMET TRIO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012

**Organising authority Royal Torbay Yacht Club**

### **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 Comet Combined Class Association, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

### **2.0 Notices to Competitors**

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

### **3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

3.1 Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted before 9.00 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect

### **4.0 Signals Made Ashore**

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

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 min is replaced by not less than 60 minutes in the Race Signal AP. This changes the meaning of flag AP in Race Signals.

## 5.0 Schedule of Races

5.1 Seven Races are scheduled as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Friday 22nd June	0900 hrs to 1100 1100 hrs 1255 hrs	Registration - RTYC Race Office  Competitors Briefing (Harbourside) Warning signal for first race 2 <sup>nd</sup> Race asap after first race
Saturday 23rd June	1055 hrs  1900hrs	Warning signal for first race 2 <sup>nd</sup> Race asap after first race 3 <sup>rd</sup> Race asap after second race Evening meal in the Corinthium Room RTYC
Sunday 24th June	1025 hrs	Warning signal for first race 2 <sup>nd</sup> Race asap after first race  No warning signal will be made after 1400hrs. Prize Giving a.s.a.p. after racing at the RTYC

## Class Flag

6.0 The class flag shall be the Comet Class Flag

## 7.0 Racing Area

7.1 The racing area shall be in Torbay.

## 8.0 The Courses

8.1 The diagram at Appendix A and B 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.

8.2 Courses will be either Triangle and Windward/Leeward or Windward Leeward only.

8.3 The committee boat will display a board showing the course ( A or B ) to be sailed and the number of rounds to be completed.

## 9.0 Marks

9.1 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 Mark 3 if using course A and Mark 2 if using course B

## **10.0 The Start**

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

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

10.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least 4 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

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

10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of others races.

## **11.0 Change of the next leg of the course**

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (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 the original mark.

## **12.0 Finish**

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and the finishing mark.

## **13.0 Time Limit**

13.1 The time limit for the leading boat will be 75 minutes and the target time 45 minutes.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rule 35.

13.3 At the Race Officers sole discretion boats may be given a finishing place based on their position when the time limit is reached.

## **14.0 Protests**

14.1 Protests forms are available at the race office located on the ground floor at Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the time limit.

14.2 The Protest time limit will be 1 hour after the time of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

14.3 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b)

14.4 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.

14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

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

## **15.00 Scoring**

15.1 The Low Points System of Appendix A will apply

15.2 Seven Races are scheduled of which 2 shall constitute a series

15.3 When fewer than 4 races are completed all race scores will count

15.4 When 4 to 5 races are completed the boat's worst score will be discarded

15.5 When 6 or more races are completed the boats two worst scores will be discarded

## **16.0 Radio Communication**

16.1 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 phones.

## **17.0 Safety**

17.1 All competitors must wear personal floatation devices at all times whilst afloat. Wetsuits and dry suits are not adequate personal flotation devices. This changes Part 4 preamble and Rule 40

17.2 A tally system may be in operation. If a tally system is in operation all competitors will tally out before going afloat and tally in as soon as possible after coming ashore.

17.3 To prevent entanglement all long hair is to be worn up.

17.4 Any boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **18.0 Disclaimer of Liability**

18.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4

18.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or in the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

18.3 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.

18.4 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in at least the amount stated in clause 17.1 below for the duration of the championship.

- 18.5 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 racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include amongst others the Organising authority, the Race Committee, the Race officer, patrol boats and Beachmasters.
- 18.6 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.

### **19.0 Insurance**

- 19.1 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 Races.

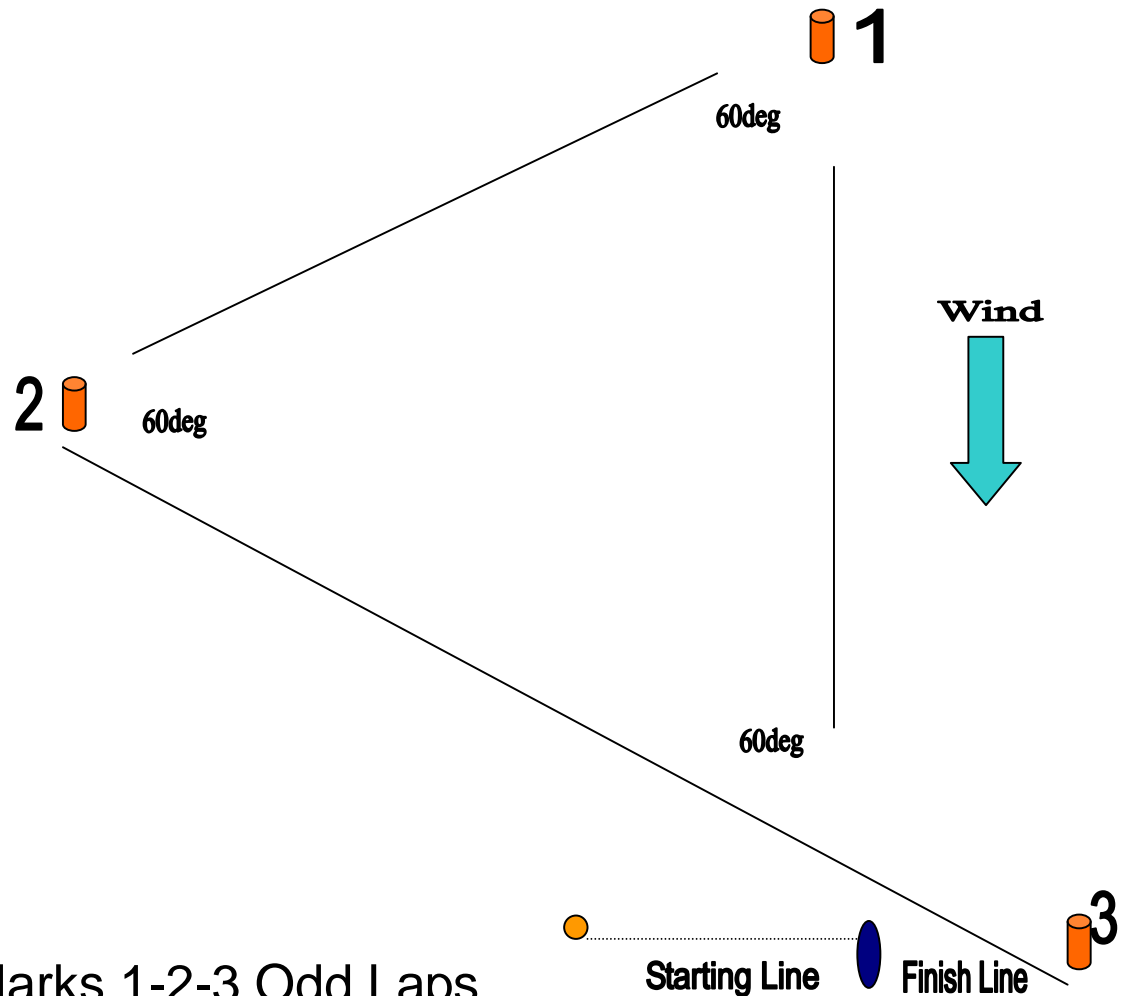
### **20.0 Right to Use Name and Likeness**

