

**ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB
RACING PROGRAMME 2007
Sailing Instructions**

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PART 2 - STANDING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2007

1. Rules

The Racing Programme of the RTYC will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the class or handicap system rules applicable to entrants, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and the Special Sailing Instructions forming Part 3 of the Racing Programme.

2. Entries

2.1 Entries and eligibility are to be in accordance with the Notice of Race. Compliance requirements for ISAF Advertising Code are as Clause 3 of the Notice of Race.

2.2 A race will only be valid for series points if there are two or more starters. This changes Rule 89.3(a).

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board located in RTYC Clubhouse.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any changes in Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 24 hours before the first race affected by the change. IC Flag "L" will be displayed ashore before the Warning Signal of the first race for each class to which the change in Sailing Instructions applies.

5. Signals made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in RTYC Clubhouse garden.

6. Schedule of Races

Races are scheduled in the Racing Programme forming part of the Notice of Race. Times of Warning Signals will be as stated in the Special Sailing Instructions forming Part 3 of the Racing Programme.

7. Class Flags

Class Flags will be:

IRC Class	Numeral Pennant 1
Sports Boat Class	Numeral Pennant 2
Unrated Cruiser Handicap Class	Numeral Pennant 4
Folkboat Class	Flag F
International Flying Fifteen Class	Naval Numeral 6
International Cadet Class	Flag Y

8. Racing Area

The racing area will be in Torbay as shown on the chart of marks forming Part 4 of the Racing Programme or as described in the Special Sailing Instructions for offshore races.

9. The Courses

9.1 The marks as indicated on the Chart of Marks, appearing in Part 4 of the Racing Programme, will be displayed, in the order that they are to be rounded, on a blackboard on the Committee Boat, with the exception of the Cadet Class, who will receive verbal instructions from an attendant rescue craft.

9.2 The first leg of the course is an intended windward leg.

9.3 A red flag displayed on the Committee Boat will signify that all marks are to be left to PORT. A green flag will signify that all marks are to be left to STARBOARD. If neither Red nor Green flags are displayed the marks to be rounded will be shown on the course board with a (P) or (S) to signify that they are to be left to Port or Starboard.

9.4 The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on a blackboard on the Committee Boat. The course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes Rule 32.1.

9.5 If a BLUE flag is displayed from the flagpole at the RTYC Clubhouse garden 30 minutes before the first Warning Signal of the day Special Sailing Instructions 3.4 shall apply.

9.6 At the sole discretion of the race officer, two races may be held on Sundays for Sports Boat, Flying Fifteen, Folkboat, PY dinghy handicap and Cadet Classes. The Warning Signal for the second race will be displayed as soon as possible after the finish of the first race.

10. Marks

Marks are as described in the Chart of Marks appearing in part 4 of the Racing Programme.

11. The Start

11.1 Races shall be started by using the following signals.

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag & Sound	Minutes before starting
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	6
Preparatory	"P"; 1 sound	3
Start	Class flag & "P" removed; 1 sound	0

When classes are started in sequence at 3 minute intervals the warning signal for each succeeding class shall be displayed at the time of the preparatory signal of the preceding class. Flag "P" shall be left displayed until the last class starts. If there is a general recall the warning and preparatory signals of any succeeding classes shall be removed immediately after the general recall has been signalled.

11.2 The Starting Line shall be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an **ORANGE** flag and a nearby mark.

11.3 The Committee Boat may be positioned at either end of the starting line at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

11.5 A boat shall not start later than 6 minutes after her starting signal.

12. The Finish

The finishing line shall be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying an **ORANGE** flag and a nearby mark.

13. Change of Course after the Start

13.1 A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat of a class has begun a round to which the change applies.

13.2 The Race Committee will signal a change of course from a Committee Boat by displaying flag "C" accompanied by frequent sound signals. The new course to be sailed will be displayed on a blackboard on the Committee Boat indicating the marks to be rounded and the order in which they are to be rounded and whether they are to be left to Port or Starboard.

13.3 No compass bearing of the next leg or +/- will be displayed. This changes Rule 33.

14. Alternative Penalties

For the Sports Boat Class rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required, except that if the infringement is against a boat competing in another class a two turn penalty must be taken.

15. Time Limit

15.1 The time limit will be as stated in the Special Sailing Instructions.

15.2 Rule 35 shall not apply.

15.3 If one boat of a class sails the course as required by Rule 28.1 and finishes within the time limit, the time limit shall be extended by 30 minutes for all boats in the same class.

15.4 If no boat in a class has finished within the time limit, but at least one round of the course has been completed the result for that class shall be decided on the positions of boats at completion of the last completed round.

