



ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2012

(These Sailing Instructions do not include the Channel Race and Offshore Week which will be covered by separate Sailing Instructions)

COMPRISING

Sailing Instructions - Your attention is specifically drawn to the Safety clauses in the Notice of Race 10,11 and 13 and Sailing Instruction .

Appendix 1 COURSE CARD 2012. Details of buoy positions and possible courses.

Appendix 2 MEDIATION system for Protesters

1. Rules

1.1 The Racing Programme of the RTYC will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Entries

2.1 Entries and eligibility are to be in accordance with the Notice of Race.

2.2 An exception is the Crews Race on Wednesday 27th June where eligibility shall be further limited to boats helmed by a crew member who has crewed in not less than 50% of the races that the boat which they are going to helm has competed in during 2012. Crews are not eligible if they have previously helmed in more than 30% of the races that the boat has competed in during 2012. This race is a stand alone race and does not count towards a series.

3. Notices to Competitors

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

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

4.1 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

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the base of Haldon Pier.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Races are scheduled in the Provisional Club Racing Programme 2012 available on www.rtyc.org or printed copies are available from the club secretary.

7. Schedule times of warning signals, class flags and time limits for series racing.

7.1 Saturday Series Racing (Except Autumn Series)

PY Dinghies (incl. 29ers)	1355	Numeral Pennant 5
RS Feva and Cadet	1400	RS Feva Flag/Flag Y

Time Limit 1 hour

The start times for autumn series to end of 2012 will be 1 hour earlier with warning signal at 1255 for PY Dinghies and 1300 for Cadets and Fevas.

At the sole discretion of the race officer, two or more races may be held.. The warning signal for the next race will be displayed as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race. Only the first two races sailed will count towards series points.

Time Limit for the second race is 1 hour.

7.2 Sunday Series Racing.

IRC	09:55	Numeral Pennant 1
Progressive Handicap	09:55	Numeral Pennant 4
Sports Boat	10:00	Numeral Pennant 2
Day Boats	10:05	Flag F

Time limit 3 hours.

At the sole discretion of the race officer, two races may be held. The warning signal for the second race will be displayed as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.

Time limit for second race 1.5 hours.

7.3	Wednesday and Friday Series Racing.		
	IRC	1800	Numeral Pennant 1
	Progressive Handicap	1800	Numeral Pennant 4
	Sports Boats	1805	Numeral Pennant 2
	Day Boats	1810	Flag F
	PY Dinghies (incl. 29ers)	1815	Numeral Pennant 5
	Feva/Cadet	1820	Feva Flag/Flag Y
	Time limit will be 2030 hours.		

8. Special Races.

8.1 Pursuit Race for Bill's Goblet – Monday 7th May Start Times and Time Limits.

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 6th 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.

14:25 hours - Red or Green flag with sound signal (warning signal)

14:26 hours - Flag P with sound signal

14:29 hours – P flag lowered

14:30 hours - Red or green momentarily dipped and 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 14:53 - "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.

Note: - 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.

8.2 New Year's Day Race – Scheduled time of warning signals, class flags and time limits.

IRC	1055	Numeral Pennant 1
Progressive Handicap	1055	Numeral Pennant 4
Sports Boats	1100	Numeral Pennant 2
Day Boats	1105	Flag F
PY Dinghies (incl. 29ers)	1110	Numeral Pennant 5
Feva/Cadet	1115	Feva Flag/Flag Y

Time Limit 2 hours.

9. Racing Area

9.1 The racing area will normally be in Torbay as shown in Appendix 1 COURSE CARD 2012, Exceptions may occur for coastal races for IRC and Progressive Handicap Classes and will be the subject of supplementary Sailing Instructions.

10. Courses and Marks.

10.1 Details of Marks and Course numbers for fixed line starts can be found in Appendix 1 Course Card 2012

10.2 The mark number or letter will be displayed on a board in the order in which they are to be rounded or passed.

10.3 IRC and Progressive Handicap Classes may sail special courses. These courses may be given out by radio on channel 72 with, or before, the first warning signal.

