



# OVINGTON VX ONE UK CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

Friday 26th – Sunday 28th September 2014  
Organising Authority (OA): Royal Torbay Yacht Club,  
Torquay, Devon, UK. TQ1 2BH

## NOTICE OF RACE

Version 1.1

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 40 (personal flotation device) shall apply at all times whilst afloat and sailing without the need for flag 'Y' to be displayed. This changes the preamble to Part 4.
- 1.3 RRS 42.2(a) changed as follows: Unlimited trimming and easing of the asymmetric spinnaker is permitted.
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (see section 10). Full details will be given in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 Torbay Harbour bye-laws will apply.
- 1.6 The Equipment Rules of Sailing Part 1 will apply.

### 2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display bow numbers and event advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Such advertising, if any, shall be displayed in accordance with the sailing instructions.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to all boats of the VX One Class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and sending it with the required fee to the Club Secretary, Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH by noon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- 3.3 Competitors under the age of 18 at the time of the event are required to complete the parent/guardian consent form included on the entry form at time of registration and prior to commencement of racing.
- 3.4 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee who may impose an additional entry fee of up to £20.00.
- 3.5 ISAF Group 3 sailors may skipper or crew only if they are not compensated for racing by the boat owners or charterer. (See class rules)



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## 4. FEES

**4.1** The entry fee for the regatta is £120.

**4.2** The entry fee covers launch & haul-out, trailer parking, on-water berthing, Commodore's Reception and BBQ.

**4.3** Refunds (less an administrative charge of £25) will only be given if cancellation is received by 1200 on Friday 19th September 2014.

## 5. COMPETITION FORMAT

The regatta will consist of a series of ten scheduled races.

## 6. SCHEDULE

### 6.1 Schedule

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Coaching Day		Torbay
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Crane in Registration Competitors briefing First Warning Signal 3 Races Commodore's Reception	0900-1300 0900-1230  1130 1355 Back to Back  1900	Haldon Pier RTYC  RTYC Torbay  RTYC
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	First Warning Signal 4 Races BBQ	1055 Back to Back 1830	Torbay  RTYC
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	First Warning Signal 3 Races Lift Out Prize Giving	1025 Back to Back 1400-1700 ASAP	Torbay  RTYC

**6.2** No warning signal will be made after 1425 on Sunday 28th September.

**6.3** Commodore's Reception and BBQ tickets for competitors are sponsored by Ovington Boats; extra tickets to purchase are available at registration

**6.4** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September there will be a coaching day, the format will be communicated by Ovington Boats.

## 7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time during the regatta in accordance with class rules. Random spot checks may be carried out on the water.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at on-site registration. A preliminary version may be posted at [www.rtyc.org](http://www.rtyc.org)



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## **9. VENUE AND COURSES**

**9.1** The regatta office will be situated at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Racing will take place in Torbay.

**9.2** Courses will be Windward-Leeward as described in the sailing instructions. Races will be approximately 40 minutes in duration.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

**10.1** Rule 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **11. SCORING**

**11.1** A minimum of 3 races shall be completed to constitute the championship.

**11.2** When fewer than 6 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.

**11.3** When from 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**11.4** When ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **12. SUPPORT BOATS**

**12.1** All support boats shall be registered with the OA and will be required to comply with local regulations. No support boat over 7m LOA will be registered. Unregistered support boats will not be permitted on or near the course area.

**12.2** During racing, support boats shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee, or to rescue a competitor who is ill, injured or in danger. Sailing instructions may impose other requirements on support boats.

## **13. BERTHING**

**13.1** Boats shall be kept afloat at Torquay Outer Harbour. Boats are advised that suitable fenders and mooring lines will be required when rafted up alongside the pontoon.

**13.2** Parking for road trailers will be either on Haldon Pier or Daddyhole Plain.

**13.3** Boats shall be in the Harbour and wet by 1300 on Friday 26th September, except by prior arrangement with the Race Committee and remain wet until the completion of the last race of the championship. All boats shall be removed from the Harbour on Sunday 28th September unless private arrangements have been made with the Harbour Authority.

## **14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**



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**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 telephones.

**16.2** The Race Committee may make use of marine VHF channel 72 to make announcements to competitors, including during the pre-start period. Any announcement, or failure to make an announcement, shall not be cause for redress.

## **17. PRIZES**

**17.1** Prize Giving will take place in the Clubhouse as soon as possible after competitors come ashore after racing.

**17.2** Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats overall in the Championship.

## **18. RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

**18.1** 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".

**18.2** The Organising Authority accepts no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to skipper or crew or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

**18.3** The skipper and crew shall be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during, and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the person in charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.

**18.4** The Race Committee shall make starting signals unless, in their opinion, it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race and decide whether or not to start or to continue the race.

**18.5** No boat shall be accepted as an entry unless the skipper of the boat has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in the entry form.

**18.6** 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 and omissions;

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e) 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) Provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

**18.7** The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.



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## **19. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration to this effect at registration.

## **20. MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors and/or their Guardians automatically grant to the OA and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.

## **21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information about the venue please visit [www.rtyc.org](http://www.rtyc.org) or contact the RTYC Office (0900-1300 Mon-Fri): Tel: +44 (0)1803 292006, Fax: +44 (0)1803 200297.

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