15.5 When a boat ceases to race before expiry of the time limit, and no other boat of the same class completes a further round, the boat that has ceased to race will be recorded as finishing in accordance with Sailing Instruction 15.4.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 Protests for IRC and Unrated Cruisers shall be delivered to the Club Office within 24 hours of the finish of the race to which the protest applies, with the exception of the St Peter Port Race and Offshore Series when protests shall be delivered to the Club Office within 8 days of the finish of the series.

16.2 Protests for all other classes shall be submitted within 2 hours of the finish of the last race of the day on forms available from Club Steward or Race Officer. The form is to be delivered to any officer of the Club or Member of the Race Management Team within the time limit. If an officer of the Club or member of the race management team is not available the protestor should telephone one of the persons listed on the Club Notice Board and obtain a time confirmation and enter that time on the form which should then be deposited in the Secretary's post box.

16.3 A mediation system is available for Protests of Rules in RRS Part 2. Providing all parties to the Protest agree to Mediation the procedure to be adopted is to be found in the appendix to the Sailing Instructions.

16.4 The date and time of mediation or protest hearings will be notified to all

parties as soon as possible after the lodging of a protest form.

17. Scoring

Scoring will be in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Notice of Race.

18. Miscellaneous

18.1 When reference is made in these Sailing Instructions or the Special Sailing Instructions to flags and pennants the Race Committee may use painted boards in their place.

18.2 The Race Committee will use VHF Radio Channel "72" for communication with competitors when appropriate and will, when possible, provide change of course information. Clarification by the Race Committee to individual competitors on course changes using Channel "72" shall not be deemed to comprise outside help. This changes Rule 41.

19. Prizes

19.1 Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded in accordance with paragraph 15 of the Notice of Race.

19.2 Except where stated in Special Sailing Instructions trophies will only be awarded to members of RTYC.

20. Special Safety Instructions

20.1 A Young Competitor shall be any person under the age of 18 on 1st January 2007, who intends to race on a boat in any race to which these Sailing Instructions apply and on which there is no crew member over the age of 18 years on 1st January 2007.

20.2 No Young Competitor shall leave the harbour at any time after 30 minutes before the Warning Signal of the race in which he/she intends to compete, unless a rescue boat is under way.

20.3 No Flying Fifteens or PY Dinghies shall leave the harbour before the Warning Signal of the race in which she intends to compete during the Winter Series unless a rescue boat is underway.

APPENDIX

MEDIATION

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 heard by a Mediator appointed by the Race Committee.
In exception to the above, incidents where damage or injury is involved shall not be subject to mediation, 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 mediation hearing. No witnesses shall be allowed.
3. The mediator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately 3 minutes. After hearing these descriptions, the mediator 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 40% 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 40% penalty then the protest is then settled.
 - d) **The mediator 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 mediator 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 mediator's opinion that she broke a rule under b) or c); or
 - (iii) If the mediator is unable to offer an opinion under (d), the protest shall be submitted to the protest committee for a hearing.
5. If the mediator's opinion is not accepted, there shall be no further discussion of the incident
with the parties and the testimony given at the mediation 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 mediation may still be heard in line with RRS 63.3(b).
7. When protests are submitted to the Protest Committee, the mediator shall not be a member of the Jury hearing the protest. However, he/she may be present to ensure that the incidents are described in the same way as in mediation. If the facts given are different he may intervene to restate the original mediation details. The mediator shall not discuss the matter with committee members until after the Committee's decision has been posted.
8. Application of the 40% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 40%.

PART 3 - SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Sunday Series

Applicable as follows:

1st April/6th May	Robert Horne Group Spring Series	6 Races
13th May/17th June	Summer Series	6 Races
1st July/12th Aug	Late Summer Series	7 Races
2nd Sept//23rd Sept	September Series	
	(combined results with Weds)	6 Races
30th Sept/28th Oct	Pavilion Shopping Centre Autumn Series	5 Races
6th Nov/23rd Dec	Marina News Winter Series	8 Races

(Note: For classes sailing in accordance with SI 9.6 the number of races maybe doubled).

3.1.1 Time of Warning Signals

IRC & Unrated Cruiser Classes	0954 hours	Numeral Pennant 1 & 4
Sports Boat Class	0957 hours	Numeral Pennant 2
International Flying Fifteen Class	1000 hours	Naval Pennant 6
Folkboat Class	1003 hours	Flag F
International Cadet Class	1006 hours	Flag Y
PY Dinghy Class	1009 hours	Numeral Pennant 5

When a second race is signalled in accordance with Standard Sailing Instructions 9.6 the warning signal for the second race will be as soon as possible after the first race has finished.

3.1.2 Time Limit

The time limit will be 3 hours for the first race of the day and 1½ hours for any second race.

