

# ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB

## CLUB RACING PROGRAMME 2012

### Introduction:

The 2012 race programme follows the format of previous years, but with introduction of standard rule 26 starting procedures (5-4-1-Go). Start times are 5 minute intervals.

The classes to race may be amended, but it is anticipated that there may be two divisions for the Progressive Cruiser Handicap class. The Day Boat Class will include Folkboats, Devon Yawls and Flying Fifteen classes. Sports Boats will include SB3 and K6 classes. Junior classes will be Cadets and Fevas. 29ers will race with Dinghy Handicap Class. The introduction of racing on seven Friday evenings will provide a replacement for Saturday/Sunday races when the Club is hosting other events.

### NOTICE OF RACE

**(This Notice of Race does not include the Channel Race (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July) and Offshore Week (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July/Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July) which will be covered by separate Notice of Race).**

**1. Organising Authority.**

The organising authority is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

**2. Rules.**

2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply.

2.3 The applicable class or/and handicap system rules, including for IRC boats IRC Rules 2012, Parts A, B and C, but excluding rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4.

2.4 Torbay Harbour Bye-Laws.

**Note:** Links to the relevant web sites to read the above Rules are available from the RTYC web site [www.rtyc.org](http://www.rtyc.org).

**3. Advertising.**

3.1 Rights to use Names and Likenesses. Competitors' automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the Club Race Programme.

3.2 Sponsor's Logo. If competitors are issued with material by the Organising Authority for their boat bearing a sponsor's logo, they shall display such material as instructed.

**4. Eligibility and Entry.**

4.1 The race programme is open to all boats of the following classes or handicap divisions.

4.1.1 Boats holding a valid IRC Certificate (excluding Day Boat endorsed certificates) and a minimum SSS number of 10.

4.1.2 Cruising boats who may not hold an IRC certificate and for whom a RTYC Progressive Cruiser Handicap will be allocated. An option applies for boats to enter by declaration of racing with or without a spinnaker or genaker. This class is intended for the less serious racers and to encourage boats with small or family crews.

4.1.3 Day Boats with a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap (Folkboats, Devon Yawls, Flying Fifteens).

4.1.4 Dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap.

- 4.1.5 Dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap of 1050 and above, sailed by junior crews who are under the age of 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 (Feva and Cadets).
- 4.1.6 Unrated Sports Boat Handicap (SB3 and K6).
- 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.
- 4.3 Additional classes may be added by the Race Committee at their discretion.
- 4.4 A minimum of five entries is required for a Class to receive separate scoring.
- 4.5 Starts may have to be shared with other Classes.
- 4.6 Eligible boats may enter by:  
Completing an Entry Form, obtainable from the Club Office or download from [www.rtyc.org](http://www.rtyc.org) and sending it, together with the required fee, and with any RTYC berthing fee, before competing to: Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH.
- 4.7 An entrant who changes a sail number, boat or hull or substantive change that affect the racing, must notify the race committee in writing by completing a new entry form, and no additional fee will be payable.

## **5 Fees**

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

Junior Handicap classes (Cadet and Feva)	£25.00
PY Dinghies (including 29ers)	£30.00
All other classes	£50.00
- 5.2 Entry fees for a single race will be 20%, or single series of races will be 50% of the full entry fee, except that there will be no entry fee for the race for Bill's Goblet.
- 5.3 Entries must be received by the Club Secretary no later than 1200 on Friday before a Friday/Saturday/Sunday race and 1200 on Wednesday before a Wednesday race.
- 5.4 IRC boats will be included in the calculation of handicaps for the RTYC Progressive Handicap, but will not count for prizes.
- 5.5 A separate Notice of Race will be published for IRC and Cruiser races run in cooperation with the South Devon Combined Yacht Clubs (SDCYC) with separate fees including those races run by the RTYC for this open series.
- 5.6 The Channel Race and Offshore Week races will also have separate Notice of Race and Entry Fees.

## **6 Programme.**

- 6.1 The Provisional Club Racing Programme 2012 is available on [www.rtyc.org](http://www.rtyc.org) or printed copies are available from the Club Secretary and will be displayed on Club notice boards.
- 6.2 Races for the PY Dinghy and Junior Handicap classes will be on Saturday afternoons, Wednesday evenings and Friday evenings. The first warning signal for the programme will be 1355 on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. Races for all other classes will be on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and Friday evenings. The first warning signal for the programme will be 0955 on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.
- 6.3 There will be 6 scheduled series for 2012
  - Spring Weekend series
  - Spring Wednesday series
  - Summer Weekend series
  - Summer Wednesday series
  - Friday Evening series
  - Autumn/Winter series

## **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.  
A valid copy of IRC and other appropriate boat rating certificates must be lodged with RTYC prior to racing.
- 7.2 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.

