

# ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB

## Notice of Race Club Racing 2008

(This notice of Race does not include the St Peterport Race (Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June) and Offshore Week (Sun 8 June/Sat 14 June) which will be covered by separate Notices of Race)

### 1. Organising Authority.

The organising authority is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

### 2. Rules

Racing will be governed by

- 2.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing,
- 2.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply
- 2.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply.
- 2.4 The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 shall apply to IRC and RTYC Progressive Handicap classes.
- 2.5 The applicable class or/and handicap system, including for IRC boats IRC Rules parts 1, 2 and 3.
- 2.6 RTYC Safety Rules
- 2.7 This Notice of Race
- 2.8 The Sailing Instructions.

### 3. Advertising.

- 3.1 The event is classified Category C.

### 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 RORC Sports Boat Rating (SBR)
  - Laser SB3
  - Yachts holding valid IRC Rating Certificate
  - Yachts allocated a RTYC Progressive Handicap. (Including White Sail Cruisers).
  - 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 by the Race Committee.
- 4.4 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. IDENTIFICATION OF CLASSES

- 5.1 IRC, RTYC Progressive Handicap boats will be required to display their class flag with a hoist of not less than 9 inches on their back stay, or if the boat has no backstay, on the starboard shroud whilst racing.

## **6. Fees**

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

International Cadet Class	£10.00
PY Rated Dinghies	£15.00
International Flying Fifteen Class	£30.00
Folkboat Class.	£35.00
Sports Boat Class	£35.00
Laser SB3 Class	£35.00
IRC Rated Yachts	£35.00
RTYC Progressive Handicap	£35.00

6.2 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 26th May 2008.

6.3 Entries must be received by the Club Secretary no later than 1200 on Friday before a Sunday Race and 1200 on Wednesday before a Wednesday Race.

6.4 Unless a boat has entered as per 6.3 she will not score points.

## **7. Programme**

7.1 The programme of races shall be in accordance with the Racing Programme 2008, attached to this Notice of Race.

7.2 The Cadet Class may choose to sail on a Saturday afternoons instead of Sunday

7.3 To constitute a series, a minimum of 2 boats must have entered the Class and at least 66% of the series races must have been contested by any 2 boats.

## **8. Measurement.**

8.1 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.

A valid copy of IRC and sports boat rating certificates must be lodged with RTYC prior to racing.

8.2 Rating Certificates for IRC 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.

8.3 Ratings for RTYC Progressive Handicap will be fixed for a boat's first race by reference to the ISA Echo handicap standards or any previously assessed RTYC Progressive Handicap rating. Progressive Handicaps will be adjusted by the Race Committee using performance data from each race result. If a boat intends to sail with white sail with no spinnaker for a series then that must be notified to the Club Secretary not less than 24 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the first race of that series. A boat cannot change from white sail to full sail or vice versa during a series.

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

## **9. Sailing Instructions.**

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available to entrants on the Club Web Site or hard copy from the Secretary from noon on the 01st April 2008.
- 10. Courses.**
- 10.1 Courses will be fully described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11. Scoring.**
- 11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2 RRS 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.
- 11.3 Any boat that enters after a Series has commenced will score ten points more than the number of competitors starting the races missed.
- 11.4 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if four or more races have been completed. If nine races are completed in any series, the worst two scores are discarded. If twelve races are completed in any series the worst three scores are discarded. If fifteen or more races are completed in a series the worst four scores are discarded.
- 11.5 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.
- 11.6 Any competitor who misses a race to help with the race or any Club Event will be awarded mean points of the yachts that sailed in the race forfeited.
- 11.7 If more than two races are sailed on one day, then the first two races only will count towards the series.
- 12. Personal Buoyancy.**
- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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.
- 13. Safety**
- 13.1 All Sports Boats, Laser SB3, and Folkboat Classes shall comply with the following rules. If class rules provide a higher standard then class rules apply.
- 13.1.1 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 capsize. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.
- 13.1.2 Flares  
Boats shall carry in a waterproof pack at least two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares.
- 13.1.3 Fire Extinguisher  
Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a suitable fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres min. capacity attached to a lanyard.

- 13.1.4 Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard
  - i) Vessels without lifelines, or with lifelines which do not meet ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4, shall carry personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS Rule 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.
- 13.1.5 First Aid  
Boats shall carry a suitable waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
- 13.1.6 Anchor  
Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.
- 13.1.7 Compass  
Boats shall carry a suitable compass - handheld acceptable.
- 13.1.8 Equipment  
All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.
- 13.1.9 Propulsion  
A means of propulsion, other than the boats sails, is to be provided.
- 13.1.10 Communication  
Handheld VHF must be carried at all times.

13.2 All IRC rated boats and RTYC Progressive Handicap shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations governing minimum equipment and accommodation standards Category 4.

13.3 All boats other than those above shall comply with Class or Handicap System Safety Rules.

#### **14. Rights to use Names and Likenesses**

14.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment, the right in perpetuity to make use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

#### **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4.

15.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of race or in the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

15.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

15.4 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in at least the amount stated in clause 16 below for the duration of the race.

- 15.5 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 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 officer, patrol boats and Beachmasters.
- 15.6 In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury is accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, the Race Committee or the crew of any rescue craft.

## 16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party cover of not less than £2,000,000 and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate. No responsibility will be accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, or any other party involved in the organisation of the Race.

## 17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Except where stated in Sailing Instructions trophies will only be awarded to members of RTYC.
- 17.2 Prizes and trophies will be awarded for each class and series of races, together with special races and Club perpetual award trophies.
- 17.3 Class Champion trophies will be awarded to the boat that has the best overall results adding up the points achieved in each series excluding the winter series.
- 17.4 The Wilkinson-Cox Trophy for the Club "Champion of Champions" will be awarded to a Class Champion based on the following:
- 17.4.1 Any Class Champion who has been awarded the Trophy in the previous two years is not eligible to receive the Trophy.
- 17.4.2 All Club Series apart from the Winter Series are included in this calculation.
- 17.4.3 Add up all the points (*points*) that each of the class champions have achieved in races in which they were not DNC.
- 17.4.4 Add up the number of races (*racess*) that those *points* were achieved in.
- 17.4.5 Any Class Champion who has *racess* of less than 25 is not eligible to receive the Trophy. The sailing committee may, at a formally convened meeting, decide to remove this restriction for a class or classes in the event of special circumstances.
- 17.4.6 Find the largest number of *racess* (*mraces*) any class champion has sailed.
- 17.4.7 Calculate the average number of boats that sailed in each of the fleet's races throughout the club racing (*aveboats*)
- 17.4.8 Find the largest number of *aveboats* in any fleet (*maveboats*)
- 17.4.9 Perform the following calculation for each Class Champion to create comparable scores
- $$\text{Performance} = \frac{\text{points} \times \text{mraces} \times \text{maveboats}}{\text{racess} \times \text{aveboats}}$$
- 17.4.10 The Trophy is awarded to the Class Champion with the lowest *Performance* score.

## 18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

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