The Media Rights belong exclusively to Royal Torbay Yacht Club and the Devon Yawl 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 authorization from the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

# APPENDIX A Course Diagram

## Triangle and Windward Leeward



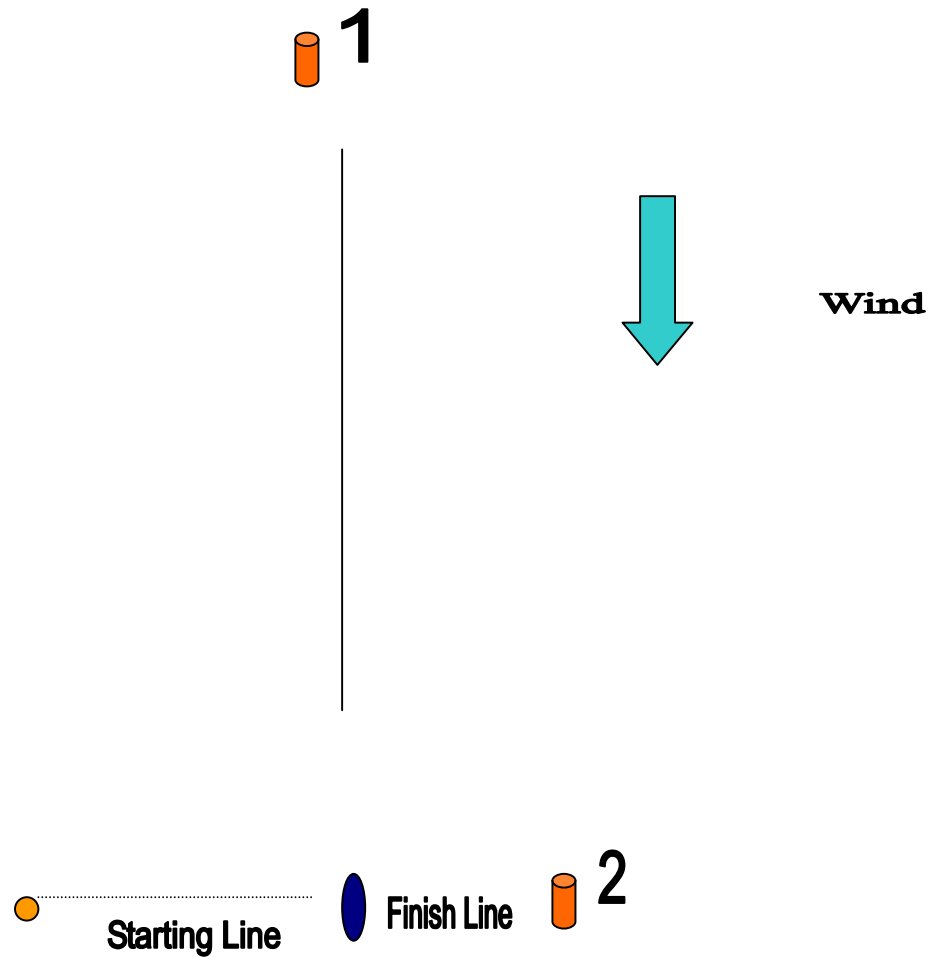
Marks 1-2-3 Odd Laps  
Marks 1-3 Even Laps  
All marks left to port.

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 No 3 and the committee boat.

# APPENDIX B Course Diagram

## Windward Leeward only



All marks to Port

Number of laps will be displayed on board on committee boat.

The Finish line will be between the Committee Boat and the Finish Mark No 2.