

RYA NATIONAL HORNET CLASS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



**SATURDAY 16 AUGUST – TUESDAY 19 AUGUST
2014**



Organising Authority

**ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB
TORQUAY DEVON ENGLAND**

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 Racing Rules of Sailing and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Rules of the National Hornet Class will apply (except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions).
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board adjacent to the race office located on the ground floor of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club 12 Beacon Terrace Torquay.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club flag mast located at the inshore end of Haldon Pier.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing and number of races:

Date	Race	Warning Signal
Saturday 16 August	Race 1	1355
	Race 2	asap after Race 1
Sunday 17 August	Race 3	1055
	Race 4	asap after Race 3
	Race 5	asap after Race 4
Monday 18 August	Race 6	1055
	Race 7	asap after Race 6
	Race 8	asap after Race 7
Tuesday 19 August	Race 9	1055
	Race 10	asap after Race 9

- 5.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the championship becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to instruction 3.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.4 On the last day of the championship no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be Third Substitute.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Torbay.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagram in the Attachment shows the course, 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 compass bearing of the first leg, together with the number of rounds to be sailed.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflated buoys.

- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11 will be yellow inflated buoys.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a dan buoy at the port end.
- 10. THE START**
- 10.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a dan buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did not start" without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 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 an original mark.
- 12. THE FINISH**
- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a dan buoy displaying a blue flag at the port end.
- 12.2 When the course is shortened either rule 32.2 or sailing instruction 12.3 shall apply.
- 12.3 Courses may be shortened when the race committee signal boat is in its normal position by it displaying flag "S" with 2 sound signals. When this is the case, the leading boat shall round mark 3 to port and proceed to the normal finishing line. All other competitors shall complete the number of rounds equal to the leading boat before proceeding to the finishing line. This modifies rule 32.2.
- 13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**
- 13.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes and the target time for each race is 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 60 and 62, A4 and A5.
- 13.3 Notwithstanding sailing instructions 13.1 and 13.2 above, the race officer may, at his sole discretion, give boats a finishing place based on their position when the time limit is reached. This changes rules 35, 60 and 62, A4 and A5.
- 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 14.1 An arbitration procedure is available for Protest of Rules in RRS Part 2. Providing all parties to the protest agree to arbitration the procedure to be adopted is to be found in the Appendix of these sailing instructions.
- 14.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.3 The Protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals "No More Racing Today", whichever is later.
- 14.4 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.
- 14.5 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. Hearings will be held in the race office.
- 14.6 Rule 61.1(b) is amended so that the listing of a boat on the protest schedule shall constitute informing the boat and the time limit is altered accordingly. It shall be the sole responsibility of the competitors to check the official notice board and to attend any protest hearing together with witnesses.
- 14.7 Breaches of instructions 16 and 19 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.
- 14.8 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.
- 14.9 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.

15. SCORING

15.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 15.2 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes the preamble to part 4 and rule 40.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. EQUIPMENT AND 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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be given for the championship and individual races at the discretion of the National Hornet Class Association.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

22. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

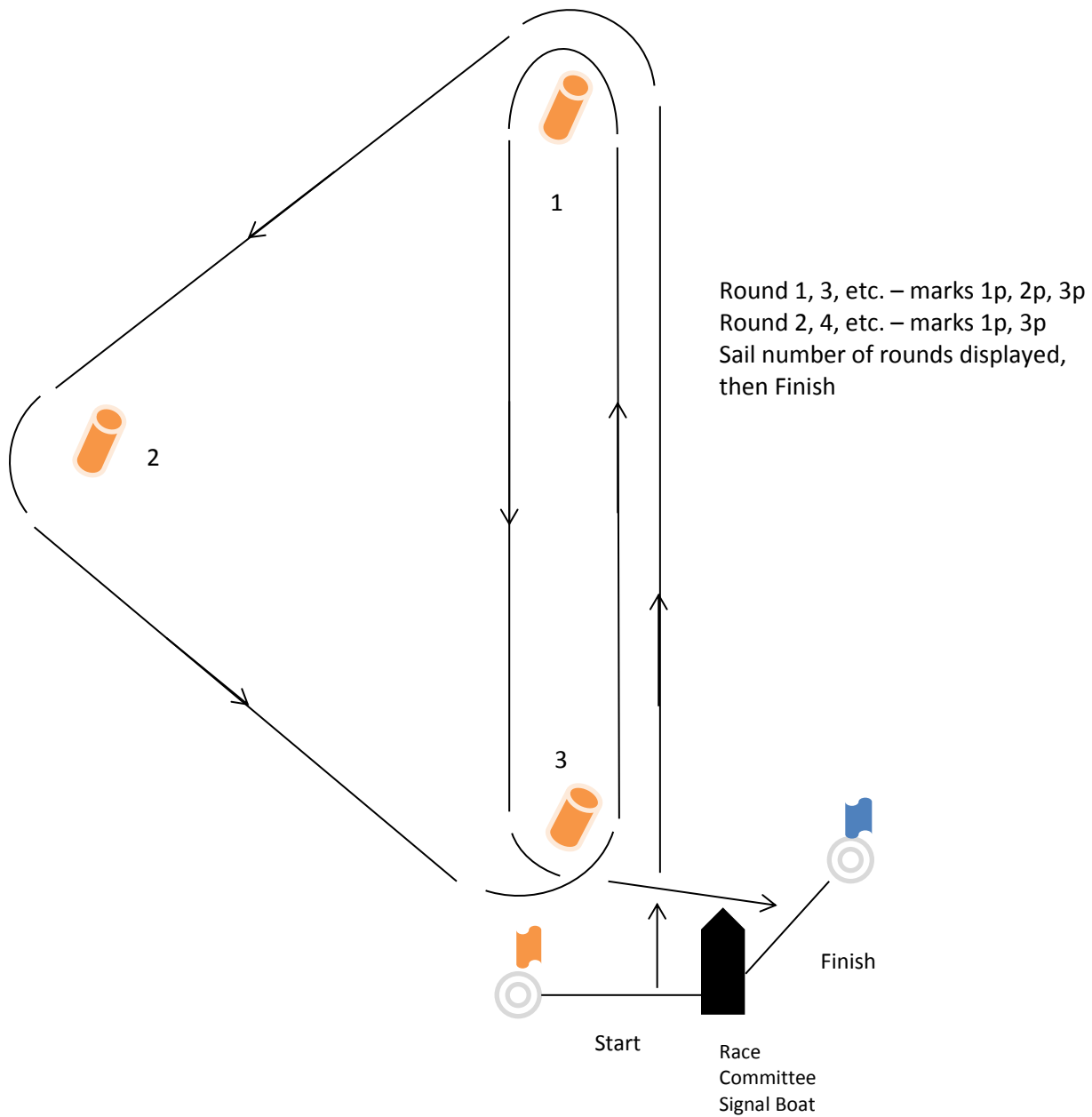
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

23. INSURANCE

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

ATTACHMENT
(Diagram not to scale)



Note: 1. Start below leeward mark 3 (if laid)

2. Leeward mark 3 (if laid) will not be a mark of the course on the first leg of round 1

3. The approximate internal angle between legs on round 1, 3 etc. will be 45°- 90°- 45°

4. Boats finish by reaching from leeward mark 3 across the bow of the committee boat
(See Sailing Instruction 12)

APPENDIX

ARBITRATION

1. After a protest has been lodged in accordance with the Sailing Instructions, all parties involved in protests alleging infringements of a rule of Part 2 shall be entitled to be heard by an Arbitrator appointed by the Race Committee.
In exception to the above, incidents where damage or injury is involved shall not be subject to arbitration, but shall be referred directly to the Protest Committee for a hearing.
2. Only one party to the protest from each boat involved, who shall have been on the boat at the time the incident occurred, shall attend the arbitration hearing. No witnesses shall be allowed.
3. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately 3 minutes. After hearing these descriptions, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:
 - a) **No rule was broken**
If the protesting boat accepts this opinion she can agree to withdraw the protest and the protest is then settled.
 - b) **A rule was broken by one of the boats involved**
If that boat accepts this opinion she may accept a 20% penalty and the protest is then settled.
 - c) **Both boats broke a rule**
If both boats accept this opinion and each agrees to accept a 20% penalty then the protest is then settled.
 - d) **The arbitrator is unable to offer an opinion based on the brief description given by the parties**
4. Once the protest has been settled under 3.a), b) or c) above, the arbitrator shall record this on the protest form and the matter shall not thereafter be referred to the protest committee and is not subject to requests for redress, reopening or appeal by any party.
If however:
 - (i) The protestor does not withdraw the protest under 3. a) above; or
 - (ii) If a boat does not accept the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule under b) or c); or
 - (iii) If the arbitrator is unable to offer an opinion under (d), the protest shall be submitted to the protest committee for a hearing.
5. If the arbitrator's opinion is not accepted, there shall be no further discussion of the incident with the parties and the testimony given at the arbitration hearing shall remain confidential and shall not be discussed with any person prior to the protest hearing.
6. If one party fails to attend, the arbitration may still be heard in line with rule 63.3(b).
7. When protests are submitted to the Protest Committee, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the committee hearing the protest. However, he/she may be present to ensure that the incidents are described in the same way as in arbitration. If the facts given are different he may intervene to restate the original arbitration details. The arbitrator shall not discuss the matter with committee members until after the Committee's decision has been posted.
8. Application of the 20% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 20%.