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## **Sekonda RS Feva UK National Championship**

Saturday 02 June – Tuesday 05 June 2012

**Royal Torbay Yacht Club**

*Organising Authority: Royal Torbay Yacht Club,  
in conjunction with the RS Class Association*

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. Competitors should note that Royal Torbay Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012).
- 1.2 Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows:  
Personal Buoyancy - adequate personal buoyancy for all crew shall be worn at all times while afloat. Wet suits or dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes the Part 4 preamble. A life – jacket if worn must be inflated. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3 Competitors are advised to prevent entanglement to wear their hair up.

## **2. ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION**

Boats shall display a coloured sticker corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned (see instruction 6.2(a)). The organising authority will supply the stickers, which shall be attached on the main in the clear patch at the very top of the main so as to be clearly visible from both sides.

At registration two trolley numbers will be issued, one to be placed on the left handle of the trolley and the second stuck on the starboard bow of the Feva just below the deck edge.

## **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices of competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the main ground floor foyer of the RTYC.

A Practice Race briefing will be held at 12:00hrs on Saturday 02 June at the base of Haldon Pier. A competitors Championship Briefing will be held at 1800 in the Corinthian Room RTYC.

## **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Flag L will be displayed from the RTYC flag mast at the base of Haldon Pier accompanied with two sound signals to draw the attention that there are changes to the sailing instructions. These will be posted before 10:00hrs on the day it will take effect, on the Official Notice Board in the ground floor foyer of the RTYC, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

## **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RTYC flag mast at the base of Haldon Pier.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5.3 When only Flag D is displayed ashore, accompanied by two sound signals, no boat may go afloat until the signal is lowered accompanied with one sound signal. The starting signal will be made not earlier than 60 minutes after this signal is lowered. This instruction will be in force from 0001 on Saturday 02 June until the completion of the Championship.

5.4 When Flag D is displayed ashore together with two sound signals then those fleets whose color flags are also displayed are to remain ashore. Fleets are released to launch upon a further sound signal being made and their colour flags being lowered.

## **6. FORMAT OF RACING**

6.1 The Championship will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

### **6.2 Qualifying Series:**

a) For the qualifying series boats will be assigned to fleets Yellow, Blue, Red, Green, of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. Assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the organising authority, and posted by 10:00am on the first day of racing Sunday 03 June.

b) Fleets will race with each other in a rotation as follows:

<b>Race: First Start:</b>	<b>Second Start:</b>
1A Yellow & Green:	1B Red & Blue
2A Yellow & Red:	2B Green & Blue
3A Green & Red:	3B Yellow & Blue

### 6.3 Final Series:

- a) Boats will be assigned to final series fleets Gold and Silver, on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying series. The final series fleets will have, as nearly as possible, equal size, but the Silver fleet will not be larger than the Gold fleet. Boats with the best qualifying-series ranks will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet; boats with the next-best qualifying-series ranks will race in the Silver fleet.
- b) Any recalculation of qualifying series ranking after boats have been assigned to final series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Race	Warning Signal of first race
Saturday 02 June	Practice Race	13:55
Sunday 03 June	Qualifying Series 3 races are scheduled.	12:55
Monday 04 June	Final Series 3 races are scheduled	12:55
Tuesday 05 June	Final Series 3 races are scheduled.	10:55

The second and third races on each day will be held back to back with the previous race.

- 7.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 7.2 On the last day of the Championship no warning signal will be made after 16:00.
- 7.3 If due to predicted weather forecasts the race management team foresees that racing could be cancelled the next day, displaying the Flag G at the finish of the last scheduled race for that day indicates there will be another race.

## 8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The class flag will be a white flag with black RS Feva insignia on it.

- 8.2 Qualifying fleets will use coloured flags denoting the fleet colour (Yellow, Blue, Red, and Green). Warning signals will be the two flags of the fleets racing together.
- 8.3 Finals fleets will use Yellow flag (gold fleet) and Blue flag (silver fleet).

## **9. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in Torbay.

## **10. THE COURSES**

- 10.1 The diagrams in Attachment A to these instructions show the course.
- 10.2 Mark 3 is shown as a gate, 3s and 3p, and Mark 4 is shown as a gate, 4s and 4p. One or both gates may be replaced by single marks, Mark 3 and Mark 4 respectively, to be left to port. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 10.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 10.4 If due to adverse weather conditions, the fleets are sailed separately, then Attachment B course will be sailed.

## **11. MARKS**

- 11.1 Marks will be inflated cylindrical buoys, coloured as follows:
  - Marks 1, 3S & 3P yellow inflatable
  - Marks 2, 4S & 4P orange inflatable.
- 11.2 New Marks, as provided in instruction 13, will be orange inflatable for mark 1 and yellow inflatable for mark 2.
- 11.3 Starting marks will be a race committee signal boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end, and a boat displaying an orange flag at the port end, this boat may be replaced by a white dan buoy flying an orange flag.
- 11.4 Finishing marks will be between the mast of a race committee boat at the starboard end displaying a blue flag, and a white dan buoy flying a blue flag.