3.2 Wednesday Series

Applicable as follows:

11th April/9th May	Spring Series	5 Races
16th May/27th June	Summer Series	7 Races
4th July/22nd August	Late Summer Series	8 Races
2nd Sept/23rd Sept	September Series	6 Races
	(Combined results with Sundays)	

3.2.1 Time of Warning Signals

IRC & Unrated Cruiser Classes	1810 hours	Numeral Pennant 1 & 4
Sports Boat Class	1813 hours	Numeral Pennant 2
International Flying Fifteen Class	1816 hours	Naval Pennant 6
Folkboat Class	1819 hours	Flag F
International Cadet Class	1822 hours	Flag Y
PY Dinghy Class	1825 hours	Numeral Pennant 5

3.2.2 Time Limit

The time limit will be 2030 hours.

3.3. Special Races

3.3.1 All Comers' Pursuit Race for Bill's Goblet - Monday 28th May

Note Entrants will be handicapped by variation in starting times. A list of Starting Times will be posted on the RTYC Notice Board by noon on Sunday 27th May. Additional copies will be available to competitors in the Clubhouse. There is no entry fee for this race, but a collection will be made in aid of the RNLI after the racing.

3.3.1.1 Times of Starting Signals

1424 hours - Red or Green flag with sound signal

1427 hours - Flag P with sound signal

1430 hours - Flag P lowered with sound signal

Thereafter 30 seconds before the next whole minute the appropriate handicap start time will be displayed on boards on the Committee Boat and removed at the exact time (for example a handicap start time of 1453 - "53" on boards will be displayed for 30 seconds, and at the actual start time the '3' will be removed). There will be no recalls and premature starters will be penalised by 5 minutes for every minute or part of a minute by which they start early.

3.3.1.2 The Course

The marks and the order of rounding will be displayed on a blackboard on the Committee Boat. Marks will be chosen from the Chart of Marks appearing in Part 4 of the Racing Programme, and are to be left to **PORT** if a red flag is displayed or to **STARBOARD** if a green flag is displayed. Number of rounds is not limited.

3.3.1.3 The Start

The Starting Line shall be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an **ORANGE** flag and a nearby mark. See also Sailing Instruction 11.3.

3.3.1.4 The Finish

The Finishing Line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an **ORANGE** flag and a nearby rounding mark.

3.3.1.5 Time Limit

It is intended that race length shall reflect the median handicap boat sailing approximately 100 minutes. The Committee Boat will display flag **'S'** with two sound signals to signify that the finishing line has been set.

3.3.1.6 Prize-giving

Prize giving and tea will be at the Clubhouse after the race.

Bill's Goblet will be awarded to the first boat to finish.

The Dennis Reid Trophy will be awarded to the first RTYC boat to finish which is not the winner of Bill's Goblet.

3.3 Special Races

3.3.2 St Peter Port Race - Friday 8th June

3.3.2.1 Eligibility:

All IRC and Unrated Cruisers complying with ISAF Offshore Special

Regulations 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. A liability disclaimer, entry form and crew list (available from the Club office) must be completed and delivered to the Club office before 1830 hours on Friday 8th June 2007.

3.3.2.2 Time of Warning Signals

IRC & Unrated Cruisers Numeral Pennant 1 1854 hours

3.3.3.3 The Course

From the Starting Line to the Finishing Line leaving Les Hanois Lighthouse to **PORT.**

3.3.2.4 The Start

The Starting Line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying an **Orange** flag and an adjacent dan buoy flying a **Green** flag.

3.3.2.5 The Finish

The Finishing Line will be when the lighthouse on the seaward end of Castle Breakwater bears 252° (magnetic). Yachts must cross this line within 600 metres of the lighthouse.

3.3.2.6 Time Limit

The Time Limit shall be 1900 hours BST Saturday 9th June 2007.

3.3.2.7 Declarations

Declaration forms available from RTYC are to be completed and deposited with the race organiser on board one of the competing vessels (to be notified prior to race start) by 0900 hours on Sunday 10th June 2007, or within 9 hours of the official time limit if the race start is delayed. Declaration forms will make provision for a time to be recorded when Les Hanois lighthouse bears 075° (magnetic).

3.3.2.8 Results

The Race Committee reserves the right to declare results on the basis of the declaration of the time when Les Hanois light bears 075° (magnetic) if no yacht finishes the course within the time limit.

3.3.2.9 Retirement

Any yacht retiring from the race must inform the race organiser on board one of the competing yachts by VHF Channel 72, or the designated land based contact (these details to be communicated to all competitors prior to the race) or to RTYC (01803-292006).

