



TORBAY ROYAL REGATTA 2017

Sailing Events Saturday 19 August – Wednesday 23 August

Incorporating: Torbay Admiral's Cup – Team Racing
IRC Class – Addison Gold Cup
IRC South West Area Championship
Torbay Royal Regatta Anniversary Challenge Cup
Laser Traveller Meeting
RS Tera Traveller Meeting

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

**Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace,
Torquay, TQ1 2BH**

NOTICE OF RACE

Version 2.0

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 IRC Classes shall comply with IRC Rules 2017 parts A, B & C, but excluding rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4.2.
- 1.3 One design boats, other than those sailing in IRC classes shall comply with class rules applicable for 2017.
- 1.4 Torbay Harbour Bye-laws.
- 1.5 Changes to the Racing Rules will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available for boats that may have broken a rule of Part 2, rule 31 or rule 42.

2. ADVERTISING

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

2.2 All competitors are required to comply with World Sailing Regulations 20 Advertising Code.

2.3 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 and in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to all monohull boats of the following classes or handicap divisions

3.1.1 Boats holding a valid IRC Certificate and a minimum SSS number of 10 (IRC class).

3.1.2 Sportsboats with a minimum hull length of 5.0m, an asymmetric rig and a maximum hull length of 10.1m. A boat which meets all the above criteria shall race in the Sportsboat Class.

3.1.3 Cruising boats and dayboats who do not hold an IRC Rating Certificate and for whom an Unrated Cruiser handicap will be allocated by reference to the RYA National Handicap for Cruisers and any other relevant published information. An option applies for boats to enter by declaration of handicap with or without a spinnaker or genaker (Unrated Cruiser Class).

3.1.4 Dinghies and Keelboats of maximum length of 6.0m with a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap with asymmetric rig (Asymmetric Class).

3.1.5 Dinghies and Keelboats of maximum length of 6.5m with a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap with non-asymmetric rig (Non-asymmetric Class).

3.1.6 Dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap of more than 1175 sailed by junior crews, who are under the age of 18 on 24 August 2017 (Junior Dinghy Handicap Class).

3.2 The Race Committee may, at their discretion, allocate divisions of the above classes according to handicap rating and as designated in the Sailing Instructions.

3.3 Additional classes may be added by the Race Committee at their discretion.

3.4 A minimum of eight entries are required for a one-design class to receive separate scoring and prizes.

3.5 Starts may have to be shared with other classes.

3.6 Eligible boats may enter by:

3.6.1 completing the entry form and any supplementary information, including parent/guardian declaration for competitors under 18 on 24 August 2017, on line at www.rtyc.org and paying the required fee or:

Completing the entry form and any supplementary information, including parent/guardian declaration for competitors under 18 on 24 August 2017 and sending it, together with the required fee to: **Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH.**

3.7 Reduced entry fees will apply to payments received before noon on 5 August 2017 after which the full fees will apply.

3.8 Entries will be accepted up to noon on 19 August 2017 at published rates.

3.9 After noon on 19 August 2017 entries may be accepted up to, and on each race day, subject to an additional £5.00 administration fee.

3.10 Entry and registration must be completed before a boat competes in any race.

- 3.11 An IRC boat will be required to supply a copy of her 2017 Rating Certificate prior to or at registration.
- 3.12 It is intended that IRC boats will be allocated to classes according to their rating. The rating divisions will be decided and publicised no later than 2000 on Friday 18 August 2017.
- 3.13 A boat intending to race in the PY Classes shall identify the issuing authority for its PY number on the entry form.
- 3.14 The Race Committee reserves the right to allocate handicaps for the Regatta where appropriate and by reference to any published information.
- 3.15 Teams of any three IRC class boats from the same Club or regional affiliation of Clubs may enter the Torbay Admiral's Cup by completing the supplementary entry form on registration, but no later than noon on Saturday 19 August 2017.

4. ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees, including berthing for visiting keelboats, will be as follows:

	EARLY FEE	FULL FEE	DAY RATE
4.1.1 Keelboats			
IRC Class – 8 race series	£ 100	£ 150	£ 50
Sportsboat Class – 11 race series	£ 90	£ 130	£ 45
Unrated Cruiser Class - 8 race series	£ 90	£ 125	£ 40

4.1.2 Dinghies

Asymmetric Dinghy Class – 12 race series	£ 55	£ 80	£ 30
Non-asymmetric Class – 12 race series	£ 55	£ 80	£ 30
Junior Handicap Class – 12 race series	£ 35	£ 50	£ 15

4.1.3 Anniversary Challenge Cup

All classes Pursuit Race with a separate race for Junior Handicap Class free race entry for all entrants in above classes