- 7.3 Ratings for RTYC Progressive Handicap will be fixed for a boat's first race by reference to a RTYC selected handicap standard or any previous 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.
- 7.4 Ratings for Portsmouth Yardstick dinghies may be initially set and subsequently adjusted by the race committee.
- 8. Sailing Instructions.**
- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on [www.rtyc.org](http://www.rtyc.org) or hard copy from the Club Secretary from noon on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
- 9. Courses.**
- 9.1 Courses will be fully described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10. Scoring.**
- 10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 Rule A4.2 and A9 are changed to provide that a boat that does not come to the starting area shall be scored **Number of Starters plus Four Points** more than the number of competitors starting in a race.
- 10.4 Any boat that enters after a series has commenced will score the number of starters, plus four points for each race in which she did not compete.
- 10.5 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 seven races are completed in any series, the worst two scores are discarded. If 10 races are completed in any series the worst three scores are discarded. If 14 or more races are completed in a series the worst four scores are discarded. If 17 or more races are completed then the worst five scores are discarded.
- 10.6 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.
- 10.7 Any competitor who does not compete in a race(s) to help with the race organisation, of any Club event, will be awarded Series Average Points (SAP), excluding Discards. Those wishing to claim should fill in the form provided from RTYC racing website and hand it in to the Club Secretary, or notify the race officer who should record this on the result sheet on the day. This should be done on the day, or within seven days of the race.
- 10.8 If more than two races are sailed on one day, the first two races will count towards the series score.
- 10.9 An entrant, who changes their boat or hull during the season, and within the same class, may count the old boat scores or hull scores, together with the new boat or hull scores, towards the Class Championship. Individual Series Points are not cumulative.
- 11. Personal Buoyancy.**
- 11.1 All competitors in PY rated dinghy, and Sports Boat classes and all helms or crews under the age of 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, shall wear life jackets, or adequate personal buoyancy, at all times whilst afloat. This changes Rule 40.
- 11.2 All boats or crews classes other than those in 11.1 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. Manual Power – RTYC Progressing Handicap Class.**
- 12.1 Rule 52 and ERS B5 do not apply and the use of automatic pilots, whether electronic or otherwise, are allowed,
- 12.2 Boats using stored power for the adjustment or operation of running rigging (eg backstays, runners, checkstays, sheets, guys etc.), but excluding the hoisting, reefing or furling of sails, shall declare this to the RTYC race committee at time of entry.

### **13. Safety.**

- 13.1 All Sports Boats and Dayboats, including Laser SB3, K6, Folkboat, Flying Fifteen and Devon Yawl classes shall comply with the following safety rules.
- 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 capsizing. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.
- 13.1.2 VHF Radio. Boats shall carry either a fixed or portable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channel 16 and 72.
- 13.1.3 Fire Extinguisher. Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a suitable fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.
- 13.1.4 Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard. Boats shall carry personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with rule 40.1. It is recommended that personal buoyancy is worn by all crew members at all times whilst racing. 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 boat's sails, is to be provided.
- 13.2 All IRC and RTYC Progressive Handicap boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations category 5 monohull, plus a VHF radio and a means of propulsion other than the boat's sails. Links to the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations are available on [www.rtyc.org](http://www.rtyc.org).
- 13.3 All boats, other than those above, shall comply with Class or Handicap System Safety Rules.
- 13.4 The crew of all dinghies and Sports Boats shall wear clothing and safety equipment (including harnesses) in the manner intended by the manufacturer. Long hair shall be restrained to avoid any risk of entanglement with equipment.

### **14. Radio Communication.**

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing, nor receive any communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other digital communication devices.

### **15. Disclaimer of Liability.**

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4.
- 15.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, afloat or ashore, and nothing, 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 by 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 £3,000,000 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 the 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 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*) in which *points* were achieved.
  - 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  $Performance = points \times mraces \times maveboats / (racess \times aveboats)$ .
  - 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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