



# **TORBAY ROYAL REGATTA 2017**

## **Organising Authority: Royal Torbay Yacht Club**

### **STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **Version 1.1**

To be read with Course Appendices as follows:

- 1. White Course – IRC, Unrated Cruiser and Sportsboat Classes**
- 2. Yellow Course – PY Dinghy and Junior Dinghy Classes**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (to the extent that they apply) will apply.
- 1.3 Boats with bowsprits that extend and retract shall comply with the following:-  
Boats shall be in the process of either a normal, continuous hoist, or flying or dropping the spinnaker at all times when the bowsprit is extended. The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after rounding the leeward mark. A boat may exonerate herself from a breach of this part of this instruction by taking a one-turn penalty as specified in rule 44.2.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance hall of The Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC).

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the inshore end of Haldon Pier.
- 4.2. Flag L means that a notice to competitors has been posted on that day. This changes Race Signals.
- 4.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes the meaning of flag AP in the Race Signals.
- 4.4. When flag Y is displayed ashore rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble and rule 40.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Dates, number of races and times are included in Course Appendices.
- 5.2 If races are re-scheduled no more than 4 races will be sailed on any one day.

- 5.3 When more than one race will be held on the same day the warning signal for the first class to start the succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will be held soon the Race Committee boat will display an Orange flag with a long sound signal not less than 4 minutes before a warning signal is displayed for the first class to start.
- 5.4 The Race Committee may amalgamate classes or vary the order of starting for subsequent races depending on when classes complete their previous race
- 5.5 On the final day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 The class flags for each class are included in the Course Appendices.

## **7. RACING AREAS**

- 7.1 The racing areas will be in Torbay and adjacent coastal waters. The expected position of Committee Boats will be broadcast on VHF and as directed by course boats.

## **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The courses are included in the Course Appendices.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks will be as described in the Courses Appendices.
- 9.2 Change of course marks will be described in the Course Appendices or, if not available, a vessel displaying International Code "M".

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions:-
- 10.2 The entirety of the Scallop Nursery Beds forming an imaginary box including the yellow marker buoys (flashing Y 2.5s) approximately 0.5 nm South of Thatcher Rock. The obstructions can be passed on any side. The co-ordinates that mark the corners of the bed are approximately:-
- |                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 50° 26.700'N 03° 29.690'W | 50° 26.865'N 03° 29.690' W |
| 50° 26.865'N 03° 29.170'W | 50° 26.700'N 03° 29.170' W |

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an outer distance mark which will be a dan buoy displaying an Orange flag. The committee boat will be positioned at the Starboard end of the line.
- 11.2 Boats shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence if their class warning signal has not yet been signalled
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did not start". This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.4 In the event of a General Recall for 1 or more classes, the class(es) recalled will start in accordance with rule 29.2. (Sequence of starts maintained).

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled at the previous mark before the leading boat has begun the leg that is affected, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When a subsequent new mark(s) is (are) replaced, it (they) will be replaced by the original mark(s). Changes may be advised by VHF. This changes Rule 33

## **13. SHORTENED COURSE**

- 13.1 Courses may be shortened at any time and for any reason at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes rule 32.1.

#### **14. THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and the last mark designated in the course configuration.
- 14.2 After finishing, boats shall not re-cross the finishing line and shall keep clear of boats still racing.
- 14.3 If a boat has been lapped or, in the opinion of the Race officer, is close to being lapped she may be finished at the end of the lap that she is on whether or not the leading boat has finished and will be awarded a place based on her average lap time or count back from the lapped boats..

#### **15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 Any time limits that may apply will be stated in Course Appendices.

#### **16. PENALTIES AND EXONERATIONS**

- 16.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, may after finishing the race concerned, and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 45% scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3 (c), except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under rule 30.3 or a penalty under Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of rule 2 or class rules or for gross misconduct under rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances her penalty is to retire.
- 16.2 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted
  - i) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or removed the penalty.
  - ii) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

#### **17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race offices at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the official protest room at RTYC; details to be notified on the official notice board.
- 17.4 Rule 61.1(b) is changed so that the listing of a boat on the Protest Schedule shall constitute informing the boat and the time limit is altered accordingly. It shall be the sole responsibility of the competitors to check the official notice boards and to attend any protest hearing together with witnesses.
- 17.5 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.
- 17.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 17.8 When a boat has received help for a crew member who is ill, injured or in danger, the boat shall report that help to the protest committee in writing before the end of protest time on the day concerned. The protest committee will consider if the boat gained a significant advantage as a result and, if so, may protest the boat.

#### **18. RYA ARBITRATION**

- 18.1 When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or Race Committee may offer it.
- 18.2 If the parties and a member of the protest or Race Committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing

conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that rule 64.1(a) will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.

- 18.3 When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rules 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to the arbitration decision since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.
- 18.4 When redress is offered and accepted by boats at the RYA Arbitration, all parties, the protest committee or Race Committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, all parties may ask for the request to be heard before a protest committee.

## **19. SCORING**

- 19.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with clause 10 of the Notice of Race.

## **20. SAFETY**

- 20.1 Safety requirements shall be in accordance with clauses 12 and 13 of the Notice of Race.
- 20.2 The tally system shall be as Course Appendix for dinghy classes.

## **21. MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **22. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 22.2 The Race Committee may use VHF Marine Channels to communicate with competitors. Such communications may include sail numbers of boats recalled OCS, course changes and safety matters. Boats called by the Race Committee by name or sail number may respond and under such circumstances will not be in breach of sailing instruction 22.1. This changes rule 41. Failure to broadcast by the Race Committee or to time it accurately or failure to receive a broadcast by the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

## **23. PRIZES**

- 23.1 Trophies and prizes will be awarded for each class or handicap division as clause 15 of the Notice of Race.

## **24. RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

- 24.1 The Risk and Responsibility Statement as clause 17 of the Notice of Race shall apply to all competitors.

## **25. INSURANCE**

- 25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured in accordance with clause 18 of the Notice of Race