10.4 Feva and Cadet Classes will receive verbal instructions from an attendant rescue craft. This may modify 10.1, 10.2, 10.6 and 10.7.

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

10.6 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 a course board with a (P) or (S) to signify that they are to be left to Port or Starboard.

10.7 The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat. Each time a boat rounds the leeward mark a round is completed. The course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes RRS Rule 32.1.

- 10.8 Course instructions for fixed line starts will be given by radio on VHF channel 72, or by displaying a course number with, or before, the first warning signal.

11. The Start

- 11.1 If a **BLUE** flag is displayed from the RTYC Flag Pole at the base of Haldon Pier 30 minutes before the first Warning Signal of the day then the start will be from the flag staff at Haldon Pier.
If a **BLUE** flag is **not** displayed from the RTYC Flag Pole at the base of Haldon Pier then the start will be from a committee boat.
- 11.2 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.

All Races Starting Sequence

Signal	Flag & Sound	Minutes before starting
Warning	Class Flag; 1 Sound	5
Preparatory	"P"; 1 Sound	4
Preparatory down	"P" removed; 1 Sound	1
Start	Class Flag removed; 1 Sound	0

- The warning signal for each succeeding start shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 11.3 The Starting Line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an ORANGE flag and a nearby mark or a white Dan Buoy with an Orange Flag (Mark A). If a **BLUE** flag is displayed from the RTYC Flag Pole at the base of Haldon Pier then the start line shall be between the pole at Haldon Pier displaying an ORANGE flag and outer distance mark R or G as appropriate to course indicated.
- 11.4 The Committee Boat may be positioned at either end of the starting line at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 11.5 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.
- 11.6 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

12. The Finish

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an **ORANGE** flag and a mark of the course, or if a **BLUE** flag is displayed from the RTYC Flag Pole at the base of Haldon Pier then the Finish line shall be between a pole on Haldon Pier displaying an ORANGE flag and an outer distance mark R or G as appropriate to course indicated.

13. Change of Course after the Start

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will signal a change of course by displaying Flag C over the Class Flag(s), for the classes affected by the change, accompanied by repetitive sound signals. If no Class Flag(s) is displayed the change of course will apply to all classes. The new course to be sailed will be displayed on a blackboard on the race committee boat indicating the marks to be rounded and the order in which they are to be passed and whether they are to be left to port or starboard. No compass bearing of the next leg or +/- will be displayed. The change of course will also be broadcast on VHF marine channel 72. This changes rule 33.

14. Alternative Penalties

- 14.1 For the Sports Boat RRS 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 If one boat in a class sails the course as required by RRS 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.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 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 19.2.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 Protests for IRC and Progressive Handicap Classes shall be delivered to the Club Office within 24 hours of the finish of the race. The protest time limit for all other classes is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.2 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 2 of these the Sailing Instructions.
- 16.3 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

- 17.1 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 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