## **12. THE START**

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the mast flying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the line and the mast of a support race committee boat displaying an orange flag or white dan buoy flying an orange flag at the port end.
- 12.2 A mark may be trailed from the stern of the committee boat, no boat may pass between this mark and the committee boat at any time.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 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.

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

- 13.1 At any rounding mark the race committee may signal a change of direction of the next leg of the course by displaying flag "C" over a green or red flag with repetitive sounds. This indicates that the next leg lies either to starboard or port respectively of its previous bearing, although the new mark may not be in its final position. This amends RRS 33.
- 13.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark/marks.

### **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 Appendix P will apply.
- 14.3 Rules P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.1 will apply to all penalties.

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

- 15.1 The time limit and target time in minutes are as follows: For each race 75 minutes and target time of 40 – 45 minutes.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule RRS62.1(a).
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored according to the observed positions on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS35.

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

- 16.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Official Notice Board.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protest by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe, in the racing area and to redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board, within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, located on the ground floor of the RTYC, the starting time will be stated on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.2, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 16.7 Breaches of instructions 12.2, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 and 25 will not be grounds for 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.

- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit 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. This changes rule 66.
- 16.9 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1 One qualifying race is required to be completed by all fleets to constitute a Championship.
- 17.2 A minimum of three races is required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series.
- a) If the qualifying series is not completed on Sun 03 June it will be extended until the end of Mon 04 June.
  - b) If the qualifying series is not completed on Mon 04 June, then the qualifying series will be extended to Tue 05 June and will constitute the whole of the Championship.
- 17.3 If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- 17.4 For the qualifying series, rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 17.5 Qualifying Series Score:
- a) When 1 or 2 races have been sailed, a boats' Qualifying Series Score will be the total of her race scores.
  - b) When 3 or more races have been sailed, a boats' Qualifying Series Score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.6 Championship Scores:
- Once the Final Series has started, a boats Championship score will be:
- a) When 3 to 7 races (including the Qualifying Series Races) have been completed, the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - b) when 8 or 9 races (including the Qualifying Series Races) have been completed, the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.7 Once the Final Series has started each fleet will be scored separately. Different final series fleets need not have completed the same number of races. Boats in the Gold Fleet will be ranked higher than those in the Silver Fleet.
- 17.8 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions at all times while racing. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes rule 40.
- 18.2 **Check-out and check-in.** The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors.
- a) The tally control point to check-out and check-in competitors will be located at the top of the launching slipway.
  - b) Tallies comprise numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration, and posted on the Official Notice Board located in the ground floor foyer of the RTYC. Tallies shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist at all times while afloat.
  - c) Competitors shall check-out before racing by collecting their tallies, one for each person sailing.
  - d) Competitors shall check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, by returning the tallies to the beach master. The Penalty for failure to comply with this instruction will be 5 points added to the boat's series score without a hearing for each infringement. A list of boats that have infringed will be posted on the Official Notice Board before the protest time limit. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

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

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 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.

## **20. 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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21. ADVERTISING**

Boats shall display the advertising supplied by the organising authority on the jib.

## **22. SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Failure to comply with this instruction may lead to a penalty being imposed on the boat or boats associated with the support boat.

**23. ENVIRONMENT**

Any boat, observed by a member of race committee or patrol teams, discharging trash/rubbish into the water, after a hearing called in accordance with RRS 60.2 and 60.3, will be penalized, at the discretion of the race committee.

**24. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept on Haldon Pier, Torquay Harbour. The storage space available will be minimal and any road trailers may be removed to Daddyhole one mile away.

**25. 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.

**26. PRIZES**

Prizes to be given are listed in the Notice of Race.

**27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race – The helm and crew of a boat are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the Notice of Race of Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

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.

Royal Torbay Yacht Club its Officers, Helpers and Employees, shall not be held responsible for any cancellation or change to the racing programme caused by inclement weather. The sole arbiter of such conditions shall be the race committee.

It is for the helm and crew of the boat to decide whether he/she is fit to sail in the conditions which he/she will find. By launching or going to sea, and or staying at sea, the boat helm and crew confirm that they are fit for those conditions and the helm/crew are 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 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 priority of the patrol boats is the safety of competitors and the race committee can not accept any responsibility for damage to boats or equipment. The fact that



the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these Sailing Instructions.

**28. INSURANCE**

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



**Attachment B**

**(only if due to adverse weather conditions Fleets are sailed separately)**

**COURSE DIAGRAM**

**Windward Leeward**

**Signal: Mark rounding order:**

**O 1<sup>st</sup> Start – 1(P) – 2S/2P – 1(P) – 2(P) – Finish**