- 4.2 Cancellations made before 2000 on 13 August 2017 will be charged an administration fee of £15, with the balance refunded. For later cancellations, no refund will be given.
- 4.3 Day Rate entrants must submit their full entry details (either online or by form), but do not have to specify their sailing date nor pay their fee until registration.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration for all classes will be available at Royal Torbay Yacht Club Clubhouse as follows:
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| Friday | 18 August | 1200 – 1800 |
| Saturday | 19 August | 0800 – 1300 |
| Sunday | 20 August | 0900 - 1100 |
| Monday | 21 August | 0900 - 1100 |
| Tuesday | 22 August | 0900 – 1100 |
| Wednesday | 23 August | 0900 – 1000 |

5.2 Racing is provisionally scheduled as follows:

Date	Classes	No of Races	First Warning Signal
Saturday 19 August	IRC	2	1355
	Sportsboat	2	1410
	Unrated Cruisers	2	1415
	Asymmetric	3	1355
	Non-asymmetric	2	1400
	Junior Handicap	2	1425
Sunday 20 August	IRC	2	1055
	Sportsboat	3	1110
	Unrated Cruisers	2	1115
	Asymmetric	3	1055
	Non-asymmetric	3	1100
	Junior Handicap	3	1125
Monday 21 August	IRC	2	1055
	Sportsboat	3	1110
	Unrated Cruisers	2	1115
	Asymmetric	3	1055
	Non-asymmetric	3	1100
	Junior Handicap	3	1125
Tuesday 22 August	IRC	2	1055
	Sportsboat	3	1110
	Unrated Cruisers	2	1115
	Asymmetric	3	1055
	Non-asymmetric	3	1100
	Junior Handicap	3	1125
Wednesday 23 August	All boats except Junior Handicap	Anniversary Challenge Cup	1025
	Junior Handicap	Pursuit Race	1025

5.3 On Tuesday 22 August no warning signal will be made after 1500.

5.4 The Anniversary Challenge Cup race is a stand-alone race and does not count for series scores.

5.5 The Anniversary Challenge Cup race will be a pursuit race for all boats that have entered Torbay Royal Regatta 2017, excluding Junior Handicap entries. The first boat to finish will be awarded the Torbay Royal Regatta Anniversary Challenge Cup. This Cup was first sailed for in 2013 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the first regatta held in Tor Bay and has been presented by the Torbay Royal Regatta Committee. Junior Handicap will compete for a pursuit race trophy.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 The organisers may weigh or inspect any boat or her equipment, sails and rating certificate at any time.

6.2 Rating certificates for IRC yachts shall not be changed after 1400 on Friday 18 August 2017 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors. Any change of rating from that declared on the entry form must be notified to the race office by the above date and time.

- 6.3 Boats not having an allocated registered sail number shall request, in writing, a number to be allocated by the race committee. Allocated sail numbers shall be clearly and prominently displayed as far as reasonably possible in accordance with RRS Appendix G.
- 6.4 Rule 52 – manual power shall not apply to Unrated Cruiser class and the use of automatic pilots, whether electronic or otherwise, is therefore permitted. Boats using stored power for the adjustment or operating of running rigging (e.g. backstays, runners, checkstays, sheets, guys etc.), but excluding the hoisting, reefing or furling of sails shall declare this on their entry form.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the RTYC website, www.rtyc.org, and also posted on the Notice Board at Royal Torbay Yacht Club by 1800 on Thursday 17 August 2017. Sailing Instructions will also be available at registration.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will be laid in Torbay and adjacent coastal waters.
- 8.2 A selection of courses including windward/leeward, windward/leeward/triangle, triangle, trapezoid and inshore coastal courses will be laid.
- 8.3 It is intended that there will be several course areas allocated to classes.
- 8.4 Courses may be combined depending on number of entries.

9. EXONERATION PENALTY

- 9.1 The penalty will be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 45% of the number of boats entered in a class, rounded up to the next whole number. The scores of other boats will not be changed; therefore two boats may receive the same score.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Points System of Appendix 'A' will apply, except as changed by 10.2 to 10.5 below.
- 10.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scored.
- 10.4 When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 10.5 When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 10.6 All corrected times for handicap classes will be corrected to the nearest second to determine finishing place and with .5 seconds rounded up.
- 10.7 The Admiral's Cup team racing for teams of any three IRC Class boats will be scored for the races sailed from Saturday to Tuesday inclusive with discards applied. A boat may be scored for only one team.
- 10.8 The Addison Gold Cup for IRC classes will be awarded to the boat that achieves the best result by taking all scores from completed races in the series without discard. If a tie is not eliminated by application of Appendix A8 the tie will be broken by taking into consideration the number of boats competing in each class or division. This supplements the provision contained in Appendix A in the rules.

- 10.9 Regatta Traveller Trophy. Points can be accrued by IRC and Unrated Cruiser Classes for this Trophy at Salcombe YC Regatta, Torbay Royal Regatta and Dartmouth Royal Regatta. Full details are available at www.rtyc.org/TravellerTrophy.