3.3.2.10 Trophies

All entrants will be eligible for the following trophies:

IRC Division "A"	Ballerina Bowl
IRC Division "B"	Wanton Cup
Unrated Cruisers	Mitchell Cup
All Classes Line Honours	Eddie Ritson Trophy

3.3 Special Races

3.3.3 Offshore Cruiser Race Week Sunday 10th June/Saturday 16th June

3.3.3.1 Supplementary Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be issued. (Contact RTYC office for further details or download from Club Web Site www.royalorbayyc.org.uk)

3.3.4 Teignmouth Sewer Buoy Race Sunday 24th June

3.3.4 Special Instructions will be issued in conjunction with Babbacombe Regatta.

3.3.5 Crew's Race **Wednesday 16th May & Wednesday 18th July**

3.3.5.1 Special Sailing Instructions for Wednesday Series Committee Boat starts 3.2 shall apply.

3.3.5.2 Eligibility for Crew's Race

Eligibility shall be limited to boats helmed by a crew member who has crewed in not less than 50% of the races that the boat which they helm has competed in during 2007. Crews are not eligible if they have helmed in more than 30% of the races that the yacht has competed in during 2007. Trophies will be awarded to the crew who sails the same boat in each race and has the best result over the two races.

3.3.6 Marina News New Year's Day Race – 1st January 2008

3.3.6.1 Special Sailing Instructions for Sunday Series 3.1 shall apply, except that all Warning Signals are delayed by **1 HOUR**.

3.4 Shore Based Race Management

Applicable as follows:

WHEN IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO USE A COMMITTEE BOAT OWING TO WEATHER OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES DECIDED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE, AND WHEN A BLUE FLAG HAS BEEN DISPLAYED FROM THE FLAGPOLE AT RTYC CLUBHOUSE GARDEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST WARNING SIGNAL OF THE DAY.

3.4.1 Signals

Signals will be displayed from the wall on the South side of Haldon Pier and will be by means of displaying flags or boards.

3.4.2 The Course

3.4.2.1 With the exception of the International Cadet Class, the Course configuration, number of rounds to be sailed, and the order of rounding marks shall be in accordance with the course card appearing in Part 4 of the Racing Programme. Standard courses shall apply to International Flying Fifteen and Folkboat Classes. Orange courses shall apply to Sports Boat and PY Dinghy Classes. The IRC & Unrated Cruisers may sail special courses when course configuration will be given by radio.

3.4.2.2 The first round comprises all marks including those in brackets; second and subsequent rounds exclude the marks in brackets.

3.4.2.3 The course number to be sailed will be displayed on a board. Five rounds will be sailed by all Classes unless shortened by the Race Committee for any reason. This changes Rule 32.1.

3.4.2.4 For the International Cadet Class the course configuration and order of rounding marks will be advised to competitors by verbal instructions from an attendant rescue craft.

3.4.3 The Start

The starting line shall be between a pole displaying an ORANGE flag and

outer distance mark R or G as appropriate to course indicated.

3.4.4 The Finish

The finishing line shall be between a pole displaying an ORANGE flag and outer distance mark R or G as appropriate to course indicated.

3.4.5 Other Instructions

Where applicable Standing Sailing Instructions shall apply and Times. Warning Signals and Time Limits shall apply as appropriate in Special Sailing Instructions 3.1 to 3.4 inclusive.

ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB – COURSE CARD 2007

Starting Times

Class	Class Flag	Sundays	Wednesday
IRC & Unrated Cruisers	Numeral 1 & 4	1000	1816
Sports Boat Class	Numeral 2	1003	1819
Flying Fifteen Class	Naval 6	1006	1822
Folkboat Class	Flag F	1009	1825
Cadet Class	Flag Y	1012	1828
PY Dinghy Class	Numeral 5	1015	1831

TABLE OF COURSES

WIND	MAGNETIC	COURSE NO.	STANDARD	ORANGE
N	000°	1	(R) 53RG	(R) 3RG
NNE	022°	2	(R) 64G	(R) 4G
NE	045°	3	(R) 31G	(R) 4RG
ENE	067°	4	(R) 41G	(R) 5RG
E	090°	5	(R) 42G	(R) 6RG
ESE	112°	6	(R) 53G	(R) (G) 1G
SE	135°	7	(R) 63G	(R) (G) 2G
SSE	157°	8	(R) 64G	(R) (G) 3G
S	180°	9	(G) (R) 35R	(G) (R) 3R
SSW	202°	10	(R) (G) 42G	(R) (G) 4G
SW	225°	11	(G) 13GR	(G) (R) 4R
WSW	247°	12	(G) 14R	(G) (R) 5R
W	270°	13	(G) 24R	(G) (R) 6R
WNW	292°	14	(G) 26R	(G) 1GR
NW	315°	15	(G) 36R	(G) 2GR
NNW	337°	16	(G) 13GR	(G) 3GR

Note: **Courses for IRC & Unrated Cruisers will be advised on VHF Channel 72 – RTYC Race Control.**