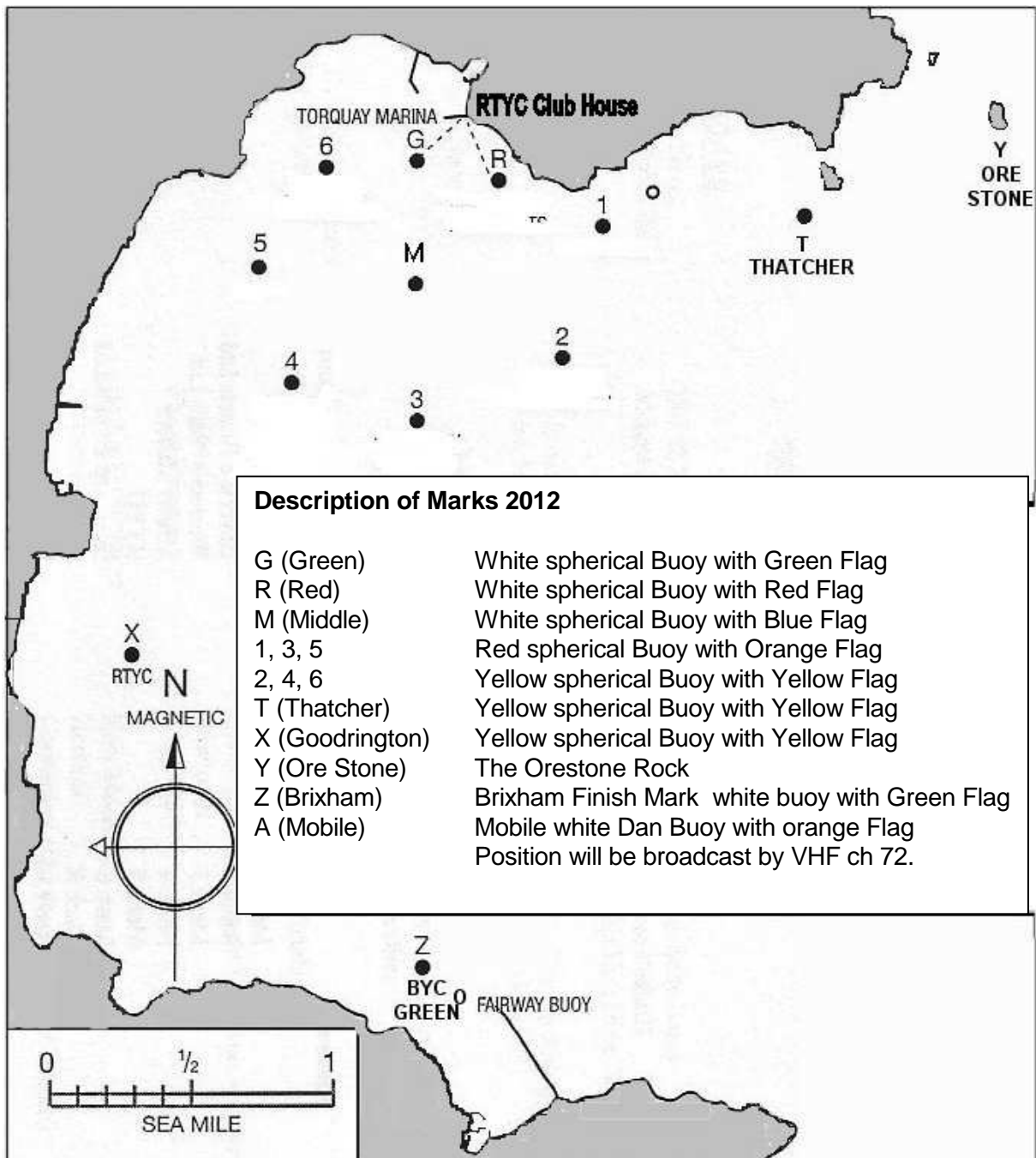
- 19.1 Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded in accordance with paragraph 17 of the Notice of Race.
- 19.2 Except where stated in Special Sailing Instructions trophies will only be awarded to members of RTYC.

20. Special Safety Instructions

- 21.1 **A Young Competitor shall be any person under the age of 18 on 1st January 2012, 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 2012.**
- 21.2 **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 and the Boat and Crew have been checked by the Beach Master.**
- 21.3 **No 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.**
- 21.4 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.

COURSE CARD 2012

Details of buoy positions and possible courses



MARK	LATITUDE N	LONGITUDE W	BUOY DESCRIPTION
GREEN	50 27.29	003 31.72	White- Green Flag
RED	50 27.18	003 31.39	White-Red Flag
M	50 26.81	003 31.49	Blue Buoy with Blue Flag
1	50 27.04	003 30.78	Red-Orange Flag
2	50 26.65	003 30.90	Yellow-Yellow Flag
3	50 26.42	003 31.51	Red-Orange Flag
4	50 26.62	003 32.24	Yellow-Yellow Flag
5	50 26.93	003 32.51	Red-Orange Flag
6	50 27.23	003 32.28	Yellow-Yellow Flag
T	50 27.25	003 29.74	Yellow-Yellow Flag
X	50 25.29	003 32.82	Yellow-Yellow Flag

TABLE OF COURSES FOR PLATFORM START

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

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

APPENDIX 2

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 entitled to 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 20% 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 20% 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 20% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 20%.