11. BERTHING, BOAT PARKING AND LAUNCHING

- 11.1 Boat parking for competing dinghies will be available, free of charge, on Haldon Pier, Torquay from 0800 on the day before the first race in which the boat is entered until 1800 on the day following the final race in which the boat is entered.
- 11.2 The launch area for dinghies and Junior dinghies will be from the slipway adjacent to Haldon Pier, Torquay.
- 11.3 Berthing for visiting keelboats will be provided (subject to availability), free of charge on the Visitor's Pontoon in Torquay Harbour from 0800 on the day before the first race in which the boat is entered until 1800 on the day following the final race in which the boat is entered.

12. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

- 12.1 Competitors in Sportsboat Class, Dinghy Classes and Junior Classes shall wear a personal flotation device at all times whilst afloat. This changes preamble to part 4 of rules and rules 40 and 27.1.
- 12.2 All boats competing in classes other than those in 12.1 above shall carry adequate personal buoyancy for each person on board whilst racing,

13. SAFETY

- 13.1 Sportsboats and Unrated Cruiser Classes shall comply with safety rules in accordance with the Appendix of Safety Rules forming part of the Notice of Race.
- 13.2 IRC boats shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 monohull, except that a competing boat will not be required to carry a storm trysail. Links to the Offshore Special Regulations are available on www.rtyc.org.
- 13.3 A tally system for all dinghies will be operated at the launching site in Torquay. Full details will be included in Sailing Instructions.
- 13.4 All boats, other than those above, shall comply with Class or Handicap Safety Rules.
- 13.5 All boats carrying VHF radios shall be capable of receiving and transmitting marine channels 6, 8, 10, 72 and 77.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Trophies and prizes will be awarded for all classes including each division of IRC and handicap classes and also for Admiral's Cup Team racing, Addison Gold Cup and the Anniversary Challenge Cup.
- 15.2 Following the prize giving ceremonies, all perpetual trophies will be retained by the awarding authority.

16. MEMBERSHIP

- 16.1 All competitors, and their guests, will be deemed to be temporary members of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club during the event and as such shall abide by all of the Club Rules and Byelaws.

17. RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

- 17.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race, or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 17.2 Royal Torbay Yacht Club accepts 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.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 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.
- 17.5 No boat shall be accepted as an entry unless the skipper of the boat has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in the entry form.
- 17.6 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:
- 17.6.1 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;
 - 17.6.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 17.6.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 17.6.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and that they are fit to participate;
 - 17.6.5 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;
 - 17.6.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - 17.6.7 Vessels setting to sea for offshore and coastal races are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- 17.7 The fact that the race committee conducts inspection of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance, including third-party cover of not less than £3,000,000 for keelboats or £2,000,000 for dinghies and it is the owner's 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, or any other party involved in the organisation of the Regatta.

19. IDENTIFICATION OF CLASSES

- 19.1 IRC boats (numerals 1, 2 and 3), Unrated Cruiser Handicap Class (numeral 4), will be required to display their class flag with a hoist of not less than 9 inches on their backstay, or if the boat has no backstay, on the starboard shroud, whilst racing.

20. RYA RACING CHARTER AND BEHAVIOUR

- 20.1 Competitors should note that Torbay Royal Regatta has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that when entering competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the charter.
- 20.2 The Owner, or Owner's Representative, in rule 78.1 shall be responsible for the conduct of their boat's crew at all time during the regatta.

21. HARBOUR

- 21.1 All entrants should be aware that Torquay is a commercial harbour and regard should be given to commercial vessels.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1 Further event information is available from the Royal Torbay Yacht Club at www.rtyc.org , Tel 01803 213910 or by email admin@rtyc.org

APPENDIX OF SAFETY RULES

All Sportsboat and Unrated Cruiser classes shall comply with the following rules; but if class rules provide a higher safety standard then class rules apply.

A Buoyancy

Boats shall either be self-righting from 60 degrees, or have enough reserve buoyance 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.

B Flares

Boats shall carry in a waterproof pack at least two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares.

C Fire Extinguisher

Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.

D Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard

- i. Boats without lifelines, or with lifelines which do not meet ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Cat 5, shall carry personal buoyancy for each crewmember at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40.1. It is recommended that personal buoyancy be worn by all crew members at all times whilst racing.
- ii. Boats with lifelines which meet ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Cat 5 shall carry personal buoyancy or lifejackets for each crewmember. 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.

E First Aid

Boats shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.

F Anchor

Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions. The anchor must not protrude over the bow whilst the boat is racing.

G Compass

Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld is acceptable.

H Equipment

All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.

I Propulsion

A means of propulsion, other than the boats sails, is to be provided.

J Communication

Fixed or handheld VHF must be carried at all times.