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**Triangle
Race
2016**



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Organising Authority

ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB
TORQUAY DEVON ENGLAND

In co-operation with

**Kinsale Yacht Club
and
Club Nautique de Tréguier and Town of Tréguier**

NOTICE OF RACE

ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply to the extent that they apply.
- 1.3 The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 2 Monohulls that are in force on the 8 June 2016 shall apply. (www.sailing.org/specialregulations.php)
- 1.4 The International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea shall apply.
- 1.5 The IRC rules Parts A, B and C (effective 1st January 2016) shall apply, subject to the following amendments:-
 - 1.5.1 For the purpose of IRC rule 21.1.5(d) the race is not a regatta on consecutive days.
 - 1.5.2 IRC rule 21.1.5(e) is deleted and a spare mainsail may be used during the race.
 - 1.5.3 Rules 22.4.1 and 22.4.2 are deleted and replaced as follows:

The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be not more than two.

Only one IRC Certificate shall be used for the whole event. See Rule 8.2.1.
- 1.6 In the event of a language conflict, the English version shall prevail.

2 ELIGIBILITY OF BOATS

- 2.1 The race, in principle, is open to seaworthy Cruiser or Cruiser Racer monohull boats of any type or nationality, provided that the length on deck is not less than 25 feet (7.62 metres). Smaller stretched boats shall not be permitted.
- 2.2 Unless the consent in writing of the race committee is obtained, no boat shall race unless her certified RORC Stability and Safety Screening Base Value is 24 or above or her STIX value is 31 or above and a minimum AVS of 119.

Boats with a series date of 1995 and later will be categorised under STIX/AVS only.

Boats with a series date of before 1995 may be categorised under either STIX or SSS.
- 2.3 British Boats shall be registered under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 or with the Small Ships Register. Overseas boats shall be registered with the equivalent authority in their own country.
- 2.4 Boats must have completed a non-stop qualifying cruise between 1 January 2016 and before arrival in Torquay, of not less than 125 nautical miles, measured on the rhumb line course, with the race crew only on board and in the configuration in which the boat shall compete. The cruise must be completed under sail alone but dispensation for the use of motor under special circumstances may be given by the race committee. Evidence of the cruise in the form of a detailed log must be submitted not later than 1500 on Saturday 11 June 2016.
- 2.5 Competing in previous Triangle Races in 2012 or 2014, or similar two-handed events with the same crew and vessel since 1 January 2012 shall satisfy the requirement of paragraph 2.4. Evidence of competing in such events must be submitted in accordance with paragraph 2.4 above.

3 ELIGIBILITY OF CREW

- 3.1 An entry shall consist of a sailing boat with a named crew of two persons. The skipper must be 21 years of age or older and the crew 18 years of age or older at the start of the race. Both skipper and crew must possess substantial experience of making open sea passages of several days duration, and must be competent in coastal navigation by day and night. Either must be capable of taking charge of the boat in any conditions.
- 3.2 The boat must be sailed for the whole race by the crew named on the entry form and by no one else, except during the stopovers. In exceptional circumstances, the race committee may authorise a change of crew; such authorisation must be requested and made in writing.

4 **ENTRIES**

- 4.1 The number of entries to be accepted for the race is 50. At its absolute discretion, the race committee may accept further entries. The race committee reserves the right to open a waiting list should this be deemed necessary.
- 4.2 An entry shall be submitted on the official entry form to: The Triangle Race, Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, Devon TQ1 2BH by 31 May 2016.
- 4.3 This must include the entry fee, and a résumé of the crews experience and qualifications including certificates relating to courses required under Offshore Special Regulations Category 2.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted by the race committee.
- 4.5 To reserve your entry please e-mail admin@rtyc.org with your name and sail number. Then submit your entry form with payment by 31 May 2016.

5 **FEES**

- 5.1 The Entry Fee shall be £500.00 which must be paid in pounds sterling by Bank Transfer, by cheque from a United Kingdom Bank Account, or by a debit card as per the entry form. Entrants shall be liable for any bank charges incurred in negotiating non pounds sterling payments etc.
- 5.2 Entries shall not be valid until payment is received.
- 5.3 No entry fee shall be returned after 31 May 2016.
- 5.4 Cheques or other instruments should be made payable to Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

6 **HANDICAP**

- 6.1 Boats shall hold a valid IRC rating certificate issued for the configuration in which the boat shall race.
- 6.2 IRC rating certificates shall not be amended after 0001 on 05 June 2016.

7 **CLASSES**

- 7.1 The limits for each class are defined solely by IRC TCC:-
 - Class 1 - TCC 1.007 and above
 - Class 2 - TCC 0.960 to TCC 1.006
 - Class 3 - TCC 0.959 and below
- 7.2 The rating bands for classes may be amended to achieve an even spread of numbers in each class. If numbers in some classes are small, classes may be amalgamated or deleted.

