

ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB

Notice of Race Club Racing 2007

(Including RTYC Safety Regulations for Sports Boats,
Unrated Cruiser Handicap and Folkboat Classes)

Introduction

Welcome to the Racing Programme for 2007.

Replacement of our Race Platform is not expected until 2008 and, therefore, all racing is scheduled to be managed from a Committee Boat. Sailing Instructions have been amended to recognise this change, but Special Sailing Instruction 3.4 introduces a simple 'fall back' option for shore based Management.

A Sports Boat Class has been introduced to include boats with a RYA/RORC Sports Boat Rating.

Safety requirements for the Sports Boats, Folkboats and Unrated Cruisers have been introduced as an appendix to the Notice of Race. These safety requirements align Club Racing with the requirements for Torbay Royal Regatta.

We again have the support of a number of sponsors for our programme and on behalf of all competitors I express our thanks for their generous support.

Mike Ellis
Rear Commodore
Chairman of the Sailing Committee

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1. **Organising Authority.**

The organising authority is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club in respect of races to be held in and from Torbay throughout 2007 and 1st January 2008 in accordance with the Club's Racing Programme.

2. **Rules**

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the class or handicap system rules, including IRC Rules parts 1, 2 and 3, applicable to entrants, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

3. **Advertising.**

3.1 Competitors in IRC and Unrated Cruiser Handicap Classes shall comply with ISAF Advertising Code, Category C.

3.2 Competitors in Folkboat class, International Flying Fifteen class, Sports Boat Class and International Cadet Class shall comply with the ISAF Advertising Code category decided by their Class Association.

3.3 Competitors in the PY Dinghy Handicap class shall comply with the ISAF Advertising Code category selected by the Class Association or National Authority as set out in ISAF Regulation 20.4. (Note that if no ruling is available for a class Category C shall apply).

4. **Eligibility and Entry**

4.1 The Classes to race will be as follows:-

International Cadet Class.

Folkboat Class.

International Flying Fifteen Class.

Sports Boats with RYA/RORC Sports Boat Rating (SBR)

Yachts holding valid IRC Rating Certificate (excluding Day Boat Certificates).

Yachts allocated an Unrated Cruiser Handicap.

Dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick Rating.

4.2 The Race Committee may at their discretion allocate divisions of the above classes according to handicap rating and as designated in the Sailing Instructions or changes thereto.

4.3 Additional classes may be added to the foregoing by the Race Committee.

4.4 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against Third Party claims in an amount sufficient to meet all liabilities.

4.5 An Entry Form obtainable from the Club Office must be completed and Entry Fee paid to the RTYC Club Secretary before competing in any race or series of races.

5. Fees

5.1 Entry fees for the full programme of races shall be as follows:-

International Cadet Class	£10.00
International Flying Fifteen Class	£30.00
Folkboat Class.	£35.00
Sports Boat Class	£35.00
IRC Rated Yachts	£35.00
Unrated Cruiser Handicap Class	£30.00
PY Rated Dinghies	£15.00

5.2 Entry fees for any single race or single series of races will be 50% of the full entry fee, except that there shall be no entry fee for the race for Bill's Goblet on 28th May 2007.

6. Programme.

6.1 The programme of races shall be in accordance with the Racing Programme 2007, attached to this Notice of Race.

6.2 The first race of the programme shall be held on Sunday, 1st April 2007. The warning signal for the first race to be held on that day will be 0954 hours, GMT.

6.3 Times of warning signals for all programmed races will be in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

7. Measurement.

7.1 A valid measurement or Rating Certificate shall be held at all times by each boat for the class for which she is entered, and must be produced to the Race Committee if requested.

7.2 Measurement of boats and sails may be made at the discretion of the Race Committee at any time during the duration of the Racing Programme.

7.3 Rating Certificates for IRC yachts may be changed during any series of races. Any change of rating from that declared on the Entry Form must be notified to the Club Secretary not less than 24 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the next race of the series for which a change is required.

7.4 Ratings for Unrated Cruisers will be fixed for a yacht's first race by reference to the ISA Echo handicap standards or any previously assessed Unrated Cruiser rating. Handicaps may be adjusted by the Race Committee using performance data from results.

7.5 Ratings for Portsmouth Yardstick dinghies may be initially set and subsequently adjusted by the Race Committee.

8. Sailing Instructions.

Sailing Instructions will be available to entrants from the Club Secretary from noon on Friday 9th March 2007.