8 **SPECIAL RULES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 Boats on registration shall be issued with Race Battle Flags, which must be flown on arrival and during stopovers at each port.
- 8.2 Self-steering devices, whether using stored energy or not, may be used and rule 52 is amended accordingly.
- 8.3 Passing vessels may be requested to report the boats position and rule 41 is amended accordingly.
- 8.4 Whilst racing, boats may enter other ports or anchorages and may use their engines or be towed when entering or leaving. However any such use must be logged and a declaration made to that effect. The boat must recommence racing from the point at which the engine or tow was used. Rule 41 is amended accordingly.
- 8.5 When in harbour or at anchor, either at stopover ports or other ports, the crew may obtain assistance from any local sources. They may carry out repairs and embark stores such as fuel and water. They may not be assisted by a maintenance team especially organised in advance to take over repairs or maintenance of that particular boat. Repairs and renewals shall be logged and the log must be produced to the race committee if required.
- 8.6 All boats must be fitted with an inboard engine and have enough fuel on board to motor a distance of at least 100 nm.
- 8.7 No dogs, cats, birds or other pets may be carried on boats.

- 8.8 Boats are required to report by VHF marine channel 72, their ETA at stopover ports and on their return to Torquay at least 30 minutes before arrival at the port.
- 9 REGISTRATION**
- 9.1 All boats and crews must be in Torquay, and have reported to the Race Office, by 1500 on Saturday 11 June 2016 and failure to meet this requirement may result in a penalty assessed in accordance with Clause 12 of this Notice of Race.
- 9.2 At the time of reporting they must present any paperwork not previously checked e.g. qualifying log, IRC Certificate that the boat will use for the whole event etc. The Race Office at Royal Torbay Yacht Club shall operate from 1000 on Friday 10 June 2016.
- 10 SCHEDULE**
- 10.1 Registration shall be at Royal Torbay Yacht Club clubhouse as follows:-
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| Friday 10 June 2016 | 1000 – 1800 |
| Saturday 11 June 2016 | 1000 – 1500 |
- 10.2 The race will consist of three legs: -
Torquay to Kinsale, Kinsale to Treguier and Treguier to Torquay.
- 10.3 The start of each leg is programmed as follows:-
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| Torquay to Kinsale | 1400 BST | Sunday | 12 June 2016 |
| Kinsale to Treguier | 1200 BST | Friday | 17 June 2016 |
| Treguier to Torquay | 1700 BST | Wednesday | 22 June 2016 |
| Prize Giving | 1300 BST | Friday | 24 June 2016 |
- 10.4 Social events are planned for all three ports and the race has been planned so that the crew will have time to attend and enjoy such events.
- 10.5 The race committee may amend the programme and the course/s to be sailed due to weather conditions during the event so as to produce a satisfactory series of races.
- 11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- The Sailing Instructions will be available after Midnight on 5 June 2016 on the RTYC Triangle website or on completing registration.
- 12 PENALTIES**
- Rule 64.1 (a) and (c) are amended as follows:-In substitution for the penalties specified, the protest committee may penalise boats by adding additional time. Such penalties may be awarded for:
- A breach of the rules.
 - Late arrival in Torquay (NOR 9.1) in which case the penalty shall be applied to the first leg.
 - Late deposit of a declaration.
- 13 SCORING**
- 13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' shall apply. The race consists of three legs. For the purposes of Appendix A each leg is considered to be a separate race and the three races constitute a series. Each boat's total series score shall be the sum of her score for each leg. This modifies rule A2 in that there is no discard.
- 13.2 A tie in the total score shall be broken by their respective places in the Kinsale to Treguier leg. In the event that the tie is not thereby broken, the prize(s) shall be shared. This modifies rule A8.
- 14 BERTHING**
- Free berthing will be available on Haldon Pier or Town Dock from Thursday 09 June 2016 until the start and from arrival until Saturday 25 June 2016. Berthing in the MDL Marina is not covered. Berthing at Kinsale and Treguier is also included.

15 HAUL-OUT AND UNDERWATER ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out from 1600 on Saturday 11 June 2016 until finishing back in Torquay except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race committee.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race information will be given on VHF marine channel 72.

17 PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded to successful boats in each class, overall for each leg and for the overall race. Full details of prizes shall be given in the Sailing Instructions.

18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1 Boat (Yacht) racing can be dangerous. The attention of persons in charge is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Offshore Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge...."

18.2 Royal Torbay Yacht Club and other organising clubs accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to skipper or crew or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

18.3 The skipper and crew shall be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the person in charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.

18.4 The race committee shall make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

18.5 No boat shall be accepted as an entry unless the skipper and crew of the boat has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in the entry form.

18.6 The attention of the crew is drawn to rule 1.2 Life-saving Equipment and Personal Floatation Devices "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions." See also Offshore Special Regulation 5.02.

18.7 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that the crew is sufficient in experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

19 INSURANCE

The 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 Royal Torbay Yacht Club, Kinsale Yacht Club, Club Nautique de Treguier or any other party involved in the organisation of the race.

20 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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The participants also undertake not to allow any act of reproduction, public communication or any distribution of images of the race, without the previous authorisation from the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

21 BRIEFING

- 21.1 A briefing will be held for all crews at 1930 Saturday 11 June 2016 in the Corinthian Room at Royal Torbay Yacht Club. All competitors must attend.
- 21.2 Briefings will also be held at Kinsale and Treguier.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

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