9. Courses.

Courses will be fully described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring.

- 10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply. Rules A4.2 and A9 are changed to provide that a boat that does not come to the starting area shall be scored **TEN** points more than the number of competitors starting in a race. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if five or more races have been completed. If nine races are completed in any series, the worst two scores can be discarded. If twelve races are completed in any series the worst three scores can be discarded. If fifteen or more races are completed in a series the worst four scores can be discarded. An exception to the foregoing is that for the September series, which comprises three Wednesday and three Sunday races, the worst two scores will be discarded if six races are held. If only five races are held the worst score will be discarded and if four or less held no discard will apply.
- 10.2 Scoring for single races will be finishing order after adjustment of handicaps if applicable.
- 10.3 Number of races to score in each series will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.4 All times for handicap classes will be corrected to the nearest second to determine finishing place.
- 10.5 A race will only be valid for series points if there are two or more starters and Rule 89. 3(a) is amended accordingly.

11. Personal Buoyancy.

- 11.1 All competitors in International Cadet and PY Rated Dinghy Classes shall wear life jackets or adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat. This changes Rule 40.
- 11.2 All boats competing in classes other than those in 11.1 above shall carry adequate personal buoyancy for each person on board whilst racing. Such personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when IC Flag "U" is flown before or with the warning signal to which this requirement applies. This changes Rule 40.

12. Safety

- 12.1 All Sports Boats, Unrated Cruiser Handicap and Folkboat Classes shall comply with RTYC Safety Rules in accordance with the Appendix to the Notice of Race.
- 12.2 All IRC rated yachts shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations governing minimum equipment and accommodation standards Category 4 Monohull.
- 12.3 IRC and Unrated Cruiser Handicap yachts competing in the St Peter Port Race and Offshore Cruiser Race Week shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations governing minimum equipment and accommodation standards, Category 3 Monohull with liferaft. The certified life raft capable of carrying the entire crew must be on board the working deck or easily accessible.
- 12.4 All boats other than those above shall comply with Class or Handicap System Safety Rules.

13. Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk.

13.1 Each owner/competitor is entirely responsible for the boat's own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

13.2 It is for each owner/competitor to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

13.3 Each owner/competitor is responsible to ensure that the boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

14. Liability.

14.1 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of each owner/competitor 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 the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officers, patrol boats and Beachmasters.

14.2 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve each owner/competitor of his/her responsibilities.

15. Prizes.

Prizes and trophies will be awarded for each class and series of races, together with special races and Club perpetual award trophies. Class champion trophies will be awarded to the boat who has the best overall results by taking positions in each series. The Wilkinson-Cox Trophy for the Club "Champion of Champions" will be awarded to the Club Member who has not been awarded the trophy in the previous two years and whose boat achieves the lowest number of points, without discard, from the greatest number of races to be counted. Except where stated in Special Sailing Instructions trophies will only be awarded to members of RTYC.

16. Identification of Classes.

IRC and Unrated Cruiser Handicap yachts will be required to display their class flag with a hoist of not less than 9" on their backstay, or if the yacht has no backstay, on the starboard shroud whilst racing.

APPENDIX RTYC Safety Rules

All Sports Boats, Unrated Cruiser Handicap and Folkboat Classes shall comply with the following rules; but if class rules provide a higher standard then class rules apply.

(1) Buoyancy

Boats shall either be self-righting from 90 degrees or have enough reserve buoyancy to support the boat and crew for at least 30 minutes following a capsized. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.

(2) Flares

Boats shall carry in a waterproof pack at least two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares.

(3) Fire Extinguisher

Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres min. capacity attached to a lanyard.

(4) Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard

- i) Vessels without lifelines, or with lifelines which do not meet ISAF Offshore Special regulations Cat 4, shall carry personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40.1. It is recommended that personal buoyancy is worn by all crew members at all times whilst racing.
- ii) Vessel with lifelines which meet ISAF Offshore Special regulations Cat 4 shall carry personal buoyancy or lifejackets for each crew member. Boats shall also carry a rescue quoit or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line and at least one lifebuoy or life sling.

(5) First Aid

Boats shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.

(6) Anchor

Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.

(7) Compass

Boats shall carry a suitable compass - handheld acceptable.

(8) Equipment

All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.

(9) Propulsion

A means of propulsion, other than the yachts sails, is to be provided.

(10) Communication

A handheld VHF must be carried at all times.